

The minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Beechwood Bowling club, Edinburgh, on Sunday 27th April 2008

Present:

W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
A.Dalziel, Vice Chairman	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
LA.Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
V.McMorran	Glencorse
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
J.Brand	Penicuik
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: J.Hughes, G.Craig, C.McLuckie, I.Simpson.

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th March 2008 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Glencorse.

Matters arising: Any matters arising were discussed under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

The Branch indoor solo and mini band contest went well and thanks were expressed to all who helped or contributed in any way.

There was a complaint made by the school upon the mess left at the door by smokers. This is to be addressed for next year.

There were also some problems with the parking.

At this point it was asked if any under 18 contests that might have finished before lunch time be presented with their trophies at the lunch time break. This is to be looked at for next year.

There was some confusion over a rule concerning mini bands dropping one of their bands. It was said that the Pipe Majors should be aware of the rules as in the RSPBA rule book.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer gave her report. Details of this are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

A small loss was made at this year's indoor contest. This was due to extra expenses incurred.

One sponsor has yet to give their contribution.

National Council report:

As there has been no National Council meeting, there was no report.

Music Board report:

There were some grading issues and after discussion they were agreed upon.

There was a proposal from the Northern Ireland Branch re two piping, drumming and ensemble adjudicators. Feedback was asked from Branches.

An adjudicator's course with four adjudicators was taking place. It was said that the criteria for entry to these courses was difficult to attain.

There was discussion on a future instructor's course taking place.

Trophy Convenors report:

Some bands are still not returning their trophies within the stated time. It was said that the Branch should fine them for the late or non return of these trophies.

Some of the trophies are returned in need of repair. It was said that all trophies should be returned in the same condition to that they were given out in.

Any damage needing repaired would be passed on to the band responsible.

Letters are to be sent to offending bands reminding them that fines must be paid and that failure to do so could result in them being unable to participate in any future contests run under RSPBA rules until fines are paid and trophies returned.

It was agreed to now fine bands and to claim repair or replacement costs.

Stewards report:

There is a lack of stewards and an attempt is to be made at the Majors to recruit some. In the meantime if anybody knows of anyone that would like to become a Steward for the RSPBA or for the Branch they should contact the Branch Secretary.

A.O.C.B.:

A letter from J.Hughes was read out. In it he thanked everyone for making the Branch indoor contest such a success. The feedback he has had was positive.

There were, however, some things that need to be worked out. It was said that John would need to explain further what he meant at the next Branch meeting.

Tweedbank are looking to hold a grade four only contest in July. It was said that this would need to be referred to the National Council for discussion.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 28th September 2008 in Beechwood Bowling club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm.