

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 3rd April 2016**

Present:

J. Hughes, Chairman	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
B. McMorran	President
L.A. Hughes, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
D. Brand	Newtongrange
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
W. Dalziel	Craigmount Caledonia
Alex Dalziel Vice Chairman	Craigmount Caledonia
V. McMorran	Glencorse
S. Orr	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
M. O'Neil	George Watson's College

Apologies: I. Simpson, W. McCafferty, G. Purves, N. Purves

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2016 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate

Matters arising:

There was a discussion on the rule for retirement for anyone over 75, it was said that we need clarification as some people think you should retire on your 75th birthday and other think you can work until your 76th birthday.

Secretary's report:

We are still trying to find an adjudicator for the tenor drumming at the indoors. Ann will contact the adjudicators to see if one is available on the day.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report, details available from the secretary by request.

Directors report:

At the Directors meeting following the AGM it was agreed to put the Stirling Branch into suspension. As a result, the Directors have asked the Branch to accept 8 bands who were previously assigned to the Stirling Branch.

The Convenor and Vice Convenor from the APMB have both resigned their post for personal reasons. Our Chief executive Ian Embelton will chair these meetings until the vacant posts have been filled.

Phase 2 of the consultative adjudication training will take place at Belfast and Forres this year the piping adjudicators will have the opportunity to confer briefly between performances this will only be a brief consultation in order to ensure the contests still run on time.

Music Board report:

There was no report as there has been no meeting since the last Branch meeting.

Trophies:

One trophy lost by a band has now been replaced with the band concerned paying the cost of the replacement trophy.

Four new trophies for the Novice Juvenile B Grade will be purchased by the Branch

There is only one trophy to come in for the Indoor contest and this is now on its way to our trophy convenor. All trophies for this contest have been cleaned and are ready to go.

Emails requesting the return of the Dunbar trophies will be sent out in the next few days.

Steward's report:

The Stewards Allocation sheets will be sent out soon.

Education

Our Education Officer Pat Wheelan has sent some information relating to the RSPBA Summer School to be included in our indoor programme.

Indoor Contest

Everything has been organised with The James young High School, There is a new admin team at the school, the school will provide the canteen facilities again this year. We have agreed to print the breakfast and Lunch tickets for the officials. John will contact the Army Cadet Force to ensure they have everything in order for the day. First Aid cover for this event has been arranged.

The solo entries are down a bit from last year but the band performances are up slightly. It was asked if we thought that the £10.00 entry fee for event 12 had put people off, however we have roughly about the same number of entries for this event as last year.

The school have asked if we can submit the dates required for the next couple of years as soon as possible.

Our Treasurer will organise a float for the day and the following charges have been agreed Entry Fee for spectators will be £4.00 per adult, Concessions will be £1.00 Raffle tickets will be £1.00 per strip and the programmes will be 50 pence.

The Army Cadet Force will man the doors selling the raffle tickets and programmes.

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We have been asked by West Lothian Highland Games what they should do with their trophies, this enquiry should be directed to Brian Watt.

John Hughes will check that everything is in order for the Dunbar contest. Discussions are ongoing with regards to getting another venue for the Edinburgh contest.

Meeting Closed 18.50pm

Next Meeting 24th April at 6.00pm.

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