

EAST KILBRIDE PIPE BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 8th April 2024 at 1930hrs via Zoom

| ATTENDEES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craig Herbert, Pipe Major (CH)• Bill Fraser, Leading Drummer (BF)• Fraser Dallas, Band President (FD)• Richard Kerr, Secretary (RK)• Barrie Herbert, Quartermaster (BH)• Neil Cameron, Treasurer (NC)• Lorraine Kerr, Safeguarding Officer (LK)• Lyn Jones, Minute Taker (LJ) |
| APOLOGIES |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iain Milne, Chairperson (IM)• Robert McDonald, Pipe Sergeant (RM) |

INTRODUCTIONS

As the Chairperson was unable to attend the meeting was chaired by the Pipe Major and he welcomed everyone to the meeting held on Monday 8th April at 1930hrs via Zoom.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from the AGM were agreed by attendees

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT (IM)

Nothing to report although discussion held on the membership of the band.

Action: IM to conduct an audit on who is registered with the band and match with what is held by the RSPBA. To be completed by the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (NC)

Current funds - £5314.28

Accounts have been signed off by the Auditors with no issues.

Direct Debits are still to be collected from some members.

Action: RM to post the statement of account to the Committee area of the band website by the next meeting.

Action: FD requested a list of outlays that are planned for the next 12 months to be presented at the next Committee meeting by the NC. This should include the total in bank, inbound and outbound costs.

PIPE MAJOR'S REPORT (CH)

Tonight's report will be brief as not much has changed from our last Committee meeting. Thanks to the membership for their continued trust and support in the vision and our way forward with the rebuild of our community.

Current band roster is now as follows:

- 11 Pipers, excluding Fraser
- 3 sides
- 4 tenors (including Aoife) and our Bass player.

We have in the last 2 weeks added Iain Reid to the pipe corps, re-joining us once more. My hope in the coming months will be to add a few more pipers to the corp.

Beginners numbers are becoming healthier once more. Chanters wise we have 3 youngsters with another young lad planning to start next Monday night. Personally I've been teaching 2 adults on zoom and it's hope in the weeks ahead to encourage these to attend the tuition night. Side drums we have the 2 young people attending on a Monday night with one older teenager on a Wednesday. We also have another 2 ladies indicating an interest in learning.

Playing repertoire:

I've added a 6/8 to our existing line up of tunes (Steamboat set) . Full set list is as follows, 3/4's Greenhills, Castle Dangerous set. 4/4's Murdo's Wedding, Roses set, Lord Lovetts Lament set, also Flower of Scotland

Aim for this year as stated previously is to get out playing at as many functions as we can arrange. This gives band members playing experience in preparation for re-entering the competition arena in 2025.

Action: A list of sets need to be posted to the band website. CH to provide RM with the details and this can be posted either internally or externally and is it be completed by the next Committee meeting.

LEAD DRUMMERS REPORT (BF)

Quiet on the drumming front. Learning program is underway and making progress but working with complete novices. Effectively the bank is building a drum corps from scratch.

Concerned about the attendance in the Corps as its not consistent. BF continues to push but without a full complement of drummers at practice it is difficult to progress.

MID SECTION REPORT (CH AND RK)

Discussion held about wrapping a number of drums that are held by members and in the stock of the band. Approximately 20 drums to be done at a cost of £80 per metre. FD questioned the need to keep all of the drums that they band have.

BF advised that there is a more urgent need to replace the rim of the bass drum. This is the first thing to be done and then the head next.

Discussion surrounding the amount of drums the band should hold but no decision reached. This can be revisited once an inventory has been completed.

Action: Decision to replace only the hoops at the present time. RK to action and due to lead time of 4-6 weeks this needs to be started by 30th April.

Action: RK to obtain quotes to replace the livery and have this available for the next Committee meeting.

QUARTERMASTERS RPORT (BH)

No movement of stock.

A number of items are currently being stored in BH's garage and as this is not acceptable the Band need to find storage facilities for roughly 5 large suitcases of equipment including a bass drum.

Action: BH to catalogue surplus items and have this completed by the next Committee meeting. Once this is known, quotes can be obtained to store the items or sell as appropriate.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The busking at Morrisons in March raised £112. This money went back to Connie as it was fundraising on behalf of her. If busking in Morrisons is done again, they will match funds raised up to £1000.

Action: CH to ensure that any future Morrisons busking takes advantage of the fund matching.

Future Events

- 15 June Lesmahgow Highland Games - £600. Meeting approximately 1130. Playing between 1300 – 1600.
- 8th June at Cameron House at £600 approximately 2030 mini band – 5/6 pipers
- Shotts Gala Day enquiry on 29th June – need to have an availability matrix in hand to respond to this type of event.
- Busking in June for the Euros at the Monty in East Kilbride. Dates that Scotland are playing.
 - 14 June
 - 19 June
 - 23 June
 - All games start at 2000hrs.

Action: Availability matrix to be produced by CH to be able to respond to enquiries.

Action: RM to ensure that engagements are posted on the website (if not already) as soon as they are confirmed.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Discussion held around looking at quotes for a softshell jacket that would cost approx. £35 per jacket (embroidered) purchased by the band.

Action BF to obtain a quote for 40 new jackets and waistcoats and bring to the next Committee meeting. This will then enable to the Committee to make a decision on dress going forward.

Discussion held around the Practice nights being more under control and ensuring that players are getting the basics right. When mistakes are made the play needs to stop.

Action: CH will put together a learning strategy to include what is expected of players. To be completed by the next Committee meeting.

Discussion around producing checklists for players tailored to their instrument. LJ offered support if this is something the Committee wish to pursue.

Action: LK to provide an update on any grants at the next Committee meeting.

Action: Question asked of the whole band – how do you encourage everyone to come to the band and what things would work to boost numbers. All to consider and provide suggestions to anyone on the Committee. Update required for next Committee meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.