



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

Music Board Education – Branch Education Activity 2009

Course Activity – Representatives Action

This is a note to try and generate a knowledge base on what your Branch Education hopes are for this year up to say end April 2010. Classes for this period are likely to be PDQB Levels 1-4. Hope is that at least 1 Pipe Band Studies Course will be held at some point next winter but a lot has to happen yet- info to follow when known.

It is hoped that Branches will look at levels 1-4 from early in the winter session – starting September – why? We are looking at "Planned Experience" for our latest in-take of Instructors. What does this mean? Branches are asked to support this learning. An Instructor will oversee the Activity. Cost for the Instructor will be Fee plus Expenses. Costs for the new instructors will be Expenses only. Would your Branch support this?

We want to avoid last minute expectations so here is the deal.

Discuss at your Branch your education requirements – now until April 2010. Get them to me with Levels and possible timings – Dates – Saturday or Sunday – Mid week – From/To etc. Have you any idea of numbers at each stage – just as much information that you can provide at this stage.

Currently our hope is to have as many courses going as possible. However there will always be a risk of resource availability and we need to plan.

One thing that is important is that like adjudication Allocation, Instructors allocation WILL be managed from HQ. This has to be so that all Instructors have the opportunity to practice their skills. Of course, geographical location will be a top consideration, but Branches need to follow the criteria. Activity in Inverness will always have local Instructors allocated where possible to consider costs.

What about costs – we are moving into new territory here. All we can take with us is the experience gained in Structured Learning and add some to consider the fee structure. I am working this activity and will forward budget plans soonest.

Any information would be welcomed when known. If possible by the 25th of March allowing some information to be shared with the new Instructors at there course 28/29 March or by the 16th April allowing preparation for the Music Board. Any activity received later will be considered where possible.

I look forward to your responses.

Jim

