

**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 30th
November 2008.**

<u>Present:</u>	W. McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J. Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A. Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	L A Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
	W. Dalziel, Trophy Convenor.	Lothian & Borders Police
	J. Brand	Penicuik
	V. McMorran	Glencorse
	I. Simpson	George Watsons College
	C. McCluckie	Bo'ness
	P. Starr	Bo'ness
	S. Hazzard	Bo'ness
	A. Lyon	Tweedvale
	P. Hazzard	Bo'ness
	R. Fairnie	Prestonpans
	G. Craig	Lothian & Borders Police
	A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
	E. Hanratty	Penicuik
	D. Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: C. Gray, N. Purves.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes from the meeting of 25th October 2008 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Penicuik.

Matters arising:

Any matters arising were dealt with under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

There are still some problems in obtaining Peebles High School for the Branch indoor contest. We are awaiting a phone call for confirmation.

Treasurer's report:

An account of Branch funds was given out at the A.G.M. just previously.

National Council report:

There was no report.

Music Board report:

The dates for the 2009 majors have been secured.

A working party is to look at the format of the Worlds i.e. holding it over two days.

Suggestions from bands would be most welcome.

There was clarification on what happens if there is instrument malfunction after a band has started to play.

The tie breaker in any contest has now five different criteria.

The instructor's course will take place in 2009.

A review of the MAP contests is taking place. Comments and feedback from bands would be appreciated.

A set of rules for indoor contests is being sought.

Trophy Convenor's report:

All Bathgate trophies are accounted for.

Steward's report:

A pack from Headquarters is to be made up to send out to potential Stewards.

A.O.C.B.:

The venue for the Branch meetings up to April 2009 will be at The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Sunday 25th January 2009 in The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.