The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association On Sunday 30 November 2025

L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Starr, Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
I. Simpson	Edinburgh Academy
P. Starr, Chairman	Penicuik & District
M. Brown- Scott	Livingston Caledonia
G. Dyet, Vice Chair	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
W. Waugh	Camelon and District
J. Gavin	Camelon and District
J. Simpson	Boghall and Bathgate Grade 1.
S. Orr	Boghall

Apologies

P. Hazzard, J Venters, M. Reilly, M. O'Neill, S. Mcquillan, M. Binder, L.Moore, W McIntyre, T.Thomson, L Scott, A Scott, C. Allan, M.Swan

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 85th AGM.

Minutes

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM Meeting was Proposed by Camelon and seconded Edinburgh Academy

Treasurer's report:

The Accounts were presented to the meeting. Peebles Ex-Servicemen's and Camelon and District accepted the accounts as a true reflection

Director's report

A very successful season at both national and local level. There will be a decision on the 5th Major early December.

Music Board Report

The Music Board held regular online meetings throughout the year, with the following key activities summarised below:

- **Grading**:
  Numerous grading updates were processed, and notifications were sent to the respective Bands. Bands are reminded that prior to lodging an appeal, they must ensure their registration list is fully updated.

- **2026 Playing Requirements**:
  The Music Board Format Group have been liaising with the Board of Directors via the Chairman to action the timely release of the playing requirements for 2026. The number and list of Championships are required to complete the release.

- **Solo Drumming**:
  The Board of Directors have indicated they wish to progress with the Review previously suggested

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by the Music Board Convenor/Director of the International Drumming Circuit. The dates for 2026 are mostly in place and are unaffected by the review.

- **Tunes Group**:
  The Tunes Group membership is being reviewed following retirals.

- **Information Guides**:
  Updates are being progressed Guides for International Solo Drumming Circuit, Competition Format guide and Drum Majors.

- **Drum Majors:**
  The Board of Directors have indicated that Drum Major competition development is remitted to the MB (an initial reference point is SOR 6.2) and have asked the MB to set up a working Group to review and update the Drum Major content within the Competition Format Guide section 10 and any subsequent SOR's. The Music Board Convenor is tasked with setting the working Group up.

- **WPBC:**
  The Music Board have supported the continuation of the Juvenile Competitions being held on the Friday of the two-day event. Proposals for G2 have been submitted to the Board of Directors

- **Solo Piping**:
  The Format Group wish to keep this proposal for using Championship tiles at Branck level as a live discussion.

- **Band Engagement**
  The Format Group will continue to engage Bands through surveys or forums to gather insights and feedback. This may lead to new projects aligned with the Music Board Format Guide, as approved by the Board of Directors.

I.Simpson has made one observation that at the Solo drumming the adult finalist were not wearing glengarrys. This maybe needs addressed. S. Orr to take back to HQ to address further.

W. Waugh asked if the easement in numbers is being looked at. P.Starr advised this is being brought to the AGM in March

Trophy Convener's Report

Thanks were given to all Bands that had returned all trophies prior to any contests.

The dates for the return of trophies will be advised in due course.

P. Starr advised that his term as Trophy Convener comes to an end after next season, and he is looking to stand down from this role. We will be looking for a trophy convenor for 2027.

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Elections

President	S. Orr,
Vice Chair	G. Dyet,
Music Board	S. McQuillan Drumming
Committee	W. Waught
	J. Gavin
	C. Reid
	K. Reid
	P. Hazzard

Honoraria

A discussion was had and it is to remain as same as 2025.

Branch Fees

Adult Bands - A proposal of £100 if paid early and £150 if paid after agreed date.

Novice and Juvenile Bands - A proposal of £80 if paid early and £120 if paid after agreed date.

£15 of the branch fee to the education fund.

Proposed by Peebles Ex-Servicemen and Seconded by People's Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia

Appointment of Auditors

We are looking to appoint two members from the committee to complete the audit of the accounts, S. Starr and S. Orr have agreed to complete the audit.

AOCB

I Simpson would just like to thank every one for all the support over the years he has been involved with the Branch. S. Orr advised a vote of thanks for Iain's service.

No Further questions the meeting was closed at 16.20

Next meeting will be 30 November immediately after the AGM

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