

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 24th November 2019**

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I. Simpson, Music Board	George Watson's College Novice Juvenile A + B
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G. Cameron	Camelon and District
Kevin Reid	RSPBA
Willie McIntyre	George Heriot's School
Christine Reid	Scottish Fire and Rescue
Elizabeth Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue

Apologies: D. Martin, S. Starr, P. White, E. Orr, E. Hanratty

Minutes

The Minutes of the October Meeting were Proposed by Police Scotland Fife and George Watson's College.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

There was a discussion on the response from bands regarding Format of the indoor contest for Grade 4 a new email will be sent out requesting a response in time for the January meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Payments for all 2019 contests are in.

Directors report:

There has not been a directors meeting and the next meeting will be on the 7th December 2019.

At the next meeting there will be a discussion on which Articles of Association will go forward to the AGM.

There was a discussion on the publication of lower places at the indoor contests and it was said that this was not always encouraging for the competitors who finished in the lower places. There will be further discussion on this at our January meeting and a decision will be made as to which places will be published.

Music Board Report

There has been some correspondence regarding the Juvenile 5 event at the World Solo Drumming asking for clarification on how adjudicators preference is decided when 2 competitors are tied. This has been passed to the Adjudicators Panel Management Board.

The only director present at this meeting was Kevin Reilly.

There was some discussion on transfers and player history, information on players history of members for the last 5 years would be helpful.

New Flourishing symbols have now been devised and it is hoped that bands will adopt these symbols and help keep everything uniform.

Pipe Band College, more than 180 members will be attending courses or sitting exams.

There was some discussion on the training for tenor drumming adjudicators and how this could be progressed.

The Summer School will take place at Headquarters in August.

Grade Realignment Project, it has been proposed that there is the introduction of a grade 5 however there may possibly be funding problems for this. It has been asked that clear guidelines be prepared.

2019 Majors, the playing order of bands were swapped in some grades and it was said that after the grade starts there should be no changes to the playing order and that all requests to change should be dealt with prior to the grade starting.

Discussion on the moving of venues for the Novice A and B and juvenile grades for the UK Championships will be taken to the board of directors. It was said that there may be contractual obligations which have to be met.

Stewards Report

Nothing to report.

Education

It was said that novice and development bands could benefit from a stationery start in the arena to help players starting out by eliminating the need to march into the circle whilst playing.

Trophies

Nothing to report

AOCB

Proposed Branch Contests

Indoors 28th March Confirmed
Dunbar 16th May funding discussions ongoing
West Lothian No contest
Innerleithen 6th June to be confirmed
Edinburgh Sunday 20th June Confirmed
Burntisland 18th July
North Berwick 8th August Confirmed, Branch to pay
confined prize money
Peebles Confirmed

Scottish Schools Contest 8th March Kilmarnock

There was some discussion on introducing a grade 1 contest to Innerleithen as this date is the week before a major.

The timing at this years Peebles contest was tight for getting the bands down the street

Meeting Closed 17.00pm.
Next meeting will be 26th January at 6pm