

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
On 22 February 2026**

L.A. Riad, Treasurer  
S. Starr, Secretary  
P. Starr, Chairman  
M. Brown-Scott  
M. O'Neill  
C. Allan  
M.Reilly  
M. Binder  
E. Scott  
S. Schembri

Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia  
Peebles Ex-Servicemen's  
Penicuik & District  
Livingston Caledonia  
George Watsons College  
Livingston Caledonia  
Police Scotland Fife  
Preston Lodge High School  
Peebles Ex-Servicemen's  
City of Edinburgh

**Apologies**

S. Orr MVO RVM, G. Dyet, T. Thompson, S. McQuillan

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the January Meeting was Proposed by Livingston Caledonia and Seconded by Police Scotland Fife

**Treasurer's report:**

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

**Secretary's report**

S Starr advised that the adjudicators had been allocated for the Indoors and Scottish Solo Drumming. We again had been allocated a Drumming from Northern Ireland. M O'Neil expressed his dissatisfaction on the fact that we have been given an adjudicator from Northern Ireland for a second year running.

**Director's report**

The minutes from the last meeting have not been published as of yet and will reported on as soon as they have. M. O'Neil raised that this was the second month in succession that there had not been a director's report provided to the meeting. P.Starr advised that the minutes have not been circulated following these meetings. M. Brown-Scott has advised that this will be chased and a summary circulated to all branch bands.

**Music Board Report**

The Music Board had only met the day previous and the report will be provided at the March meeting.

**Trophie Report**

All bands have been contacted to advise on the process for returning of the trophies and should be received by no later than 27 February.

## **AOCB**

### **Indoors**

S. Starr advised that this would be the last meeting prior to the indoor event.

A discussion was held on the cost of entry and programmes, the following had been agreed:-

Programmes £2

Adult £5 Concession £3

M. O'Neill advised that we could look into the potential of creating the programme and having these available as a QR code. S.Starr advised that for that to work you require the school to have a decent mobile signal, which was poor last year.

S. Schembri suggested the possibility of emailing to all bands the draw and then it would be up to the individuals to print. S. Starr advised that we had trialled that the first year back after covid and spectators were still coming asking to purchase a programme.

L. Riad asked the meeting if we could purchase a secondary sum up terminal to allow us to have one for the raffle and one for the door to save running between two locations, this was agreed.

Next Meeting Online. 29 March 2026