

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 30 October 2022**

J. B. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Orr RVM, Chairman	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
LA. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Brown-Scott, Vice Chairman	Scottish Fire and Rescue
P. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
S. Starr, Minute Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
W. McIntyre	George Heriot School
M. Binder	Royal High
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
I. Simpson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
J. Simpson	Edinburgh Academy
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
K. Reid MM	Police Scotland Fife
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife
M. O'Neill	Police Scotland Fife

Apologies

M. Reilly, G Dyet, S. McQuillan, E. Scott, D Holburgh, D Purves

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April meeting were Proposed and Seconded by City of Edinburgh and Police Scotland Fife.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report and is available from the Secretary on request. The Treasurer also advised that the books have been closed in preparation for the Auditors.

Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

Director's report:

M. Brown-Scott advised that the feedback from the 22 Season has been received and that the general consensus was that the online entries worked well. Marketing and Media Committee have been working on all the news updates that have been published. The minutes are also available on line, there is nothing further to report as the next Directors meeting is due to take place on 12 November.

APMB have congratulated all bands on a successful 2022 season.

The Association will be continuing their meetings online, with the view to the AGM being a hybrid meeting.

Drum Majors have been asked to provide feedback on changes introduced to the D/M Final at The 2022 World Pipe Band Championships.

M. Binder has asked for clarification as to how a grade 4B/NJ event will be run to include the static start pilot. J. Hughes advised that a discussion would need to be had with the Adjudicators on the day and bands advised accordingly.

Music Board Report

M. Brown-Scott advised that there has been no further meeting since we last met.

However, there has been several grading appeals, these are from West Lothian Schools, Edinburgh Academy and George Heriots. These appeals have been granted.

J. Simpson thanked those who have assisted Edinburgh Academy with their appeal.

Stewards Report

G. Dyet had asked for his thanks to be passed on to all stewards and compilers for their efforts during the season.

Education Report

L. Moore has advised that the RSPBA is once again open for examinations. L. Moore is also working on videos to assist pupils.

Trophy Convener's Report

There is nothing to report.

AOCB

AGM

The Venue has been booked until 5.30pm. All documentation is now online and an email will be sent to all branch bands.

J. Hughes has advised that there are a few posts up for election, which have been included in the documentation online.

At the moment, S. Starr has agreed to stand for Secretary and P. Starr to stand as Trophy Convener.

Indoors.

The provisional date of 1 April has been agreed, and J. Hughes is meeting with James Young High School on 31 October to discuss further.

Outdoors.

J. Hughes has written to the promoter of Dunbar, to start the discussions on resurrecting this contest for 2023.

North Berwick is planned to remain on the Saturday prior to the Worlds.

The meeting was closed at 18.30

Next meeting will be 27 November at 15.00