

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Polbeth Village Hall, Polbeth
On Sunday 27th January 2019**

John Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Dalziel, Vice Chairman	Wallacestone and District
A. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary	City of Edinburgh
M. Binder, Reporter	Stockbridge
V. McMorran	Glencorse
I. Simpson	George Warson's College NJB
W. Dalziel	Wallacestone and District
G. Cameron	Camelon and District
D. Martin	Scottish Fire & Rescue
T. Thomson	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
C. Reid	Scottish Fire and Rescue Gd 2
E. Scott	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia

Apologies E. Todd, D. Todd, LA. Riad, O. Brownlie, M. Clarke, M. O'Neill

Welcome:

In the absence of our Chairman Our President took the chair.

Minutes

The Minutes of the November Meeting were Proposed by Royal High School and Seconded by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

Nothing to report

Treasurer's report:

In the absence of our treasurer John Hughes gave the report, Details are available from our secretary by request.

Funding has been secured for the Edinburgh contest.

Directors report:

There will be an Overseas Qualifier for the Adult Solo Drumming in Newark in February.

There are no requirements for rule changes at this years AGM.

Work on the new registration system has been put on hold until the GDPR legalities have been checked. When completed band secretaries will be able to check their own band registrations before a contest.

Work has started on the refurbishment of headquarters, the first thing done was to remove the asbestos from the building. Work is ongoing to try and secure funding to offset the cost of the refurbishment.

John Noble is to present proposals for the Drum Majors final to the Music Board.

Music Board Report

88% were against having the Juvenile and Novice Juvenile playing on the Friday at the Worlds.

There was some discussion on realigning various grades grades, the proposals were grades 1 and 2 would remain the same, grades 3a and 3b could be merged grade 4a would remain and the top half of grade 4b would remain the same but the bottom half of grade 4b would make up a development grade. This would help bands who are struggling.

2019 Worlds if there are less than 18 grade 1 bands we would have no need for qualifying heats and we could get through every grade on one day. Alternatively it would be possible to have the Grade 1 MSR on the Friday and the Medley contest on the Saturday.

The Music board are happy that there may be no qualifying for grades 3a, 3b, and grade 2 if number of entries allow this.

All re-gradings are on the website.

Stewards Report

We are providing 2 stewards for the Scottish Schools Contest to control the final tuning rooms.

Allocation sheets for 2019 majors will be out soon.

Education

W.McIntyre has had a meeting regarding education

Trophies

There has been a request to have a trophy at North Berwick to commemorate Keith Westhead who has recently passed away.

Outdoor Contests

Dunbar - 11th May and all grades will be represented

Inverkeithen is the day before Bridge of Allan.

North Berwick – The Branch will pay all prize money for the confined contest. As we will only have 2 arenas this year we may have to stop bands playing up at this contest due to time constraints

Peebles – 7th September We will have a meeting with Chris Paterson and Steve Matthews and hopefully all issues at last years contest will be resolved.

Innerleithen – 14th September The mix up with prize money at last years contest has been rectified.

Indoor Contest:

We are still waiting on confirmation of the cost for the hire of the school. Entry fee for solo events have been set at £5.00 per entry with the Adult Solo Drumming entry being £10.

AOCB

We currently have 33 fully paid up branch bands.

The Scottish Schools Championship will be held on the 10th March.7

Meeting closed 19.00

Next Meeting 24th February