

**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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

<u>Present:</u>	W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	LA Oubbaitth, Treasurer	Linlithgow
	W.Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
	D.Brand, Minute Secretary	Newtongrange
	S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	P.Starr	Bo'ness
	J.Brand	Penicuik
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	I. Simpson	George Watson's College
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	L.McLauchlin	Craigmount High School
	A. McNeill	Newtongrange
	R.Fairnie	East Lothian Pipe Band
	E.Hanratty	Penicuik & District
	C.McLuckie	Bo'ness

Apologies:

G.Craig, G&N Purvis, F.Philip, A. Cook, North Berwick, Stockbridge.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Penicuik.

Matters arising:

The Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston may hold a contest but this would not be before 2011.

There is a problem with a couple of dates for the courses. This is to be looked at.

Secretary's report:

Clarification for the booking of Peebles High School is awaited.

Treasurer's report:

There was no report.

National Council report:

As given at the AGM.

#### Music Board report:

Disclosure Scotland (Stirling office) can offer a block check on all adults in a band working with children.

Instructor course will take place in March 2010 for new instructors to help facilitate PDQB courses.

Lomond & Clyde are hosting an invitational competition for Grade 1 bands. Eight bands have been invited and will play an MSR and a medley.

Gradings concerning the branch. George Watson's College appealed against upgrading to Juvenile due to the loss of players. Decision was to put them back down to Novice juvenile.

Seafield requested to play in Grade 3. Decision was to play in Grade 3B.

Music Board elections.

Convenor – Neil Whitelaw

Standards Convenor – David Clark

Education Convenor - Jim Wark

Education Co-ordinator – Jim Campbell

Administrator – Colin Smith

Glasgow and Lothian & Borders are the only two branches running courses this year.

#### Trophy Convenor's report:

There are still three bands with outstanding fines.

It was agreed that the Trophy Convenor would write to bands on matters pertaining to trophies and also to notify headquarters.

#### Steward's report:

It was said that the branch should have a Chief Steward.

Alex Dalziel was nominated by Glencorse and seconded by Craigmount High School. The vote was carried unanimously.

Indoor contest: the contest will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Confirmation of the booking of the school has yet to be confirmed. The cost of hiring the school has risen from £300 last year to £1500 next year.

The entrance fees will be increased to £8 for each mini band and £4 for each solo player.

Admission for adults would be adults £4 and children and concessions £2.

Programmes would be £2 and would include a free strip of raffle tickets.

A couple of retailers have been approached to see if they would like to hire space for a stall.

Prizes were needed for the raffle.

At grade 4 contests before a major bands can play their MSR. This would be an extra contest. This is to be discussed with the promoters to see if they wish this at their contests. Timings would need to be looked at if this was to be included at the branch indoors.

The date of the net meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh at 6.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.