

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
On Sunday 29 January 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
W. McIntyre	George Heriot School
M. Binder	Royal High School
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
M. O'Neill	Police Scotland Fife
P. Starr, Trophy Convenor	Penicuik & District
D. Holbrough	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
S. McQuillan, Music Board	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Cameron	Camelon & District

**Apologies**

M. Reilly, S. Orr RVM, P. Hazzard

**Welcome**

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the April meeting were Proposed and Seconded by Preston Lodge High School and Penicuik & District.

**Treasurer's report:**

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

**Secretary's report**

Nothing to report.

**Director's report:**

M. Brown-Scott gave a report from the meeting held on 28 January 2023.

Pipe Band College - there has been 95 assessments completed.

A request has been made by an adjudicator to meet with the Music Board, this request has been declined by the Directors.

M. Brown-Scott advised that the Music Board currently does not have a convenor, and this could potentially halt all Music Board business until one is found. M. O'Neill has asked why the Director's have taken such a strong stance. J. Hughes explained that this was to try and get some decisions to be made at Music Board Level. S. McQuillan has requested a informal meeting with

the Branch Directors and feedback as to what the underlying issue as to why a convenor will not come forward.

### **Music Board Report**

- The Music Board  
Convenor intimated under correspondence that he had further contacted regarding the realignment of Juvenile bands. The matter was further discussed at both correspondence and AOCB. A proposal from the GWoS Branch was accepted to invite the correspondents from both the January and the meeting prior to speak at the next meeting
- The Annual nomination and elections then proceeded. The MB did not elect a Convenor at this stage and instead wished to progress with a Director as Convenor. The reasons for this were to be made known to the Board of Directors. All other Groups were elected.
- The list of RSPBA Solo Tenor drum judges per the Music Board / Board of Directors 2018 approved list was re-confirmed
- The explainer video for the continuation of the Novice Juvenile B grade static start pilot is still in preparation.
- The new RSPBA Solo Drumming Championship circuit was discussed; A review to take place in November 2023 led by the MB, Two other Affiliated Associations have expressed an interest, All Branches and Affiliated Associations to align on the national branding, entry and announcement approach. The WSD Group have been asked to look at how hosts could advance the "Championship Titles" aspects to cover Juvenile Snare and Adult/Juvenile Tenor with the caveat that this would not affect the entry to the WSD. This will be considered further and is a note at this time.
- Branches to bring back comments for the MB special meeting in February regarding playing requirement proposals.

### **Stewards Report**

All ready for the season. The Branch are assisting with the stewards and compilers for the Scottish Schools Contest.

### **Education Report**

L. Moore has been advised that certificates have been issued for 21 candidates. There had been over 90 exams sat in December with the majority coming from our Branch.

T. Brown from the Pipe Band College has offered to hold a workshop for the branch. A discussion took place and it was felt that this would perhaps be more beneficial to hold at the end of the season. AD&G Branch held a similar workshop 18 months ago, which proved to be very successful. J. Simpson had offered the use of Edinburgh Academy should this progress. L. Moore to get a date for Early October.

L. Moore suggested that the Education Officer should not be the Convenor of The Pipe Band College.

### **Trophy Convenor's Report**

P. Starr, no has all the trophies from Brian and is slowly working through them. L. Moore asked when the trophies should be returned by and J. Hughes advised as a rule of thumb it is normally by the entry closing date.

## **AOCB**

### **Indoors.**

J. Hughes advised that the venue has now been confirmed and that following the feedback request of full band contest for Grade 4A, 4B and 3 the overall consensus was to have full band, this was approved. J. Hughes also advised that we are trying to get the band entries online but the solo entries will be manual.

### **Outdoors.**

J. Hughes advised that Dunbar is now partially funded and is a confirmed date on our calendar.

The British is still a work in progress but will be advised asap.

### **AGM**

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

There are a few proposals of change being submitted for consideration, these are mainly general housekeeping changes. There is a proposal for a second ensemble adjudicator to be introduced.

The Branch is also supporting the nomination of John Hughes as Vice Chairman. S. Starr to email in support of Nomination.

### **Drum Major Workshops**

J. Simpson asked if there was an update, and unfortunately there has been no development on this.

The meeting was closed at 19.22

Next meeting will be 26 February 2023 @ 6pm