

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston  
On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Present:**

W. McMorran, President	Glencorse
J. Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A. Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
W. Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
S. Orr	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
I. Simpson	George Watsons College
D. Brand	Newtongrange
V. McMorran	Glencorse
W. McIntyre	George Heriot's School
G. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
N. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate

**Apologies:** M. O'Neill

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> January were approved by The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and seconded by George Heriot's School

**Matters arising:**

A letter of complaint was received from Galashiels Rotary Club regarding the fact that the Edinburgh contest is being held on the same weekend as the Melrose contest. The Chairman read out the letter and after some discussion it was pointed out that Edinburgh chose this date as the only date available to them and that we as a Branch do not select the dates and have to accommodate the promoter's wishes.

**Secretary's report:**

The entries are all in for the indoor contest and everything is going to plan.

**Treasurer's report:**

There has not been another bank statement since the last meeting.

### **National Council report:**

Proposed higher to lower transfers have been accepted.

Coach Passes for this years World Championship will be priced at £20.00. No wrist bands will be issued to band members this year, however band members in uniform will still be admitted into the park free of charge. Each band will also be given a one off opportunity to purchase cut price tickets for their supporters.

RSPBA President George Usher has been appointed for another term.

The changes of date for the Innerleithen and Edinburgh contests have been approved.

### **Music Board report:**

There have been further discussions on having a 2 day World Championship with the following options being discussed:-

Discussion on whether Grade 1 bands should draw on the line to decide which Medley or MSR they should play, or as they will be playing both MSRs and both Medleys should they be allowed to make their own choice for qualifying and play the alternate MSR & Medley in the final.

If the Grade 4 entries are sufficient to run to 3 heats then we may adopt an 18 band final, 6 from each heat.

There was some debate on the possibility of allocating bands to heats for the Worlds to ensure that the best bands reach the final.

Grade 2 would be asked to draw their MSR on the line if that was the discipline chosen for the qualifier, playing these single medley in the final. Where the MSR was the criteria for the final, it would be drawn on the line as per current practice.

Grade 3 would play their MSR and Medley, one in qualifying the other in the final, in 2013 it is likely they would play their MSR in the qualifying heat and Medley in the final.

### **Trophy Convenor's report:**

All the trophies are back for the indoor contest, medals have been purchased and trophies for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the mini band contest will be purchased where required and a trophy for the adult tenor drumming will be purchased.

### **Steward's report:**

It has been decided by the Chief Steward that another stewards meeting at headquarters before the start of the season is not required.

The Stewards allocation sheets have not been prepared yet.

### **Education report:**

Headquarters will not be holding the Summer School this year.

Within the branch we will focus on trying to get courses up and running again, hopefully around September.

### **Indoor Contest:**

John and Alex have visited the school to determine which rooms we can use, we can use up to 38 classrooms and 8 performance venues, the school will provide the canteen services. A visit for committee members will be arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> March. On the day of the contest the doors will be open from 7.30 and the canteen opens at 8.00, the contest will start at 9.00

### **Outdoor Contests:**

The entry forms have all been prepared and approved with the exception of Melrose, this has not been returned from Melrose yet.

There will be a juvenile contest at this year's Bathgate contest but not at Peebles as previously intimated.

John will be having a meeting with Edinburgh on March 31<sup>st</sup> and John and Ann will be meeting with ELDC on Tuesday 28th Feb to discuss this year's Dunbar contest.

### **A.O.C.B.**

There was some discussion on headquarters AGM which will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The start time of the AGM was confirmed as 09.30 for 10.00.

There was a discussion on Tenor Drumming adjudicators and the fact that there are no qualified Tenor Drumming Adjudicators available therefore we can use individuals who hold their advanced certificate in tenor and bass.

The admission charge for this year's indoor contest will be £3.00 with £1.00 concessions, Programmes will be £1.00 and we will have a Raffle at £1.00 per strip

George Watson's College invitational contest will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March

### **Meeting Closed 19.50**

**Next meeting:** Bellsquarry Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 6.00pm.