

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 January 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
C.McLuckie	Bo'ness
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
J.Brand	Penicuik
V.McMorran	Glencorse
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies:

I.Simpson, N.Purves, A. Cook, T.M.Clarke.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2007 were approved by Penicuik and seconded by Bo'ness.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

The branch indoor contest will take place on Saturday 19th April in Peebles High School.

Three sponsors for this have been secured.

Catering arrangements are ongoing.

Treasurer's report:

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

National Council report:

New trophies have been purchased to replace old and damaged ones for the major contests. These are on display within RSPBA headquarters.

This includes new trophies and replacement trophies some of which have been donated.

J.Nevans gave a summary of the forthcoming Summed School which is hoped to include Drum Majors and Highland Dancing.

The Willie Fergusson contest is to be hosted by Lothian & Borders at their Indoor contest in Peebles on 19th April.

There is to be a review of bandsmen transferring throughout the season and keeping better track of higher to lower transfers cumulatively across the season.

Adjudicator's fees are to rise by £10 for local contests.

It is intended to establish a 'Friends of the RSPBA' where anyone interested can become a 'Friend' for an annual fee of £100. More details will be issued from Headquarters in the coming months.

A letter from Cowal accepting the conditions set down by the Association for their contests in 2009 and 2010. National Council have agreed to include Cowal as Majors in 2009 and 2010

A conference calling service is being looked into by the Association. It is hoped that this facility might cut down on expenses at National Council meetings.

A list of bands not having paid their Association fees was read out.

Music Board report:

The new Fife Constabulary band has been placed in Grade 1.

Trophy Convenor's report:

A list of trophy winners is to be given to the Bathgate Highland Games committee.

Steward's report:

A stewards meeting is to be held in HQ on Sunday next. The Chairman of the Association will be present. It was said that the Chief Steward needs to be in attendance at National Council meetings. This to be discussed at the meeting.

Education report:

Instructor training is not taking place as there is no change to the content for PDQB Levels 1 to 6.

There will be no Structured Learning courses this year in L&B

A.O.C.B.:

2009 will be the Branch's 75th Anniversary. An approach is to be made to Edinburgh City Council to see if a contest might be held to commemorate this within the city.

Action: Chairman

Indoor contest: Catering arrangements are ongoing.

The Willie Fergusson trophy will be contested at this indoor contest. Possibly while the mini bands are competing.

It was said that bands will only be permitted to enter two mini bands per band. Solo players will only play in their age group.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should investigate the possibility of opening a high interest bank account to in order to make best use of any money on deposit.

Action: Treasurer

It was said that there are still no photographs on the branch website in spite of several being submitted. This is to be looked into.

Action: Chairman

Start times of contests often vary between the website and the programmes. This, it was said, was due to the printers copying the times from the previous years programme.

George Purves announced that he would not be seeking re-election as Vice Chairman of the Association at the forth coming Annual General meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 24th February 2008 in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, at 6.00PM.