

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Village Hall, Bellsquarry
On Sunday 25th November 2018**

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| John Hughes, President | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| A. Dalziel, Vice Chairman | Craigmount |
| A. Hazzard, Secretary | City of Edinburgh |
| L.A. Riad | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| B. Watt, Trophy Convenor | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary | City of Edinburgh |
| M. Binder, Reporter | Stockbridge |
| V. McMorran | Glencorse |
| I. Simpson | George Warson's College NJB |
| W. Dalziel | Craigmount |
| G. Cameron | Camelon and District |
| W. McIntyre | George Heriot's School |
| D. Martin | Scottish Fire & Rescue |
| K. Reid | RSPBA |
| E. Orr | Craigmount |
| T. Thomson | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| M. Clark | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Novice |
| O. Brownlie | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Gd 2 |
| C. Reid | Scottish Fire and Rescue Gd 2 |
| E. Scott | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| M. O'Neill | George Watson's College Juv |
| D. Brand | Newtongrange |

Apologies: P. White, S. Easton, S. McDonald, M. Reilly, S. Starr. P. Starr, S. Orr, I. Simpson.

Welcome:

As the Chairman had to leave the meeting the chair was taken by our President J. Hughes.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 28th October were approved by Scottish Fire and Rescue and seconded by Police Scotland Fife.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

Edinburgh Council have asked if we can give names of bands who might be interested in this years torchlight Procession

Treasurer's report:

As Per the AGM.

Directors report:

A change in the mileage allowance has been approved it will rise from 35p per mile to 40p per mile.

Accommodation allowances for Edinburgh and Glasgow only have been increases to £120 per night.

It has been decided not to increase the number of adjudicators at majors but trials regarding this may be run.

There are no recognised, this could possibly be organised within the Pipe Band College.

It may be that meetings between directors could possibly be done by conference calls, it may be the case that some branches could also benefit from this option.

Music Board Report

The Music Board is to promote the Historic Society of the RSPBA we can ask bands if this is something they might be interested in.

The Pipe Band College are looking for a Principle of Piping and a Principle of Drumming.

Suggestions are being looked at as to how we can reduce the time taken for the march past and prize giving.

The proposal for the Juvenile bands to play on the Friday of the worlds was not well received, there are several problems with this proposal.

It was said that the atmosphere was not great on the Friday and that no amenities were open and all stalls were closed.

Tunes for the prescribed list have been submitted to Headquarters who will ensure they go to the right department.

Stewards Report

Nothing to report

Education

Nothing to report

Trophies

An email has been sent to Peebles to try and ensure things run better in 2019.

Indoor Contest

The date for the indoors will be 6th April 2019. The cost for the hire of the school may be higher this year and the school have been asked for the cost of the hire this year.

Outdoor Contests:

North Berwick Highland Games committee have informed us that they are not in a position to continue funding the prize money for the Branch Championship.

There was some discussion on our options for the Branch Championships including moving this to another contest but it was pointed out that we may lose some entries if we do this.

If we are not able to get a third arena at North Berwick this year we may have to stop bands playing up due to the large entries at this contest.

We will work with the games committee to have the best possible outcome for this contest.

The West Lothian Highland Games contest will not go ahead for the next 2 years, the current date of the contest does not suit the bands and the Games Committee can't change the date.

AOCB

With the introduction of GDPR regulations headquarters will have to look at proposed Next Electronic registrations of members. Care must be taken regarding information held on band members.

Meeting closed 17.30

Next meeting will be 27th January at Belsquarry Hall.