



## The MPS Emerald Society

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Principal Officers meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Meeting was conducted via phone conference.

Present: Jim Noonan (JN)  
Phil Clare (PC)  
Paul Ryan (PR)  
Paul Quigley (PQ)  
Loretta Rehill (LR)

Apologies: Ken Withers.

JN: Opened the meeting and thanked all present. This meeting had been called in response to recent developments with the Societies band. The Pipe Major Dominic Murphy (DM) has resigned and there was also a concern about a series of e-mails that have been passed backwards and forwards in relation to DM's resignation. This had left a bad taste in the mouth and this meeting had been called in an effort to find a way to keep the Pipes + Drums (P+D's) within the MPSES family. The P+D's were a valuable part of the Society as a whole and all present agreed to do their very best to find an amicable way in dealing with the current problems.

PR: Informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Brian Deveraux (BD) from the band and during their informal conversation he had said that the band were planning to have a ballot in relation to DM staying. BD reiterated his commitment to helping resolve the present situation. The band was planning to have a ballot to see if DM should stay or go. BD also wanted to arrange a meeting between the Principal Officers and the committee of the band. As soon as possible and was coming up with some dates that he would forward along.

PC: Informed meeting that he would not be present long due to operational commitments, but felt that it was important that the membership of the band decide what they wished to do. Either to commit to stay with the MPS Emerald Society (MPSES) or to formally leave and form their own band. He then excused himself and left the meeting.

PR: Then asked if the current decision was within the Principal Officers preview, should it not in fact be left to the band members to decide what they wished to do? For instance, if the band decided to completely leave the Society could they be stopped?

JN: Stated he was concerned about the appearance that the band was dictating to the MPSES as a whole, would this set a dangerous precedent?



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PQ: There was also a third option, should the MPSES approach the band membership and ask, who would like to stay within the Society and who would like to leave? Keeping away from the internal debate that is taking place.

LR: Could see merit in this plan.

JN: Expressed a concern that not all the P+D's members would have the opportunity to vote.

PR: As the proposed vote was to be secret could Ken Withers be contacted to make sure the vote was correct?

JN: Agreed with what was being said, but what happens if the band decides to keep DM within the band? He had received an e-mail from DM resigning from the P+D's. JN had replied to this accepting his resignation and advising DM that his Honouree membership within the MPSES was also terminated. The MPSES constitution needs to be reviewed with the intention of adding something in relation to groups such as the P+D's ladies football team etc... This would give proper control and protection to all concerned.

PQ: Would look into the relevant wording. The ordinary members of the MPSES could be then asked to review this change and it could then be put forward for a vote.

PR: Went onto say that BD had informed him that the band vote should be complete by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. He went onto say that BD had stated that the planned commitment in Guilford on behalf of the International Police Association (IPA) on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June would be completed by the P+D members that their committee had arranged including DM.

Also a copy of last year's accounts from the P+D's had been received, but it was very confusing and it could not be deciphered. However in regards to the accounts etc... this could be dealt with later after the P+D's had their vote.

JN: As he had accepted DM's resignation, then DM was no longer a part of the P+D's. A further letter would be sent to DM confirming this. The P+D's were to be made aware of this and that under no circumstances would the MPSES accept him back.

In regards to the IPA commitment, JN has spoke to the President of the IPA and arranged for two pipers to attend. This is what the IPA wishes for, they do not want the whole of the P+D's to attend. The IPA has also been informed that DM is no longer part of the MPSES.

PR: Will speak to BD to make him and the P+D's aware of this.



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All present agreed with this.

JN: Steve Kavanagh, MPSES President has been brought up to speed on what was happening, but this matter will be dealt with by the Principal Officers. The monthly money given to the P+D's should also be suspended and this was also agreed by all present.

PQ: One matter of other business. Pádraic O'Driscoll from the Executive Committee has agreed to take charge of the St. Patrick's day event in central London in 2011. This was agreed to by all present.