

Notice of Meeting

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Drones & Sticks Club Inc
Will be held on Monday 15 June 2009, at 7.30pm
In The Whare Matoro at EIT, Taradale

Agenda

Welcome and Apologies

Confirmation of the minutes of the 2008 AGM (attached)

Matters Arising

Correspondence

Reports: Annual report attached

Financial Reports for the year ending 31 March 2009 distributed separately

Election of Officers

President	Assistant Musical Director
Secretary	Drum Major
Treasurer	Committee (four required)
Musical Director	Auditor

Subscriptions (for the year beginning April 2010): The committee recommends that subscriptions remain at the current level of \$20 per person and \$40 per household.

General Business

Following the meeting you are invited to stay for supper.

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MEETING MINUTES

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE DRONES AND STICKS CLUB INC
HELD 9 JUNE 2008, AT 7.30PM AT THE WHARE MATORO AT EIT TARADALE

Present: Harry Renfree (chair), Sue Renfree, Kerry & Penny Marshall, Graeme & Shona Blank, June & Alf Hawes, Penny & Mike Madden, Wayne Valler, Ian & Ula Wilson, Don Stuart, Gray Helliwell, Bruce McLeod, Nick Scannell, Ken McLoughlin, Edna & John Hislop, Jenny & Doug Peat, Margaret & Neville Lumb, Raewyn & Kirsten Bailey, Dorothy Bourhill, Sandra Marsh, Cherie, Craig, Christina & James Johnstone, Ted & Diane Boss, Val Marshall, Mary Mills, Chris Bilton, Kevin Ford, Margaret Reid, Jayden, Ryan, Nerralee & Shaun Bourhill, Bill Mosley, Dawn Crabbe, Ray & Robin Graham, Don & Ruth McLeod, Leigh Bilton, Julie Baxter, Cliff & Desma Wilson, Don & Betty Wilson.

Apologies: Douglas and Jean Pagett, Morgan & Colleen Griffiths, Brenda Duff, Ernest Seddon, Ngaire Kemp, Betty Climo, Jonathan Valler, Keith Baxter, Barry Crabb, Janine Evans.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Having been distributed prior to meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record. Harry Renfree/Bruce McLeod

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: The tabled report for the year ended 31 March 2008 was received.
Sandra Marsh/Penny Madden

Presidents Report: The President presented his report which had been circulated and this was received.
Kerry Marshall/Gray Heliwell

Musical Directors Report: Kerry Marshall spoke to his report which had been circulated. Harry Renfree/Gray Heliwell

Election of Officers: The following officers were elected

President	Harry Renfree	Gray Heliwell/Ted Boss
Secretary	Betty Wilson	Harry Renfree/Ian Wilson
Musical Director	Kerry Marshall	Gray Heliwell/Scannell
Assistant Musical Director	Wayne Valler	Bill Mosley/Kerry Marshall
Treasurer	Sandra Marsh	Harry Renfree/ Nick Scannell
Drum Major	Don Stuart	Penny Madden/Wayne Valler
Auditor	Raewyn Bailey	Kerry Marshall/Cherie Johnstone

Committee Members: Penny Madden, June Hawes, Graeme Blank, Ian Wilson, Ted Bos.

Subs: The committee recommended that subs stay the same as last year.
\$20.00 per person
\$40.00 per house hold.
Harry Renfree/Penny Marshall.

General Business:

Uniforms: Kerry provided information as to where we are at with the uniforms and stated that we should have it all done and be ready for Art Deco in July 08. Also discussed that we will need to look for a custodian of the uniforms later in the year.

Fundraising Alf asked if there is any thought about applying to the Lotteries Commission. It was discussed and said that it is definitely a good place to go and apply, but as we do not have a project that we can be specific about at the moment we would look at applying to them if required.

Phone List Wayne requested a phone list be sent to all band members (numbers only)

Amendment to the rules: To complete registration with the Charities Commission to maintain charitable status, clause 30 of the rules needs to be amended to clarify what happens to surplus funds in the event that the band winds up. This can be done by the inclusion of the word charitable in clause 30 as follows:

*If, upon the winding up of the Band, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Band but shall be given or transferred to some other **charitable** institution or institutions having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Band, or to some charitable institution to be determined by the members of the Band at, or before, the time of winding up.*

Kerry moved the rules be amended, seconded Sandra Marsh, this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm and was followed by supper, and the showing of photos and a video of the band's recent trip to the Bundanoon is Brigadoon festival in NSW, Australia.

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Drones & Sticks Pipe Band Annual Report - 2009

The past year has been a very exciting one for the Drones & Sticks Pipe Band. Not only did we undertake our usual hectic schedule of parades and concerts, we undertook the trip to the Bundanoon is Brigadoon festival in NSW in April 2008. Much has already been said about the trip and we produced a great booklet recording the event but we need to again acknowledge all the work members and supporters did to get us there. The highlight of being Band of Day which involved leading the parade and being the featured pipe band performance in the afternoon was a credit to everyone involved.

The Band is fortunate to have a talented group with a wealth of musical experience who are such nice people to associate with! It makes for a fun time as a band. Musically we continue to improve both at an individual level and as a group. New tunes are always a challenge but they add to the variety and stretch our limits. At the same time we keep the 'old favourites' going and that is something that the public appreciates.

During the past year we completed two major capital projects. The first was the purchase of a new set of Premier drums. There was considerable delay between our receipt of the funds and the arrival of the drums but it was worth the wait as the new drums are of the latest technology.

Uniforms

In 2007 the band decided to purchase, subject to the successful approval of funding applications, full uniforms for seven people (the Drum Major and six pipers). The applications were successful with the band receiving \$1,000 from the Taradale RSA, \$20,000 from the Infinity Foundation and \$9,500 from the Heretaunga Trust. This was used to purchase eleven new kilts (\$10,450), seven feather bonnets, doublets, plaids, belts and broaches (\$17,148), thirty sporrans (\$4,800) and forty pairs of hose tops and spats (\$6,200).

At 31 March all the uniforms have been received although two of the green jackets have been returned for alteration as they did not fit well. At balance date we have yet to complete payment for the uniforms with an estimated \$10,129 still to be paid (this is shown as Current Liabilities in the accounts)

Questions have been asked about whether the band is going to purchase more of the full uniforms. The original intention was to outfit the Drum Major and six pipers who along with the two members who own their own full uniforms would give two ranks when on parade. Outfitting the whole band with sporrans and spats and hose has also been achieved so that we have a second style of uniform to wear. This was as far as the committee intended to go when the decision was made to purchase the uniforms so we have achieved our goal.



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The committee is investigating the purchase of Argyle style jackets as per the picture. This would provide all members with a stylish warm jacket and when the full uniforms are being worn will add to the visual appearance (and warmth) of the band.

In addition the committee is looking into the purchase of additional sporrans, waist belts and other uniform parts to ensure that we continue to look smart on parade.

Financial reports

The financial reports for the year ending 31 March 2009 have been distributed, and members will note that there are several major items in the accounts relating to grants and the trip.

All the costs and income associated with the April trip to Bundanoon have been included in full (last year at balance date much of this was treated as income and costs in advance). While the budget for the trip was \$70,280, actual expenditure was \$61,707 and this was covered by fundraising, members' payments and other income totaling \$52,884 so the balance from the Band's accumulated funds finished up being only \$8,823.

During the 2007/2008 year we received a number of grants for uniforms and drums and these have now been paid out and the audit paperwork associated with the grants completed. We are indebted to the Heretaunga Trust and the Infinity Foundation along with organisations like the Hastings Scots Society, the Napier Caledonian Society and the Waipukurau & Districts Scots Society, the Wanganui Caledonian Society and the Southern HB Society for their generous support of our activities.

The financial reports show that the band has undertaken these major projects and is still in a healthy position with cash on hand of \$26,037 (from which the balance of the uniform costs \$10,129 will need to be paid in the near future). Assets have grown to \$45,758. In terms of our income and expenditure we finished the year with a surplus of \$14,251 after allowing for depreciation of \$8,474.

Looking forward, the Band is planning to attend the Paeroa Games in February 2010 as well as continuing to carry out its traditional parading commitments.

Our thanks to all who have again contributed to the success of the Band in the past year.

Harry Renfree (President)

Kerry Marshall (Musical Director)

	<p>A typical uniform showing the items and costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Feather bonnet = \$950Plaid = \$460Shoulder broach = \$120Jacket = \$800Sword (cross) belt = \$160Waist belt = \$150Kilt = \$950Sporran = \$160Flashes = \$50Hose tops = \$100Spats = \$60
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