

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

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

Apologies

P. Hazzard, S. Orr, M. Reilly

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the October Meeting Proposed by Peebles Ex-Servicemen's and seconded by Livingston Caledonia

Treasurer's report:

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

Secretary's report

S. Starr provided a updated on the progress of the competitions for 2025 season. Unfortunately, the branch received confirmation that North Berwick Highland Games will not be held, this led to a discussion on where to hold the Branch Championships.

A proposal to hold these at Peebles Highland Games from Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate was submitted and seconded by George Watson's College. A vote was held and this was supported unanimously.

Director's report

P. Starr advised that the next BOD meeting on 7 December 2024.

I. Simpson asked if we could confirm what the middle of July would be, unfortunately P. Starr can't but will ask the question and confirm as soon as possible.

S. McQuillan asked if our branch directors can request that the flow of information be consistent.

L. Moore advised that BOD minutes have some points that need clarified as information hasn't been passed on to the relevant committees.

It has been asked for the branch Directors to take back to the BOD that these need to 100% accurate.

Music Board Report

Music Board met on the 16th November- the minutes are being prepared.

Music Board will next meet in January 2025 - date to be confirmed.

Matters ongoing:

The MB discussed fully how their minute of September 14th had been reflected in the Board of Directors minutes of the October meeting: This led to several observations where it was felt corrections were needed.

Juvenile Development Format– this matter remains ongoing. The survey has been passed to the CEO for compiling a draft and issue. This matter has also been chased with the survey being prepared several weeks back.

The Branch Directors have been asked for our Director's to push forward the survey that be sent to the Juvenile bands as soon as possible.

Once the full minute is ready and approved we will Report out more specifically at the next meeting.

Education Report

Pipe Band College had their AGM on 9 November.

L. Moore has asked if we can capture the PM and LD details on the band registration docs. SS to contact web master asking for this to be added to the form.

Exams set for December by various organisations.

L. Moore has also asked if the branches can put forward Geographical Reps.

AOCB

Indoors

Gary and Leslyanne have been to West Lothian College. Gary advised that if you were to ask him if it would work the answer would be no.

TT and GD to work together to approach Inveralmond High School in Livingstone about the possibility of holding the indoors there.

Next online meeting will be 26 January 2025 via Zoom