

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 28th April 2019**

John Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Orr, Chairman	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
A. Dalziel, Vice Chairman	Wallacestone and District
A. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
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W. Dalziel	Wallacestone and District
G. Cameron	Camelon and District
D. Martin	Scottish Fire & Rescue
C. Reid	Scottish Fire and Rescue Gd 2
L.A. Riad	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
M. Brown-Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue
E. Todd	Denny and Dunipace Gleneagles
D. Todd	Denny and Dunipace Gleneagles
E. Orr	Stockbridge Pipe Band
A. Lynch	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
M. Clark	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
O. Brownlie	Scottish Fire and Rescue
E. Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
M. Binder	Royal High Pipe Band
M. O'neill	George Watson's College

Apologies I. Simpson

Minutes

The Minutes of the March Meeting were Proposed by Royal High and Seconded by Wallacestone and District.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

The Indoors went well although the entries were down considerably. Entries for the outdoor contests are coming in now.

There was a discussion on the Indoors where it was said that we should try and avoid the Easter holidays for future years as this was the reason for the entries being as low as they were this year. The Proposed date for 2020 is the 28th March.

Treasurer's report:

Our Treasurer gave her report, details are available from our secretary by request.

Directors report:

Building work on Headquarters advancing rapidly and funding for this is ongoing

The Facebook page should be up and running in the next week or so.

There was a discussion on Higher to Lower Transfers.

The new registration system is progressing well, new software will follow registrations more efficiently.

At this years Worlds all bands will play all four sets over two days and all performances will count towards the final results. If there are more than 17 Bands then this may revert back to the same format as last year with qualifying on the Friday.

Music Board Report

This was the last meeting prior to the start of the season.

Kevin Reilly will continue to chair the meetings and will also administrate to the Gradings Committee.

Pipe Band College – New theory papers have been put on hold and it is hoped that they will be out this year.

Pipe Band Studies 2 will be on from October 2019 to March 2020.

DM Heather Finlay has given a presentation to the Music Board. There will be two semi finals at this years worlds with six in the final.

There will be a review of The World Solo Drumming qualifying to increase the entries and also increase the quality.

S. McQuillan has been tasked with work on the tenor drumming symbols Gradings, there has been an unprecedented number of higher to lower transfers.

Adjudicator Management board talked through proposals and had a discussion on putting the results up as they happen on the Friday so bands know how they have performed as there will be no critique sheets on the Friday.

There will be a separate draw Friday and Saturday

Stewards Report

Alex thanked all the stewards for their efforts at the Indoors. We will try and get more stewards for next years contest and it may be possible to get some help from the pupils of The James Young High School.

We are looking for support in loading and unloading the van at this years majors. There was a discussion on using buggies to get the tents etc from the arenas to the van.

Education

Summer School will be held at the Gaelic College this year again.

Trophies

All trophies are ready for Dunbar.

It is hoped that the William Fergusson Contest will be able to go back to Headquarters, but the contest is still with the Branch as the last winning branch.

Four new trophies have been purchased for Grade 4B at the Indoors.

Outdoor Contests

Dunbar, Funding for this contest has still to be confirmed but the contest will still go ahead.

Inverkeithing, waiting on decision on contest format and grades.

The Annan contest will not conflict with any of the Branch contests and they have asked for support by our Web Site.

Indoor Contest:

Thanks for everyones help. The First Aid cover was covered for a charitable donation

Meeting Closed 18.50, next meeting will be 29th September