

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Present:

J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
J.Brand	Penicuik
A.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders Police
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies:

W & V McMorran, N.Purves, S.Hazzard,C.McLuckie,G.Craig,I.Simpson

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Matters rising:

Radios have been bought by the Branch.

Secretary's report:

Ann has enjoyed her first season as Branch Secretary. Some bands have been fined for non- return of trophies and failure to appear at contests.

Treasurer's report:

There was no report.

National Council report

The National Council last met on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Some bands have asked to hold practical MAP workshops.

Glasgow branch are to host the Willie Fergusson contest for 2007.

The Major Championships for 2009 have yet to be approved.

The Grade 1 format for the Worlds is under discussion by the Music Board.

A National Councillors training session has taken place.

The next National Council meeting in on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Music Board report:

There was no report.

Trophy Convenors report:

All went well this season. It was reminded that ALL trophies must be returned one month before the contest they were presented at.

Education report:

All the structured learning certificates were presented at the Peebles contest. Fifteen of the sixteen entrants passed the exam.

An Intermediate Course may take place later. A venue has to be found.

Lottery funding is to be sought for the funding of these courses.

A.O.C.B.:

The entry forms for the Branch contests have been revamped. A copy was distributed for comment.

A Contest Pack is to be sent out to all bands next year.

Again it was asked if the Branch might purchase a lap top computer and a laser printer. Costs for these are to be looked at.

The Chairman passed round sample lapel badges with the RSPBA and Lothian & Borders logo. These were well received and final costs and numbers are to be decided on.

The dates for the Branch contests in 2008 are:

Dunbar 10th May

Bathgate 31<sup>st</sup> May

Hawick 7<sup>th</sup> June

Innerleithen 14<sup>th</sup> June

North Berwick 9<sup>th</sup> August

Melrose 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Peebles 14<sup>th</sup> September

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The dates for the 2008 Major Championships are:

Scottish at Dumbarton on 24<sup>th</sup> May

European at Birmingham on 28<sup>th</sup> June

British at Lisburn on 26<sup>th</sup> July

Worlds at Glasgow on 16<sup>th</sup> August

Cowal at Dunoon on 30<sup>th</sup> August

As the minutes of the meetings have not been published on the Branch web site some bands have been asking for copies. This is to be discussed at the next Branch meeting.

There was some discussion on the problems at contests during the last season.

As there was no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh at 6.00pm

The date of the Branch AGM is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm in Beechwood Bowling Club