

MINUTES OF THE L & B BRANCH MEETING 20/03/05

PRESENT

**TERESA CLARKE CRAIGMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL
ANN HAZARD NEWTONGRANGE
PETER HAZZARD NEWTONGRANGE
GEORGE PURVES TORPHICHEN & BATHGATE
NORMA PURVES TORPHICHEN & BATHGATE
VI MCMORRAN GLENCORSE
BILL MCMORRAN GLENCORSE
JOHN HUGHES DRAMBUIE KIRKLISTON**

APOLOGIES:- TAM CLARKE, JOHN MCNEILL, TOM COLQUHOUN, DONALD & JOAN BRAND, GRANT CRAIG, IAIN SIMPSON, MICK O'NEIL, SUSAN HAZZARD

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PROPOSED AND ADOPTED BY NORMA PURVES & PETER HAZZARD

MATTERS ARISING

The Solo contest that was proposed to be held the day before the World Championships in Glasgow Green was cancelled due to conflicting interests.

MUSIC BOARD

New playing requirements for 2006 discussed at previous meeting have to include N/J as well as grade 4 bands

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been sent to HQ from Bo'Ness asking to be changed from N/J to grade 4 - matter being looked at.

A thank you letter has been received from John & Linda Whitecross for the gifts received from branch.

S McQuillan did not receive a gift as he is still involved with the branch.

A letter was sent to HQ regarding the Drum Major training course, no reply as yet.

A letter was also sent to HQ to request 4 places in the Summer School for L & B pupils this year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Entry forms for all the L & B branch outdoor contest have been sent out this week. The draw for the indoor contest on April 16th was done today at Craigmount High School. As the contest will be well attended it will be required to be tightly run.

TREASURER

No report as no changes from previous month.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

The World Championships are now a registered trade mark of the R S P B A. Mervyn Hearn is convenor of Marketing & Media.

Leaflets to promote all major contest to be given to tourist boards.
New trophies will be given for 1st place at majors.

MUSIC BOARD

John announced all the re gradings which have been agreed since the last meeting. Only branch band affected was Bo'Ness, changed from N/J to Grade 4 as per request.

Several drummers have requested to transfer from Glasgow Skye Grade 1 to Lomond & Clyde therefore a re assessment is required.

EDUCATION

14 pupils will sit the Intermediate exam, 2 will also sit elementary. There will be no school on Easter Sunday.

Exam will be on Sunday 9th April at Craigmount High School. Grant or Teresa to attend to sit in on theory exam if possible. John Hughes will make other arrangements for the day. 5 rooms required.

TROPHY CONVENOR

Medals have been ordered for the Indoor contest. Kenny McBride will donate a memorial trophy in the name of Willie McBride. A discussion followed on the use of the logo we could use on medals, decided not to put year on them as any left over could then be used for future contests.

INDOOR CONTEST

412 performances have been entered for the day! Use of classrooms and venues discussed. Solo performances in morning, Mini bands in afternoon.

Canteen - Branch has no choice but to cover catering requirements as the school are unable to provide enough staff to cover. Teresa suggested we run this on a reduced level, not as many choices as previous years to cut down on the amount of work required by the few volunteers, this was agreed. Teresa/John H to shop at Makro, Ann/Peter to shop at Costco. Donald to be asked to get milk and rolls from Asda on the morning of the contest.

Teresa also asked if the committee would each make approx. 5 dozen filled rolls each and be able to claim back the expense of this, all present agreed to do this. Receipts to be given to

Teresa on the day. Bill McMorran will arrange all adjudicators for the day. Bands to be asked to donate raffle prize or home baking.

AOCB

Web site will be upgraded by Jason Lafferty Scotia Web Design Ltd. New address will be www.rspb-landb.org Jason to provide an invoice to Teresa. Any person logging into the old web address will automatically be forwarded to new site when running.

Bill McMorran read out a letter from someone looking for a band for the 11th & 12th June 2005 - No takers from the meeting.

There being no other business John Hughes thanked those who attended and arranged the next meeting for Sunday 24th April, 6pm, Beechwood Bowling Club.

Teresa Clarke