

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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Present:

W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow & District
G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
T.M.Clarke, Treasurer	Craigmount High School
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
A. Lyon	Tweedvale
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
V.McMorran	Glencorse
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
J.Brand	Penicuik
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies:

T.Clarke.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were approved, after one error corrected, by Bo'ness and seconded by Craigmount High School.

Matters arising:

On sponsorship of the Branch website R.Shepherd was happy to sponsor this. Several other sponsors have also stated their willingness to sponsor also. The Branch minutes can be obtained from the Branch Secretary. J.Hughes is to put an article on the Branch minutes on the Branch website.

Secretary's report:

There have been no entries as yet for the Branch Solos.  
A list of Branch bands not yet paid their RSPBA dues was read out.  
An email from a Canadian band asking for dates of Branch contests for 2008.

Treasurer's report:

Money has been coming in from the structured learning course. Some contest fees are awaited.

#### National Council report:

Training documents clarifying the processes and procedures of National Council members is being drawn up. These should be ready by the end of March. A training course for National Councillors has been cancelled pending the result of this document.

There was a presentation from Cowal which produced plans and suggestions for this coming Cowal Championship.

Thirty seven changes of rules have been put forward for the forthcoming RSPBA AGM. Mostly these are a tidying up of present rules.

#### Music Board report:

There have been some grading changes also some new bands joining the RSPBA.

A questionnaire on a proposed new format for Grade 2 bands at the Worlds was sent out. Very few bands responded therefore it remains as it is at present.

A questionnaire has been sent to grade 1 bands for their ideas/suggestions on the format of grade 1 at the worlds. If bands do not reply then any changes would go ahead.

The MAP contests will be the same as last season but there may be changes for the 2008 season.

#### Trophy Convenors report:

Bands are to be asked to return trophies one month before the contest for which they are played for. All bands will be notified of this.

All trophies will have to be signed for from now on.

#### Education report:

There are no problems.

The venue for the exams is to be Peebles High school on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

It was said that if an Advanced course was to take place later then it may have to be amalgamated with other branches. It was asked if an Advanced course could be run from Headquarters.

#### A.O.C.B.:

Bathgate Highland Games have sent out entry forms to the bands and this is causing some confusion within the Branch.

The format for all entry forms should be the same.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh at 6.00 pm.