

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 24th February 2008

Present:

W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
LA Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders police
J.Brand	Penicuik
G.Craig	Lothian & Borders Police
V.McMorran	Glencorse
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
A.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
I. Simpson	George Watson's College
C.McLuckie	Bo'ness
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: There were no apologies.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 27th January 2008 were approved by Penicuik and seconded by Bo'ness.

Matters arising:

It was said that although Cowal had a two year deal this would be reviewed annually.

Secretary's report:

All Branch band secretaries have been sent the tunes for the Willie Ferguson contest, along with application forms. There have been no replies to date.

Entry forms for the Branch contests will be available on line. The closing date for the Branch indoor contest will be Friday 28th March with the draw taking place at the Branch meeting on Sunday 30th March.

Newtongrange have expressed an interest in doing the catering at the Branch indoor contest.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report. Details of this are available from the Secretary upon application.

National Council report:

Presentations were made by Glasgow and Belfast for the World Championships 2010-2012. Sealed bids were entered and the preferred bidder was Glasgow who will now host the Worlds until 2012.

New player registration for band players is to be introduced. Drummers will have to register as snare, tenor or bass.

A 20% fine will be made upon all bands late with their Association fees.

1000 copies of a book celebrating 75 years of the RSPBA are to be published.

The Drum Majors Manual will be available for free download from the RSPBA website.

A list of bands now extinct in the Branch has been removed from the RSPBA records.

It was announced that George Purves would not be seeking re-election as Vice Chairman. The Association thanked him for his service and announced that they would honour him with an Honorary Vice Chairmanship.

Music Board report:

The instruments to be used in a pipe band have been defined as, Highland bagpipe, snare drum, single tone tenor drum, bass drum.

The playing requirements for the World Solo Drumming Championships were discussed.

Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with the trophies. It was said that last season George Watson's College won 52 trophies at Branch contests. Is this a record?

At this point Bo'ness indicated that they would like to present a trophy to be played for. No decision on what grade it will be for has been made.

Steward's report:

The stewards held a meeting in HQ on 3rd February at which the Chairman and the Chief Executive of the Association attended. There were full and frank discussions and a lot of business was covered. It was a satisfying meeting.

A.O.C.B.:

There was some discussion on the playing requirements for the Willie Ferguson contest. It was decided that the players should play in "the spirit of the tunes".

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It was asked if the juvenile band buses be allowed to park within the bus park at North Berwick on safety grounds. The promoter is to be questioned on this.

George Watson's College are hosting their annual schools solos and mini bands contest within their school on Sunday 9th March.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 30th March 2008 in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, at 6.00PM.