

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston  
On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

J. Hughes, Chairman	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
W. Dalziel	Craigmount Caledonia
A. Dalziel Vice Chairman	Craigmount Caledonia
V. McMorrان	Glencorse
Sonia Easton	Wallacestone and Distict
Iain Simpson	George Watson's College NJA, NJB
M. O'Neill	George watson's College Juv. & Police Scotland Fife
Thomas Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Binder	Stockbridge
W. McCafferty	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia

**Apologies:** B. McMorrان, S.Orr

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved by George Watson's College Novice B and Seconded by Craigmount Caledonia.

**Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Secretary's report:**

As AGM

**Treasurer's report:**

As AGM

**Directors report:**

As AGM

**Music Board report:**

There was a proposal to identify the different musical key signatures of the tunes on the prescribed list to assist in tune selection. J Wark will be working on this.

There was some discussion on the proposed 42 day rule on higher to lower transfers going forward to the AGM. This would apply to both UK and Overseas bands. The impact would be that no higher to lower transfers would be accepted after the entries to the major championship had closed.

There was some discussion on Dual Registration and the wording for the proposed rule change will be brought to the next Branch meeting.

There will be a summer school which will again include drum majors. Last year was the first time D/M's had been included albeit only for two days at the end of the workshop.

The branch will put forward dates for education courses. The end of season would be the best time for bands to get the most out of these courses.

It was felt that both Drum Majors and Bands would benefit from their courses being held prior to the start of the season.

Information would be sent to Grade 4 and Novice Juvenile bands prior to the start of the playing season.

### **Trophies:**

As AGM

### **Steward's report:**

As AGM

### **Education**

As AGM

### **Indoor Contest**

The proposed date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 has now been confirmed.

## **AOCB**

We will continue with the band loyalty scheme. The bands who benefited from this scheme this year were.

Davidson's Mains, Stockbridge Grade 3, Stockbridge Grade 4, Tweedvale.

The Willie Fergusson contest was won this year by Holly Freeland and the branch will hold this contest in 2017. Enquiries will be made to find if it would be possible to hold this event in along with another event at a date which will be closer to the date of this years contest. Allowing the winners to hold the trophy for a longer time period.

The date of this years contests are as follows

### **Major Championships:**

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
British	Paisley	20th May	19th May
United Kingdom	Belfast	10th June	16th June (TBC)
European	Forres	24th June	30th June
Scottish	Dumbarton	29th July	28th July
World	Glasgow	11th & 12th August	17th & 18th August

### **Local Contests**

<b>Contest</b>	<b>2017 Dates</b>
Indoors - JYHS	Sat 1st April
Dunbar	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May
West Lothian	Sat 27th May
Edinburgh	June (TBC)
Burntisland	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
North Berwick	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August
Bridge of Allan	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August
Peebles	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Innerleithen	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> September

Meeting Cosed 17.30

Next Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017