

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 28th September 2008

Present:

J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness RBL
LA Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
I. Simpson	George Watsons College
W.Dalzeil	Lothian & Borders Police
S.Hazzard	Bo'ness RBL
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
C.Firth	Torphichen & Bathgate
G.Stafford	Torphichen & Bathgate
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness RBL
A. Cook	Lothian & Borders police
R.Fairnie	Prestonpans
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: G.Craig, J.Brand, C.McLuckie, W. & V. McMorran

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2008 were approved by Bo'ness RBL and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising: any matters arising were discussed under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

This past season was a good one with some reasonable weather. Thanks to all who helped with the running of these contests and many congratulations to the winning bands and to those attaining Champion on Champions. We now look forward to the 2009 season.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer gave her report. Details of this are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

National Council report:

As there has been no National Council meeting, there was no report.

Music Board report:

A proposal by the Northern Ireland branch for two piping, two drumming and two ensemble adjudicator's at all major championships was talked about. It was agreed that this might be a good idea and agreed to a pilot scheme to be carried out. No grade has been selected for this plot scheme.

Trophy Convenor's report:

The street trophy for Bathgate was not given out. This was due to a mix up with some trophies being replaced.

Had the branch imposed fines on bands not returning trophies on time the sum of £2140 would have been collected.

It was said that a ruling has to be made and adhered to that all bands failing to return trophies four weeks before the date of the contest they are for will be liable for a fine of £20 (rising to £50 in 2009) and may also be suspended from playing at any RSPBA contest until the fine is paid and the trophy returned.

Steward's report:

One new steward has been recruited from the Ayr, Dumfries and Galloway branch. More stewards are needed for the RSPBA majors.

A.O.C.B.:

A new venue is to be sought for our branch meetings as Beechwood Bowling Club will be using the room used by the branch for the coming winter months. As soon as a venue has been found all bands will be notified.

The branch indoor contest will be held again in Peebles High School on Saturday 25th April 2009. The Willie Ferguson Trophy will be played for on that day at the school.

Branch contests dates for 2009 are:

Dunbar 9th May

Bathgate 30th May

Innerleithen 13th June

North Berwick 8th August

Melrose 22nd August

Peebles 13th September.

Please note that these dates have still to be confirmed.

It was said that the date of the branch meeting was not on the branch website. This is because we currently do not have access to putting information on to it.

All reports for the branch Annual General Meeting on 30th November need to be ready by the next branch meeting for forwarding to RSPBA.

A draft copy of branch constitution and rules was passed to all present for comments for the next meeting.

It was asked who decides the allocation of adjudicators. It was said that this was done at the draw.

It was said that one of the branch tents was in need of replacing.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 26th October at a time and a place yet to be confirmed.

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 30th November at a time and a place yet to be confirmed.