

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 25 February 2024**

L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Starr, Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
S. Orr, Chairman	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
I. Simpson	Edinburgh Academy
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
W. Waugh	Camelon & District
J. Gavin	Camelon & District
P. Starr, Trophy Convenor	Penicuik & District
M. Cameron	Camelon & District
M. O'Neill	George Watson's College
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife
K. Reid MM	Police Scotland Fife
M. Reilly	Police Scotland Fife
C. Allan	Livingston Caledonia
G. Dyet	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. McQuillan	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia

Apologies

P. Hazzard

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the November Meeting Proposed by Preston Lodge High School seconded by Livingston Caledonia

Chairman's Report:

S. Orr advised the meeting that following on from John's passing, the branch would need to have a reshuffle of positions on a interim basis. He has proposed that the following Positions will be held and ratified at the AGM in November:-

President	Stewart Orr
Chairman	Paul Starr
Vice Chairman	Gary Dyet

This proposal was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was presented and details are available by request.

Secretary's report

The secretary advised that the entires for the indoors are now live and slowly starting to come in. The branch fees are now set at the increased level following the proposal from the November meeting.

Director's report

P. Starr advised the branch that the five majors have now been secured for the 2024 season and that the AGM order papers have been sent out to all bands. Livingstone Caledonia advised that they hadn't received this, P. Starr advised he will contact HQ to arrange for this to be re-sent.

Music Board Report

To Follow:

I. Simpson asked why the playing requirements for the Majors are the same as last year. S. McQuillan advised that the playing requirements rotate in order of contest and not title. It was noted that potentially the UK Championships could have the same requirements for the next three years. L. Moore has agreed to feed this back to the Music Board.

Education Report

L. Moore advised that the last meeting was 20 January.

There was 134 assessment's completed by branch members in December.

Outdoors

North Berwick High Games have been advised that they can not have the original date of 10 August due to being the day prior European Championship in Perth

Indoors

S. Starr advised that the School is now finally booked. The only issue we had is the use of a PA system. L. Moore advised that he will be able to assist with this.

AOCB

S. Starr asked if the Branch would be willing to submit a trophy in John's Memory. This was agreed unanimously. S. Starr to discuss with HQ where there is a opening.

Next online meeting will be 24 March 2024