

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 24 April 2022**

J. B. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
LA. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Brown-Scott, Vice Chair	Scottish Fire and Rescue
P. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
S. Starr, Minute Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
S. McQuillan, Music Board	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
W. Dalziel	Wallacestone & District
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
W.Waugh	Camelon & District
J. Gavin	Camelon & District
W. McIntyre	George Heriot School
D. Holbrough	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
M. Reilly	Police Scotland Fife
K. Reid MM	Police Scotland Fife
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife
M. Binder, Social Media	Royal High School

Apologies

G. Dyet, S. Orr RVM, Liz Scott, L. Moore

Welcome

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

There is an amendment to the minutes of the March meeting. M. Reilly Police Scotland Fife to be added to the list of attendees.

With this amendment being made the minutes of the March Meeting Proposed by Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and seconded by Wallacestone & District.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was provided on her behalf and details are available by request.

Secretary's report

Entries have started to come in for the outdoor contests. Entries for Innerleithen are down on 2019 so far, J. Hughes is going to send a reminder email to all branch bands.

Director's report:

Nothing to report (notes of interest to be added when minutes received)

Music Board Report

S. McQuillan advised that the music board met on 5 March and the following points were discussed: -

- The next meeting of the Music Board will be September 2022.
- The Format Group will continue to meet during the season to progress the G4B/NJB static start pilot and the G1 World Pipe Band Championship Format project.
- The Format Group met on the 18th of April;
 - The G4B/NJB static start pilot explainer video is now live on the RSPBA Website and other Social Media Channels. All bands within these grades competing at the European Championship Inverness will form part of the pilot. Bands should note as previously stated (since 2020) that the static start is applicable to all bands competing at this Championship within the respective Grades.
 - Any Branch wishing to trial the pilot before the European Championship at Inverness should contact the Music Board Convener to ensure full alignment with the pilot format and to maximise the prior communications with Bands. (Please include a link to the explainer video on the Branch entry forms where/if appropriate in using the pilot Format)
 - Going forward it is intention to review the pilot by taking feedback from participating bands, tutors (where applicable) and Adjudicators. The feedback will be compiled for the Music Board and any subsequent recommendations will follow normal protocols.
 - The principal method of contact with Bands/stakeholders will be via follow up survey to correspond with the initial survey that was issued prior to agreement on the pilot format.
- The G1 World Pipe Band Championship Format project was also further discussed and the Format Group will be meeting again with Bands to revisit the proposals gathered over the initial consultation. The Format Group is due to meet again on the 27th of April to set out the plans for the next series of band engagement sessions.

Stewards Report

Nothing to report. K. Reid MM advised that the stewards have still not had the allocations provided. J. Hughes to contact headquarters to confirm when these will be sent.

J. Hughes advised that some of the branch stewards have been approached direct to assist as other branch contests and advised the branch in question of the correct procedure.

Education Report

No report.

Trophy Convener's Report

Returns still going on. B. Watt advised that NBHG still do not have a Trophy Convenor and that he is assisting with this.

AOCB

Indoors.

J. Hughes advised that the event ran as planned. There was one small error and by that evening everything had been corrected. No issues reported from the school.

J. Hughes advised that for next year he would be keen to include a 4a and 4b as separate events.

M. Brown-Scott asked if we could gain feedback on having full bands over all grades.

The proposed date for next year is 1 April 2023.

W. McIntyre asked for clarity on some of the placings. J. Hughes advised that many years ago the Branch agreed that any event that involves children 14 and under, we will place 1-6 then the remainder will be placed 7=

Outdoors.

All going to plan and J. Hughes to confirm adjudicator allocations.

Prize Money

M. Binder asked if the branch would think about paying the prize money direct into bank accounts. J. Hughes advised that this would be a lot more work for the treasurer and could also potentially cause issues under GDPR. LA. Riad advised one of her biggest concerns was that if any mistakes were made with results then they wouldn't be able to rectify, where as with a cheque this can be cancelled instantly. The branch will monitor this and may adapt in the future.

Office Bearer Badges

J. Hughes proposed that we purchase new badges, this was agreed.

The meeting was closed at 18.43

Next online meeting will be 25 September 2022