

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Napier Pipe Band Inc.

Held on Monday 9th June 2025, commencing 7.30pm

Present: J Baxter (Chair), Z Awiah, S Brownlie, N Cobley, , A Laird, L Harrison, N & M Lumb, R & A Loan, H Lumb, P Madden, K & P Marshall, K McLoughlin, S Macpherson, E Seadon, N Scannell, G Robertson, A Robertson, A Watt, W Valler

Welcome: President Julie Baxter welcomed all present to the meeting

Apologies: B Brady, J Cawood, C Clode, R & J Downing, H Heard, J Hope, B Hunter, M Madden, S & K Marsh, V Marshall, S Watt, D & B Wilson **Ernest Seadon/Penny Madden – agreed**

Minutes: Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th June 2024, and the Special General Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024 having being distributed prior to the meeting, were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record

Penny Marshall/Ken Mcloughlin – agreed

Matters arising from AGM minutes: Julie noted under general business, whether or not the NPB got involved in ‘recognising the history of Scottish culture’ 2025. The committee agreed that it would wait until the next more notable commemoration, rather than this year.

Matters arising from SGM minutes: Nil

Julie Baxter/ Neville Lumb – agreed

Correspondence: Nil

Annual Reports: The reports were circulated with the agenda along with being posted on NPB website.

President’s Report: Julie Baxter

Julie added from her report and discussed our strategic plan which is a new initiative.

4 different objectives have been adopted to help the band continue to be a fun place for members and remain robust for future years.

Julie discussed the actions achieved under each objective as well as areas which are yet to be actioned.

She also noted that the Academy – lead by individuals in both the Napier and HB Caledonian Pipe Bands - is now running the “Pied Piper” op shop, funds intended to go towards recruitment and teaching young people in Hawke’s Bay. This directly dovetails to the first objective being Membership and Teaching.

The President’s report having been circulated was received.

Julie Baxter/Wayne Valler- agreed

Music Director: Aaron Watt

Aaron has been pleased with the practice last 5-6 months.

Recent performances – RSA after ANZAC Day , the emotion from the audience and connection from the community was heart felt.

Band spirit – great turn out in winter, credit to all members turning up in winter.

Aaron has introduced 4 concert programmes which is easier to manage.

Big thanks from Aaron as Music Director for everyone’s support.

A few words from Richard Loan– Aaron has fitted into the position very well, natural leadership, encouraging members, music ability approved and congratulated him on doing a great job.

The Music Director’s report having been circulated was received.

Aaron Watt/ Neville Lumb - agreed

Financial Report: Kerry Marshall

The financial report has been made available to members on the website. Kerry explained that we had received nearly \$30,000 of income last year, much of that was in grants towards the band hall. Spent \$24,000 had a net surplus of \$5,600.

Closing balance as of 31/3/25 \$47,000.00 - \$21,000 earmarked from the Hawkes Bay Scottish Trust for education and training.

A new contract for Contact power has been put in place.

Band hall has consumed a lot of money in terms of maintenance of band hall, a new air conditioner. 14 years left on the lease.

Kerry took a phone call yesterday from Waipawa & District RSA who deposited \$250 into the bank account for the band performance on ANZAC Day and acknowledging a long standing association with them.

Accounts were reviewed by Malcom Ellis.

The audited financial reports for the year ending 31 March 2025 having been circulated were approved

Kerry Marshall/ Ernest Seadon - agreed

Election of Officers: Written nominations have been received prior to the AGM. As the number of nominations did not exceed the numbers required, all nominees were declared elected.

President: Julie Baxter

Secretary: Amanda Laird

Treasurer: Kerry Marshall

Pipe Major Aaron Watt

Committee: Richard Loan, Nick Scannell, Shane Watt, Andy Robertson

Patron: Lesley Harrison

No further nominations received.

Julie welcomed Lesley Harrison as the Patron of the band.

All of those nominated look forward to leading the band for the next 12 months

Awards and Recognition:

Pipers’ Cup

Andrew Robertson

Bob Kite Trophy (Most improved drummer)

No award given

Kerry Marshall Scholarship: No applications were received.

Julie passed on from Bruce Hunter – a big thank you to Neale and Zac. Julie reminded members of the education policy up to \$400 for the purpose of personal development as well as support for travel when attending workshops etc.

A presentation was made to Richard Loan for his years of service as Pipe Major to both this band and formerly the Napier City Band. Aaron presented him with a voucher.

General Business: Julie Thanked Amanda for her role as secretary, Bruce for his role in tutoring the drummers, Neville for all the help with maintenance and Marg as custodian for the uniforms.

Campbell for all his general help, and everyone who's helped contribute to the band this year.

Kerry spoke regarding, Stan Mulder whose wife Liz died last week.

Ernest Seadon– Thanked the committee for all their work and expressed his enjoyment in continuing to be a member and attend practices.

Lesley Harrison– Thanked Kerry for getting Hugh's bagpipes playable again. Andy in turn thanked Lesley very much for donating them to one of the learners.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.01pm