

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in the Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh on Sunday 25th
January 2009**

<u>Present:</u>	W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A.Dalzeil, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	L.A.Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
	W.Dalziel, Trophy Convenor.	Lothian & Borders Police
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	L.McLaughlin	Craigmount High School
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	R.Fairnie	Prestonpans
	S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	J.Brand	Penicuik
	E.Hanratty	Penicuik
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	S.Orr	Royal Scot Dragoon Guards
	I. Simpson	George Watson's College
	C.McLuckie	Bo'ness
	D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: G.Craig, A. Cook.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes from the meeting of 30th November 2008 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by The Royal Scot Dragoon Guards.

Matters arising:

Any matters arising were dealt with under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

Peebles High School has been confirmed as the venue for the Branch Solos and Mini band contest to be held on Saturday 25th April 2009.

Branch bands are asked if they wish to do the catering for this event.

It was asked if a Grade 1 contest be incorporated into the Melrose contest. The promoters are to be asked if they wish this.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report. Details are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

National Council report:

A problem with the timing of the Willie Fergusson contest last year. A letter of apology is to be sent to the competitor who, allegedly, was unaware of the time change.

The RSPBA Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Trade Halls, Glassford Street, Glasgow on Saturday 14th March 2009.

Tenor and bass release forms are to be added to the RSPBA website.

There was discussion on band transfers.

It was agreed that overseas bands must submit a complete list of band members eight weeks before competing at a major championship.

The MAP contests will be that same in 2009 as it was in 2008.

The list of the competitions in 2009 was approved.

A list of Branch bands not yet having paid their RSPBA fees was read out.

Music Board report:

Bass and tenor drummers are to be added to registration forms.

All bands were asked to delete all ex-members from their registration sheets.

PDQB. A list of 15 piping and 10 drumming examiners was ratified.

An instructor's course is to be run by the RSPBA at a cost of £150 per person.

There was some discussion on the early starts of the MAP contests.

Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with the trophies.

Steward's report;

There are no problems with the Stewards.

A.O.C.B.:

It was with regret that the death was announced of John Whitecross. John was a Steward with the Branch and with the RSPBA for a long time until ill health forced his retirement. Our sympathies go to his wife Linda and daughter Lorna.

Jamie Barnes thanked the branch for their assistance and guidance following their recent Annual solo contest.

It was agreed that any Branch instructors intending to attend the Instructors course have the £150 fee paid out of the Education Fund.

Bathgate Highland Games have requested that they handle the entry forms for the Bathgate contest. The Branch is to meet with their committee to discuss this issue.

The Branch Constitution and Rules, after some minor adjustments, are to be re submitted to the next National Council meeting.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd February 2009 in the Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.