

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 26 February 2023**

J. B. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
LA. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Brown-Scott, Vice Chairman	Scottish Fire and Rescue
S. Starr, Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
M. Binder, Social Media	Royal High School
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
I. Simpson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. O'Neill	Police Scotland Fife
P. Starr, Trophy Convenor	Penicuik & District
S. McQuillan, Music Board	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Cameron	Camelon & District
P. Hazzard	City of Edinburgh
E. Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife

Apologies

S Orr RVM, M Reilly, G Dyet, K Reid MM, W McIntyre

Welcome

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the January meeting were Proposed by Police Scotland Fife and Seconded by Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report and is available from the Secretary on request.

Secretary's report

All entries are now live.

The entries are slowly coming in for the Indoors as usual.

Director's report:

The Directs have not met, since our last meeting.

Music Board Report

The Music Board have not met, since our last meeting

Stewards Report

The Stewards and compilers are all ready for the coming season.

Education Report

L. Moore has advised that there will be a weekend workshop being held at Edinburgh Academy on 30 September and 1 October. The full name of the Workshop has to be confirmed, as we do not want to confuse it with Pipe Band Musicianship which is a much more in depth course.

J. Hughes has suggested that we incorporate the Drum Majors into this also. We have Two Drum major Adjudicators who are willing to assist.

A discussion took place in relation to the cost of this workshop and it was agreed that the Branch would cover the cost of the event.

Trophy Convener's Report

P. Starr confirmed that the trophies for the indoors are slowly starting to come back.

The storage is a work in Progress as there may be a solution that will not involve getting a storage unit.

AOCB

Indoors.

J. Hughes advised that unfortunately we hadn't been able to facilitate the online entries for bands at the indoors this year, but this is something that we are going to work on for next year.

It has been requested by the WSD Group that the Scottish Adult Solo Drumming Championship should not be referred to as a WSD Qualifier.

P. Hazzard is once again going to format the programme for the Indoors.

Outdoors.

J. Hughes advised that the playing requirements have been altered due to the removal of the British Championships.

All entry forms are now live.

AGM

Headquarters AGM is taking place on 11 March and will be held as a hybrid format.

J. Hughes is standing as Vice Chairman.

George Watson's College Invitational Contest

M. O'Neill was delighted to advise that the Invitational contest has returned for 2023 and is due to be held on Sunday 5 March at the School.

Lead Drummers and Pipe Majors

It was advised that Northern Ireland Branch had held a zoom meeting with Lead Drummers and Pipe Majors, which had been successful. M.Scott-Brown proposed holding this for our Branch Bands. After much discussion it was felt that we should encourage our Pipe Majors and Lead Drummers to attend the Branch Meetings in the first instance. A form to be produced and sent to all Branch Bands so that we have a record of the Pipe Major and Leading Drummer contact details.

Next Meeting: Sunday 26th March via Zoom