

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 29th April 2018**

J. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary	City of Edinburgh
A. Dalziel, Vice Chairman	Craigmount
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B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
M. Binder, Reporter	Stockbridge
V. McMorran	Glencorse
W. Dalziel	Craigmount
G. Cameron	Camelon and District
E. Todd	Denny & Dunipace Gleneagles
D. Todd	Denny & Dunipace Gleneagles
D. Brand	Newtongrange
S. Easton	Wallacestone & District
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. McLaughlan	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
C. Ferguson	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Apologies: S. Orr, I. Simpson, S. McDonald, M. O'Neill,

Welcome:

John Hughes took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 25th February were approved by Denny and Dunipace Gleneagles and seconded by Craigmount.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

Nothing to report other than everything was going well and entries were coming in for the start of the season.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report, details available from the secretary by request.

Directors report:

The Board met yesterday. The Finance Committee put forward proposals for the last 2 majors for 2019. Venues and dates should be announced next week.

The Adjudicator Panel will put forward a working group to look at the difference in positions of some bands. A number of sheets are being looked at to form a code of conduct report.

A formal list of instructors and assessors for the PDG have been checked.

Headquarters Premises

Headquarters will be moving out of their premises on 11th May and will move back once all work has been completed.

All historic items will be retained and it is hoped that a display will be created to show these items.

Music Board

A questionnaire will be going out to all grade, grade 4A and grade 3A bands regarding the playing requirements for these grades and discussions will held with member bands.

No decision has been made yet regarding proposals to have a second drumming or ensemble adjudicator.

Worlds – A proposal has been made to have the novice juvenile and juvenile bands playing on the Friday of the worlds, this would free up the adult tutors to concentrate on their own performances on the Saturday.

The last issue of the Pipe Band Magazine is the last issue to be printed and this will only be published online.

Stewards Report:

Donald Brand is retiring from his stewards position, Thanks was given for his efforts over the years.

Education

Work is ongoing with the list of instructors and assessors. All courses must be run through branches and directors.

Trophies:

Everything is ready to go for Dunbar and West Lothian Highland Games.

Outdoor Contests:

Entries for West Lothian Highland Games is very disappointing

Edinburgh are still working towards getting a headline sponsor. Talks are ongoing for a procession from the Mound, this would be for novice and juvenile bands only.

There is a change to the parking at North Berwick for officials, and directions will be given on arrival at the park.

Drum majors will get wristbands again this season to ensure their entry into the venues.

AOCB:

Cowal Trophies have not to be returned to headquarters, Cowal committee have asked that all trophies are returned to them.

Where A and B grades play in the same contest, points will be awarded to both A and B bands for the branch champion of champion tables.

Meeting closed 19.05

Next meeting 30th September