

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 24 March 2024**

S. Orr President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Starr, Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
W. Waugh	Camelon & District
J. Gavin	Camelon & District
P. Starr, Chairman	Penicuik & District
M. Cameron	Camelon & District
M. O'Neill	George Watson's College
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
C. Allan	Livingston Caledonia
P. Hazzard	City of Edinburgh
G. Dyet, Vice Chairman	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia

Apologies

I Simpson, J. Simpson, M Binder, S. McQuillan

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated S.Orr on his new Vice-Chairman position following on from the RSPBA AGM.

Minutes

The Minutes of the October Meeting Proposed by George Watson's College and seconded by Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate

Treasurer's report:

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

Secretary's report

S. Starr advised that she had contacted Edinburgh Academy regarding this year's Edinburgh Contest. Unfortunately they are not in a position to hold this event, however they have raised the option of running this with the four other private Schools in Edinburgh which the rector is willing to discuss with the other Head Teachers. S. Starr to confirm that the branch accepts this proposal and look to take this forward.

Director's report

Not much to report, other than the 5 Major Championships have now been secured for the 2024 season.

Music Board Report

There next meeting is 21 April.

Education Report

Nothing to report.

Outdoors

S. Starr advised that NBHG have now confirmed that the date is now going to be 3 August. A proposed layout of the park was also shared. It was agreed that this would be published alongside the contest entry information so that bands are aware.

Indoors

S. Starr advised that we will need as many hands-on deck at the Indoors, due to bigger entries. Everything in place and a note of thanks to Preston Lodge High School for the loan of the PA equipment.

AOCB

S. Orr would like to note his vote of thanks to the Branch following his absence and to G. Dyet for stepping in and assisting with the running of the Scottish Schools Championships

Next Meeting 28 April at 6.00pm online.