

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 30th November 2014**

Present:

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| J. Hughes, Chairman | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| A. Dalziel, Vice Chair | Craigmount Caledonia |
| A. Hazzard, Secretary | Bo'ness |
| W. Dalziel | Craigmount Caledonia |
| P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary | Bo'ness |
| G. Purves | Torphichen & Bathgate |
| N. Purves | Torphichen & Bathgate |
| V. McMorrان | Glencorse |
| I. Simpson | George Watson's College Juv |
| M. O'Neill | George Watson's College N/J |
| W. McCafferty | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |

Apologies: S. Orr, J. Barnes, LJ Barnes, LA Hughes, B. McMorrان.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th October were approved by George Watson's College Juv and seconded by George Watson's Junior.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report:

The Dunfermline contest will not take place in 2015, however the Branch will assist in a new contest at Burntisland on 18th July and also a new contest at Berwick on Tweed on the 21st June.

Secretary's report:

As per the AGM

Treasurer's report:

As per the AGM.

Directors report:

As per the AGM.

There was a letter from one of the Adjudicators at the Worlds saying that he did not have enough room to get to the back of the bands due to the public being too close.

The Child Protection Policy has been issued for review.

Music Board report:

The New 4 parted marches for Grade 4 have been added to the list of tunes and new 4 parted Strathspeys and Reels will be introduced for 2016.

Education, there have been 70 examinations over several levels.

Last minute transfer of players has been discussed and this has also been discussed by the working group looking at Registration. A change of rule has been proposed for the Association AGM to try to remedy this.

Gradings.

George Heriot's School successfully appealed the re-grading of their Novice band to Juvenile. George Watson's College also successfully appealed the re-grading of their Novice band to Juvenile.

Cockenzie and Port Seton Pipe Band have registered as a grade 4 band.

Trophies:

We still require a Trophy Convenor. Various options have been discussed and bands may be asked to return trophies to a Branch Meeting.

During January, the Chairman and Secretary will compose an email to all Bands who have trophies from Branch contests to advise them of the change of process.

Steward's report:

As per the AGM

Education report:

As per the AGM

Indoor Contest:

The indoor contest will be held on the 28th March and following feedback, will include a full band contest in place of the mini bands. We will trial this for 2015 and take feedback from the bands. The limitation of the venue may mean that 'playing up' in the band contest may not be feasible.

Meeting Closed 17.45

Next Meeting Sunday 25th January at 6.00pm