



Hunter Regional Band Association

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MINUTES OF Hunter Regional Band Association MEETING HELD 14/04/18 At Rathmines Music Centre.

Meeting opened at 9.30am.

Attendance	Linden Wright	Newcastle PCYC Brass
	Paul Mather	Lake Macquarie Winds
	Doug Treloar	Western Lake Macquarie Concert Band
	Sven Wright	Newcastle PCYC
	Jim O'Neill	Lake Macquarie Winds
	Robert Scanlon	Toronto Brass
	David Walker	Cardiff North Lakes Brass

Sven Wright welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

Apologies	Brendon Jones	Newcastle PCYC
	Carolyn Mather	Newcastle PCYC

Motion: Minutes of the previous meeting 10/02/18 be accepted.

Moved Doug Treloar **Seconded** Paul Mather **Approved.**

Business arising from 10/02/2018 minutes:

1. **East Coast Championship update:**
 - a. Conservatorium deposit paid
 - b. 9 bands entered so far – Newc PCYC, Waratah Brass Training Band, Gosford City Brass, Wollongong Brass Band 2, Waratah Brass, Wallarah Community Band, City of Wollongong Wind Band, Lake Macquarie Winds, Castle Hill RSL Concert Band. I have also had interest from Junior & Senior HSPA bands.
 - c. Adjudicator is Catherine Walmsley.
 - d. Invitations sent to Sax & Woodwind and Ossie Jellyman to provide trade stands. Sax & Woodwind are keen but just need to sort out what they could bring with them.
 - e. Request from Castle Hill RSL for the stage extension – this is supplied by an outside contractor and costs \$1,640.00. Unfortunately, they aren't able to do it due to other commitments at the Conservatorium, but we should decide if we are going to offer this for future East Coasts. I let Castle Hill RSL Concert Band know and their conductor wasn't very happy as he now has to leave part of his band behind.
2. **HRBA Young Band Person of the Year 2018** – invitations sent out but no nominations yet. Nominations close 4 May, 2018.

Correspondence In and out. – see attached list

Moved Linden Wright **Seconded** Sven Wright **Approved.**



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Treasurers Report.

This was tabled by the treasurer.

The income for the period was from affiliation fees and East Coast Entries	\$ 1,400.00
The expenditure was for PO box renewal, EC Venue Dep, Apra fee	<u>\$ 628.93</u>
There was full bank reconciliation with a balance	\$23,711.17

Motion that the Treasurers report be accepted with the amendment of Wallarah Community Band for Warringah Con Band as shown on the report.

Moved Paul Mather

Seconded Dave Walker

Approved.

Linden suggested that where a Band has a training band or Junior Band then they should only pay one affiliation fee. This would mean that Gosford City Brass Academy would be covered by Gosford City Brass Band's affiliation fee and Waratah Training Band would be covered by Waratah Brass Band affiliation fee.

Motion moved to refund the two affiliation fees to these bands.

Moved: Linden Wright

Seconded Dave Walker

Approved.

Jim O'Neill asked why we pay an APRA licence fee. Paul advised that he understood it was because HRBA acts as a facilitator for performances. It was decided to clarify with APRA why we pay this fee. Linden will follow this up.

General Business.

Due to our current elected Secretary, Brendon Jones being unable to attend meetings at present due to personal matters Sven called for volunteers to take the minutes of the meetings. Linden said she would deal with all correspondence and we just needed a minute taker. Paul Mather said he would take the minutes at the next meeting.

Sven gave an update about the National Band Championships and congratulated all the local bands that took part:

Hunter School of Performing Arts Senior Concert Band came first in the Junior B Grade Concert Section. Central Coast Brass came third in the Open A Grade Brass but were the second highest Australian Band. Toronto Brass didn't place in Open B Grade Brass but played very well and came equal 4th in the Hymn. Maitland City Brass didn't place in Open C Grade Brass but played very well and came 3rd in the Test piece.

Other Business.

Dave Walker asked if Bands could be recompensed for playing the Bands in the Park or at other playouts. Dave said that as the HRBA has a healthy bank balance and we don't use the money other than to put on the East Coast Championships and pay for Park hire he felt that bands might be more willing to take part in these events if they were given a small fee as an acknowledgement of the effort that goes into playing out. Discussion took place and a fee of \$100 for each band taking part was decided on. Paul suggested that we trial this amount for a year.

Motion that \$100.00 be paid to each band taking part in playouts and that this will be trialled for a year and reviewed after that.



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Moved: Dave Walker

Seconded Jim O'Neill

Approved.

Dave also asked if we had thought of using the Toronto Music Shell. Linden said that she would look into how much it is to hire the Shell and also to investigate parking at the venue as it might be an issue.

Paul Mather asked Robert Scanlon if he would be MC for the East Coast Championships again this year and he has agreed to do this.

Meeting concluded at 1107am.

Next meeting:

Next meeting 26/05/2018 at 9.00am. Early meeting due to finalisation of East Coast Championships

(Meetings normally on 2nd Saturday of the even numbered months)