

The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Beechwood Bowling Club, Edinburgh, on Sunday 24th September 2006.

<u>Present:</u>	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow & District
	G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	W.McMorran, Secretary	Glencorse
	T.M.Clarke, Treasurer	Craigmount High School
	A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
	G.Stafford	Torphichen & Bathgate
	P.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	S.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	A.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	A.McNeill	Stockbridge
	V.McNeill	Stockbridge
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	A.Dalziel	Polkemmet
	W.Dalziel	Polkemmet
	I. Simpson	George Watson's Collage
	D.Brand	Newtongrange
	A. Lyon	Tweedvale
	J.McNeill	Dunbar RBL
	S.McNeill	Dunbar RBL

Apologies: G&N Purves, J.Brand, M.O'Neill, T.Clarke

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 30th April 2006 were approved by Lothian & Borders Police and seconded by Newtongrange.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

A letter from Tom Colquhoun tendering his resignation from the Branch. He has also resigned from Tranent pipe band. He leaves these groups of his own will. He also enclosed a cheque for £100 for the Branch funds. A letter of thanks for his service to the Branch and for his generous donation is to be sent to him.

An apology for some compiling problems at Hawick.

Treasurer's report:

This appears on a separate sheet. Anyone wishing a copy should contact the Branch Secretary.

National Council report:

The summer school run at RSPBA headquarters was a great success. The Branch had two representatives attending. Both enjoyed the experience and learned a great deal. Plans are in place for 2007 and a new venue is being sought.

The Drum Majors adjudicators' course went well and the placing system is to be used next season.

Letters were received from Bill Barclay and Tom Clarke resigning their positions within the RSPBA.

European pipe band contests are to be put on the RSPBA website.

The fine for the non- returning of trophies is to be increased to £50.

Marketing & Media were involved in the BBC filming the Worlds. It is hoped that there will be further coverage in 2007.

The British Championship in 2008 will be held in Birmingham on the last Saturday in June.

The European Championships in 2008 will be held in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, on the last Saturday in July.

At this point it was asked if these dates might be placed on the RSPBA website.

Medals commemorating the 60th World pipe band championships were presented to all winning bands at the 2006 Worlds.

Music Board report:

The list of new band grading was read out. Branch bands on the move were Tweedvale from 4A to 3B and Newtongrange from 4B to 3B.

Tom Brown gave a summary of the past season.

MAP. Evaluation forms are to be sent out to all bands concerned. There will be nine questions and space for comments.

Any Branch holding examinations should notify RSPBA.

A Director of Music is to be appointed. The National Council will look into this.

The Glasgow Branch is holding an Advanced course.

It was mentioned that the MAP contest might consist of three rather than two tunes next year.

Education report:

It is hoped to hold an Elementary course starting in January 2008. The location will probably be the Morris Club in Newtongrange.

An Advanced course could be held in 2008. Any one interested should have their names in by August 2007.

Trophy Convenors report:

All was well with the trophies. A couple of problems earlier on in the season have now been rectified.

A.O.C.B.

The Branch indoor solo contest will take place on Saturday 21st April 2007 in Peebles High School.

It is proposed that the Branch produce a calendar. Contest dates and Branch meetings would be highlighted on it. Prices are to be found.

There was discussion on the position of Branch President. It was said that the Branch bands could select one at the next Annual General Meeting. This position would have a two year duration.

A presentation was made to the Branch concerning the reorganisation of the Grade 2 at the Worlds. There was some discussion and it was said that this proposal should be forwarded to the Music Board for consideration.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 22nd October at 6.00 pm in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh