

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 28th March 2010**

<u>Present:</u>	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
	D.Brand, Minute Secretary	Newtongrange
	L.McLauchlin	Craigmount High school
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	S.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	J.Brand	Penicuik & District

Apologies:

LA.Oubbaith, I. Simpson, C.McLuckie

The draw for the Peebles Indoor Contest was made before the meeting started.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 29th February 2010 were approved by Newtongrange and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

Any matters arising were dealt with under the appropriate report.

Secretary's report:

Entries are coming in for the Dunbar contest.

Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman gave this report. Details are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

National Council report:

There was a meeting prior to the RSPBA AGM at which the higher and lower grades were discussed.

There are now approved examiners for the bass and tenors

Post AGM meeting. The Association is to recruit an Education Officer.

All RSPBA merchandise will be available on the web site. There is a new logo for this and it is hoped to have it up and running by the Scottish Championships.

There will be an option on the bus parking request for Majors if buses wish to leave early.

Requests for feed back for the Worlds Development Group.

RSPBA AGM. A proposal by the North of Scotland Branch was withdrawn.

That the RSPBA become a company limited by guarantee was agreed. This will have to be voted on upon the conclusion of all the legal work.

Music Board report:

There was no report as there has been no meeting.

Trophy Convenor's report:

Any trophy returned late the band will be fined.

One trophy outstanding for the Willie Ferguson contest.

Almost all of the trophies have been returned.

Four plaques are to be purchased for the Drum Majors competition at Dunbar.

Stewards report:

Three new Stewards have been appointed.

No allocation sheets have been sent out to the Stewards although the National Councillors have them.

Education report:

The exams took place today and it was hoped for a good result.

The RSPBA is looking at ways to standardise the adjudicator's fees.

Peebles indoor contest:

All adjudicators are in place.

The Red Cross have been booked.

Craigmount High School is to do the catering.

Extra Stewards are sought. We need eight.

The contest will start at nine.

Raffle prizes were asked for.

Sponsors for the grades were agreed.

Branch local contests:

Dunbar looks to be a good site. Everything is in place. There will be two rings. The Council are in contact with the AA to put up signs. A map will be available on the Branch website. There will be plenty of car parking. The kitchen and the bar will be staying open after the contest. There will be a parade down the street after the contest to which all bands are invited to join.

North Berwick has agreed to run the MSR contest and has made available new trophies and £100 prize money.

Some entries for Bathgate have been received. The Branch Secretary will be sending out car and bus passes.

It was asked if entry tickets could be pre-purchased. The Bathgate Highland Games committee are to be asked about this.

A.O.C.B.:

It was asked if the minutes could be put on the Branch website as soon as possible rather than wait until the following meeting. It was agreed to do this.

A new printer is to be purchased.

There is some difficulty with the continuing use of The Society Centre after the April meeting. It was agreed to use the Bellsquarry Community Hall.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 25th April at The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.