

**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 25th October 2009**

<u>Present:</u>	W. McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J. Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow & District
	A. Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	L. A. Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow & District
	W. Dalziel, Trophy Convener	Lothian & Borders Police
	S. Hazzard	Bo'ness
	P. Starr	Bo'ness
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	V. McMorran	Glencorse
	E. Hanratty	Penicuik & District
	A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
	N. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	G. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate

Apologies: D & J Brand, C. McCluckie, I. Simpson.

In Attendance: J. Connor

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2009 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Lothian & Borders Police.

Matters Arising:

National Council has confirmed that they are happy for Lothian & Borders Branch to run the Willie Fergusson contest along with their Indoor Solos & Mini Band contest.

Chairman's Report:

Worlds Working Party meeting took place on 9/10/09. The Stakeholders have been identified and Questionnaire will be sent to them and returned before Christmas.

Met with a representative from The Royal Highland Centre. The cost has been put forward; however, we were advised that they normally charge for an event like this. Discussions will be ongoing. A proposal date is the 4th of July.

Secretary's Report:

Mini Bands Contest has been provisionally booked for the 24th April 2010. There has been a significant rise in the hire cost. There are a few options to cover the rise of the price. Craigmount High School is still keen to cover the catering.

Treasurer's Report:

Details are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

Music Board:

Re-Gradings are available on the website. Branch Bands that have been re-graded are Novice Juvenile to Juvenile: George Watson's College, 4A to 3B: Stockbridge, 3A to 2: Linlithgow & District.

Timings, Grade 4 has been altered to between 2.5 minutes and 4.5 minutes. This is to allow bands to play the four map tunes.

National Council:

Exclusive Merchandising, a website is being set up. It is hoped that this will be up & running.

Fines: Non return of Trophies fines will be issued to bands, the branch will inform Headquarters and National Council will support this and the band will be suspended and upheld until the fine has been paid.

Trophy Convener:

All outstanding fines are being chased.

Steward's Report:

All branch tents are ok; however the branch needs to purchase a complete set of spare poles.

Education:

It has been advised that the premises may not be available before 12.30. this will be looked into to see if they could be available from 11.00am.

Contest Dates for 2010:

Minor Contests:

Dunbar: 8th May,

Bathgate: 29th May

Innerleithen: 19th June

North Berwick: 7th August

Melrose: 21st August

Peebles: 12 September

Major Championships:

Scottish: 22nd May

British: 26th June

European: 31 July

Worlds: 14th August

Cowal: 28th August

A.O.C.B.:

It has been requested that the branch website gets updated more often.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The next branch meeting will be after the Branch AGM which will be held on Sunday 29th November in the Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh at 3.00pm.