

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 24th April 2016**

Present:

J. Hughes, Chairman	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
B. McMorran, President	Glencorse
L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
D. Brand	Newtongrange
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
W. Dalziel	Craigmount Caledonia
Alex Dalziel Vice Chairman	Craigmount Caledonia
V. McMorran	Glencorse
W. McCafferty	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia

Apologies: I. Simpson, M. O'Neill

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2016 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate

Matters arising:

There was a discussion on the rule for retirement for anyone over 75, it was said that we need clarification as some people think you should retire on your 75th birthday and other think you can work until your 76th birthday.

Secretary's report:

We now have a Drumming Adjudicator for Dumbar.
There was a discussion on adjudicators.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report, details available from the secretary by request.

Directors report:

There has not been a meeting since our last branch meeting.

There has been comments posted on Social Media sites about the resignation of the convenor and vice convenor of the Adjudicators Panel Management Board.

Music Board report:

With the Stirling branch being in suspension Heather McKay will be acting convenor in the interim.

Matt Wilson the Piping rep for the Stirling branch has been asked to sit on the Gratings Standing Group.

Stirling and District have asked for clarification on the position of their Pipe Major.

There has been some confusion with the entries for Branch contests with Novice and Grade 4 bands as to what contests they wish to enter

Trophies:

Everything is fine with only one trophy to come in for the Dunbar contest

Steward's report:

The Chief Steward thanked all the stewards for there hard work at the indoor contest.

Education

There was nothing to report

Indoor Contest

The feedback from the bands at this years contest has been good. Everything went well after being let down by the cadets at the last minute.

It may be possible to get some assistance from school pupils for the stewards as the pupils will know the school better this would be a great help in ensuring everything runs to time.

Gordon Hamill had his first visit to this contest and was impressed by the smooth running of such a large event.

Clarification was given with regards to the confined contest for both piping and drumming. It was also pointed out that the branch entries for the Willie Fergusson contest will be taken from Event 5, the highest 2 places of branch competitors.

There was a discussion on the date of the Indoor Contest for next year and it will be held on the 25th March 2017.

Outdoor Contests

Everything is in order for the Dunbar contest.

We should supply water and soft drinks for the officials on the day. It was also said that it may prove to be a good investment to get large pump type flasks for the outdoor contests.

There will be no extra adjudicators at Dunbar.

John Hughes will meet with Bathgate committee on Tuesday evening to discuss the requirements for the contest.

There are currently approximately 25 entries for the Bathgate Contest.

The Burntislant contest will be the same as last year.

The Weekend prior to the Worlds will be a busy weekend for some with the North Berwick contest on the Saturday and Bridge of Allan on the Sunday.

Bridge of Allan entries will be done electronically online this year.

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There are 164 entries for the Paisley contest including the Drum Majors.

Meeting Closed 19.00pm

Next Meeting 25th September at 6.00pm.