

The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Beechwood Bowling Club, Edinburgh, on Sunday 26th February 2006

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| <u>Present:</u> | J.Hughes, Chairman | Linlithgow & District |
| | W.McMorran, Secretary | Glencorse |
| | G.Purves | Torphichen & Bathgate |
| | N.Purves | Torphichen & Bathgate |
| | S.Hazzard | Newtongrange |
| | P.Hazzard | Newtongrange |
| | A.Hazzard | Newtongrange |
| | V.McMorran | Glencorse |
| | J.McNeill | Dunbar RBL |
| | A. Lyon | Tweedvale |
| | T.Colquhoun | Tranent & District |
| | D.Brand | Newtongrange |

Apologies: J.Brand, G.Craig, I.Simpson, T.M.Clarke.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2006 were approved by Tranent & District and seconded by Dunbar RBL.

Matters arising:

The names of the missing trophies are to be posted on the Branch website. They are the Ventlaw Trophy, Tweed Trophy, White Stone Trophy and the Watson Dalgleish Shield. Any band holding these trophies are asked to contact the Trophy Convenor.

National Council has refused permission to Innerleithen to hold a MAP contest at their competition.

The 2007 Major Championships are still not on the RSPBA website.

Secretary's report:

A letter has been received from Cupar Highland Games concerning the wrong placing/trophy given to Stockbridge Pipe Band. The National Council is to take this on board.

Invoices are to be sent to the sponsors of each Branch contest before the contests take place. Preferably at the start of the season. This will give a fixed price for each contest and should assist the sponsors with their costing. The format of these invoices was discussed with various designs shown.

The Branch Indoor Contest will take place in **Peebles High School on Saturday 22nd April**. Tweedvale and St Ronan's had said that they would organise the catering at this contest.

Sponsors for each grade are being asked for also raffle prizes.

Some Branch bands have not paid their fees to RSPBA. These need to be paid if bands wish to play at the Branch indoor contest and the Branch outdoor contests.

New headed paper for the Branch was discussed and samples shown.

The Structured Learning exams will take place in Peebles High School.

Treasurer's report:

This report appears on a separate sheet. Copies might be had on application to the Branch Secretary.

National Council report:

A complaint from the North of Scotland branch concerning two major championships to be held out with Scotland in 2008.

A proposal for fines for late payment of RSPBA fees is to come into force in 2008.

There was discussion on the proposed changes of rules for the forthcoming RSPBA AGM.

The World Championships are now registered, with the RSPBA, as a trade mark.

The BBC are to record the World Championships.

Various councils are trying for future championships.

This years World Championships are the 60th and commemorative medals are to be presented.

There is a lack of Stewards for this coming season.

George Ussher had been re-elected as President of the Association for another three years.

A weekend course for Drum Majors adjudicators is to take place in April.

West Dumbartonshire has asked that the tune, 100 pipers, be played at the massed bands at Dumbarton this year.

Music Board report:

There has been no meeting of the Music Board.

Education report:

All is going well with fifteen students taking part.

Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with the trophies.

A.O.C.B.:

The Disclosure Scotland was discussed. Any band wishing or needing any information on this are urged to contact Disclosure Scotland on www.scottishexecutive.gov.uk or telephone 0131 622 8283 or 0131 622 8258.

On the subject of late entries for Drum Majors at Branch contests it was said that no late entries on the day would be accepted. Promoters would be asked if they wished a contest to go ahead if there were just a few competitors. It was said that entry forms will appear on the Branch website.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 2nd April 2006 in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, at 6.00 pm.

Donald Brand