

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston  
On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Present:**

J. Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A. Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
L. A. Oubbaih Treasurer	Linlithgow
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
W. Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
B. McMorran	Glencorse
V. McMorran	Glencorse
I. Simpson	George Watson's Junior
G. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
N. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
J. Barnes	Craigmount
L. J. Barnes	Craigmount

**Apologies:** D. Brand, J. Brand, M. O'Neill, W. McIntyre, D. Brand, J. Brand.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> October were approved by Torphichen & Bathgate and seconded by Lothian & Borders Police.

**Matters arising:**

No matters arising

**Secretary's report:**

Further Discussions were had with regards to the enquiry from Peebles Highland Games to see if there is anything the Branch can suggest to increase the number of entries they are getting. It was pointed out that some bands who normally attend this contest had other engagements this year and that there were also a few Branch bands who have not competed all season.

**Treasurer's report:**

All signatories are to be re-registered.

Account signatories are as follows:

Treasurer: Lesley Anne Oubbaih

Secretary: Ann Hazzard

Chairman: John B Hughes

Any two from the above list are required for approval of any cheque.

Accounts and balance as per the AGM report

**Director's report:**

Nothing more to report as the next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **Music Board report:**

At the Worlds in 2013 Grade 2 will be required to submit 2 MSR for qualification and a draw will be made on the line for which is to be played.

There was some discussion on the MAP tunes and more tunes may be added for 2014 but there will be none taken away, This applies to Novice, Grade 4B and Grade 4A.

Gradings, George Watson's College Juvenile (newly promoted novice band) have been regarded back down to Novice – subject to ratification by directors.

There will be a diploma course on Pipe Band Musicianship, Part 1 will take place in December 2013 and part 2 will take place in January 2014.

There will be a Summer School on July 14<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> July in Glasgow Accademy.

**Trophy Convenor's report:** Nothing to report.

**Steward's report:** Nothing to report.

### **Education report:**

The Branch PDQB course will start on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with an Assessment Day. The course will then run for eight weeks from 10.00am – 2.00pm each Sunday at the Partnership Centre Bathgate.

### **Indoor Contest:**

The date of the indoor contest has been confirmed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 and it will be held at The James Young High School once again. The chairman and vice chairman will liaise with the school with regards to which rooms we will require etc.

Bill McMorran will arrange the adjudicators for this contest.

**Meeting Closed 17.30**

**Next meeting:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 3.00pm.