



# The Pipe Bands' Association of Southern Africa

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held online  
on Monday 22 May 2023

## **Present**

Joshua Hogg (Chairman)  
Grant Scheffel (Minutes)  
Rory Bellingan  
Charles Canning  
Malcolm Chadwick  
Robert du Toit  
Andy Dippenaar  
Angus Nixon

## **Apologies**

**NONE**

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### **1. Welcome**

- The Chairman, Joshua Hogg, opened the meeting at 18h00.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

- Proposed: Joshua Hogg
- Seconded: Malcolm Chadwick

### **3. Matters Arising**

- It was noted that issues arising from the minutes of the last meeting would be dealt with during the meeting.

### **4. Open Format Contest Feedback**

- Feedback has been received – some positive – some negative
- Joshua reported back on the comments and feedback – SA Irish feedback received today but not reviewed yet.
- Malcolm mentioned the old format is what you are used to, but the new format is a challenge and audience possibly didn't enjoy that and possibly needs some consideration. Proposed removing the Gazebos from the competition too.
- Angus mentioned the old boys club may have better sound due to the configuration.
- Platforms to be added for Pretoria +/- 20cm height and easy to add - 9m x 1.5m.
- Rory suggested a meeting prior to Pretoria to decide how to take this forward with an improved structure before rushing ahead – Joshua to set a meeting if necessary and start it as an email thread and see from there.

## **5. Finances**

- Rory bringing the accounts up to date – Invoicing the gatherings and should be reconciled by end May. Finance and P&Ls to be distributed by end May.

## **6. Paul Brown to SA and the PDQB, and SA Champs**

- Suggested we try bringing Paul out for the PDQBs for drumming the week before the SA Champs. Quoted for flights R 25,000 – R 32,000 – and Rory has arranged a R 10,000 sponsorship.
- Rory asked if everyone would look for any further sponsors to help these costs.
- Rory to confirm flights and costs.

## **7. De La Salle Gathering**

- Recording and video ideas
- All the rest for the gathering in order at this stage
- Recordings only in Arena one.

## **8. Adjudication Seminar**

- Malcolm to revert on a free weekend and will revert.
- Angus will look at Pretoria and revert on options here as well.
- Looking at all options and 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> June ideal else will relook at this.

## **9. Closing**

- Joshua Hogg thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 19h20.