

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 24 April 2021**

S.Orr RVM, Chairman	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
J. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
L.A. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
S. Starr, Minute Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
M. Brown-Scott, Director	Scottish Fire & Rescue
S. McQuillan, Music Board	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
I. Simpson, Music Board	George Watson's College
M. Binder, Social Media	Royal High
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
G. Dyet, Chief Steward	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
L. Moore, Education	Preston Lodge High School
W. Dalziel	Wallacestone & District
V. McMorrان	Glencorse
J. McKenna	Scottish Fire & Rescue
M. Watters	Scottish Fire & Rescue
C. Reid	Police Scotland Fife
K. Reid MM	Police Scotland Fife
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
M. Cameron	Camelon & District
M. Reiley	Police Scotland Fife

Apologies

E.Scott

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the March Meeting Proposed by Police Scotland Fife and seconded by Royal High

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising from the March minutes

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer gave her report and details are available by request.

Secretary's report

There was nothing to report.

Director's report:

Director's meeting was held on 17 March.

There was a note of concern raised by AMPB in relation to the Novice Bands playing up.

The final two majors of the 2021 season have been cancelled.

The Re-start presentation has been sent to all adjudicators.

There will be a media policy put in place and circulated to all in due course.

Steward's Report

G. Dyet has asked for a date to be arranged to inspect all tents and equipment, to ensure we are equipped for the next season. G. Dyet, K. Reid and S. Orr RVM to facilitate.

Education Board

Email went out to all bands advising that we were hoping to run the PDQB course level's 3 and 4. There has been over 40 notes of interest and this was split over 4 or 5 bands. An information evening is planned for 1 May.

The course will run on Wednesday Evenings from 7pm.

The Branch will cover the cost of tutor's time and contribute to the costs of the exam fee for participants on lower incomes or who request financial assistance.

Music Board Report

As Kevin Reilly is now Chairman of the RSPBA, Music Board need a new Convenor. This will be either an elected Music Board member or one of the Directors with responsibility for the Music Board.

International Meeting with affiliated Associations.

Very productive informal conference meeting with partners worldwide to discuss various issues encountered due to the pandemic. PDQB Exams were discussed and how to access info etc.

Format Group - Project Restart Strategy

This was an idea that came from Format Group to kick start some sort of activities in the RSPBA due to lack of competition for the bands. A presentation was made to the Music Board and Board of Directors and was well received. A brief statement has been put on the RSPBA on website.

Its main focus will be to build confidence amongst individuals and bands, encouraging solos/groups/bands to get back to safe playing for enjoyment.

The activities could include: -

Festival type activity, Seminars, Recitals, Performances, play for feedback

These events could take place in the summer leading to WS Drumming event in October and "UK Indoor Competition" to be held in February 2022.

More details will follow in due course. M. Binder, L. Moore and S. Orr RVM have agreed to attend the re-start seminar on behalf of the branch.

Trophy Convenor Report

Nothing to report, as we are currently in Lockdown the bands have not been asked to return the trophies.

Branch Contests

Bridge of Allan have been kept fully update of current guidelines and have advised that it is not practical to hold the contest this year.

Peebles Highland Games, have still not made a decision at the moment.

AOCB

M. Cameron asked if there had been any further guidance on outdoor practise commencing. J. Hughes advised that the current guidance was suggesting that outdoor practise could commence on 17 May but with limited numbers.

Meeting Closed 18.34

Next online meeting will be 27 June 2021 at 6.00pm