

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 2nd April 2006

<u>Present:</u>	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow & District
	G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	W.McMorran, Secretary	Glencorse
	G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	D.Brand	Newtongrange
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	P.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	T.Colquhoun	Tranent & District
	J.McNeill	Dunbar RBL
	A.Dalziel	Polkemmet
	S.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	A.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
	C.McLuckie	Bo'ness RBL
	I. Simpson	George Watson's College

Apologies: J.Brand, J.Semple.

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th February 2006 were approved by Newtongrange and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

A letter was received from Tom Clarke resigning from the Branch as a Steward. This was due to work commitments.

The adjudicators for the forthcoming Branch Indoor Contest are I.Roddick, A.Cook, W.Drysdale, A.Goodal and W.Black.

Treasurer's report:

There was no report.

National Council report:

There was no report.

Music Board report:

There was no report.

Education report:

The Structured Learning exams have taken place. There were 14 Elementary and 1 Intermediate candidates. All seemed to have gone well.

Trophy Convenor's report:

The medals for the forthcoming Branch Indoor Contest have been ordered. Trophies are starting to come in.

A.O.C.B.:

Stewards are urgently required for the Branch Indoor Contest. There are plenty of rooms available for the bands in Peebles High School. Tweedvale and St Ronans are to do the catering on the day. Raffle prizes are asked for.

A public meeting was held in the Edinburgh Arts Centre on 1st April by the Culture & Leisure department of Edinburgh City Council. There was general discussion on piping within the city. The RSPBA was one of the interested parties there. At present there is only one piping instructor for all of Edinburgh. Any decision on what the outcome of the meeting will be will have to wait until it has been decided upon by the District Council.

It was asked if the Branch could sustain another outdoor contest. It was said that this would depend on a number of factors i.e. date, sponsor etc.

Concern was raised about some contests being a fair distance to travel. In 2008 there will be contests in Birmingham and in Northern Ireland. It was asked if the RSPBA took into consideration the costs for the bands to travel to these venues when they choose the venues. This is to be brought up at the next National Council meeting.

A Drum Major Adjudicators course will take place on 22nd April. There will be a pilot placing system this year at the minor contests and a points system at the Majors.

Alex Dalziel is to become Assistant Chief Steward with the RSPBA.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 30th April 2006 at Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh at 6.00 pm.

Donald Brand