

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 27 February 2022**

J. B. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S.Orr RVM, Chairperson	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
M. Brown-Scott, Vice Chairperson	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
G. Dyet, Chief Steward	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife
K. Reid MM	Police Scotland Fife
B. Watt	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
M. Binder	Royal High
W. Waugh	Camelon & District
W. McIntyre	George Heriot School
M. O'Neill	George Watson's College

Apologies

L. A. Riad, M. Reilly, D Purves, E. Scott, I. Simpson

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the September Meeting Proposed by Wallacestone & District and seconded by Police Scotland Fife.

Treasurer's report:

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

Secretary's report

P. Hazzard advised that the entries have started to arrive for the Indoor contest. P. Hazzard also requested adjudicator pads and the President confirmed that he would pick these up from HQ.

Director's report:

Nothing to report, as there has not been a meeting since the last branch meeting.

Music Board Report

There has been no Music Board meeting since the last branch meeting. S. McQuillan did advise that there will be an announcement in the coming weeks in relation to the qualifiers for the World Solo Drumming.

Stewards Report

G. Dyet advised that there may be additional bodies required to steward the indoors. This will be confirmed at the next meeting, but all are asked to make themselves available. S Starr confirmed that P Starr would be available to steward on the day.

Education Report

L. Moore advised that the external verification has taken place and the organisations are awaiting on confirmation that they can sit exams.

There will be a questionnaire put out to all bands in relation to what they are looking for from the Pipe Band College.

There was a discussion held on the change of rule scheduled for the AGM in relation to the recruitment process of the Pipe Band College Principles. There has been a motion brought to the AGM, that would allow the principles to be recruited and elected without direct involvement of the Geographical Representatives of the Pipe Band College. Within the branch we are lucky to have the support a number of education providers, and the feedback from these members is that recruiting principles does not have the support the views our current geographical reps.

The branch bands are being asked to consider this change of rule and vote against this motion if they feel strongly enough.

Trophy Convener's Report

All trophies are ready for the indoors. J. Hughes advised that there is a need for a new trophy for The Scottish Adult Solo Drumming Champion and B Watt has agreed to source this.

Outdoor trophies are still a work in progress.

AOCB

Indoors.

J. Hughes advised that everything is on track. West Lothian Council have confirmed that there are no protocols that we need follow in relation to covid. We have secured the services of a different First Aid Provider as our usual supplier is not able to attend this year. As a result, the associated costs are higher.

Adjudicators have still to be allocated, J. Hughes will liaise with Headquarters on this.

Outdoors.

J. Hughes has confirmed that Dunbar and Edinburgh have been cancelled from the 2022 calendar. Although there have been positive discussions with another potential venue that may see Edinburgh progress.

L. Moore has commented that it is a shame that Dunbar has been cancelled and asked if there was a way that the branch could cover the costs of the contest. J. Hughes advised that the funding

does not just cover our costs for the event, but also the venue's costs for infrastructure etc, would cost in the region of £14,000. We have had further discussion with East Lothian Council, and although they cannot provide funding for 2022 they are hopeful they can bring the event back in 2023.

AOCB

W Dalziel asked if there was any progress on the question around live streaming of the Major Championships. The Branch Chairman confirmed that this item is still under consideration of the RSPBA Chairman for a decision.

RSPBA AGM

There has been an addition of a new element of the Constitution and Rules. This is purely to allow the use of virtual meetings to be held.

The meeting was closed at 19.05

Next online meeting will be 27 March 2022 at 6pm using Zoom.