



EUSPBA Executive Committee Meeting
December 13, 2009, Skype Meeting
Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Bell at 12:28 hours EST. It was not clear to all members what time zone we set the meeting for, we will correct this in the future.
 - b. Present for the meeting were: President Jimmy Bell, Vice president Tom Kee, Executive Secretary Sheldon Hamblin, Treasurer Jim Roberts, Officer at Large Helen Harlow, Officer at large Kenton Adler.
 - c. It was noted that Jason Higgins had resigned as recording secretary and we would have to address this later on.

- II. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting of December 6, 2008, was tabled, as not everyone had printed them

- III. Old Business
 - A. Implementation of compensation for officers was tabled
 - B. Updating of by-laws and policy manual on website was discussed and determined that would have to be updated following any changes from the music board.
 - C. EUSPBA Championship – 2010 Helen will look into.

- IV. New Business
 1. Approval of Music Board Recommendations
 - a. recommendations on upgrades from the music board .
 - i. There was discussion on why there were so many downgrades in the bands,
 - ii. Explanation: there were big turn overs in these bands.
 - iii. Discussion on sending a letter to Loch Raven, determined it was not necessary.
 - iv. Motion to accept the band grade changes as recommended by the music board was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative
 - v. Motion to accept the recommendations on the snare drummers were seconded, and voted in the affirmative
 - vi. Note to contact June Hanley for clarification on the drum major upgrade (this was done, and he was in fact upgraded)
 - vii. Note to contact music board on whether Peter Lowrie was moved up one or two grades (this was done, and he was in fact moved up two grades.
 - viii. Motion made to accept the piping soloists as recommended by the music board, seconded and voted in the affirmative.
 - b. Score sheet changes to eliminate the check box on the bottom left was suggested by the music board and accepted by this board.
 - c. The music board proposed that P4Jr be required to play a full Piobaireachd.
 - i. The executive committee reviewed all of their comments, and their recommendation, and determined that it can create a time issue at the games, and if Jr's are required to play it then Sr's should be required also.
 - ii. **The executive committee voted to send this back to the music board for review.**
 - d. **The apprentice Judge time lines, as proposed by the music board was not accepted as written . The music board will be asked to review and consider maintaining existing time requirements between graduate exam and judges exam.**

- e. The recommendation from the music board regarding instructors may play in only grades 3,4, and 5 was approved by the executive committee.
 - f. Grade 1 MSR recommendation from the music board was not accepted, but was tabled with no action recommended.
 - g. The Policy manual review as requested by the music board will be handled by Jimmy Bell.
 - h. Other than the items listed above, all actions, and recommendations from the music board were reviewed and accepted.
2. Safe Deposit Box should be with the executive secretary, I will notify Carole.
 3. Discussion of potential recording secretary candidates. A number of names were mentioned, but there was consensus was that Steve Serneels would be asked if he could serve. Jimmy Bell will contact.
 4. Date for next meeting January 9, Orlando Florida
 5. Suggested that we set monthly Skype meeting dates for the months we do not physically meet. All future dates will be considered at the January meeting.
 6. The Voice
 - a. Needs a new publisher
 - b. Jim Roberts to serve on a committee with Jimmy Bell to do a search
 7. Action on AGM Proposals were tabled due to lack of time, but will be reviewed in Orlando.
 - a. Provide the following forms on Line
 - i. Sanction Package
 - ii. Expense reimbursement request form
 - iii. Branch guidelines
 - iv. Monitor Handbook
 - v. Electronic Forms transmitted to the appropriate person
 - b. Document information and make available to the membership, payments made by the EC to members
 - c. Publish minutes of the EC (?online)?
 - d. Change of the branch's ability to appoint officer's at large
 - e. Review of compensation
 - f. Update the policy manual
 - g. Use of EUSPBA guest judges (I believe this was tabled)
 - h. Use of Band instructors (?add tenor instructor?)
 - i. Change the multiplier for computing results of pipe band contests (I believe this was tabled)
 - j. Re-Evaluate Grade 5 band tune selection (done)
 - k. Establish an extra grade (I think this was tabled)
 - l. Proposal regarding Grade 1 band tune selections (I think this was sent to the music committee)

Meeting adjourned 4:40 EST

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon C. Hamblin