

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 24 September 2023**

J. B. Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
LA. Riad, Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
S. Orr RVM, Chairman	Royal Scott Dragoon Guards
S. Starr, Secretary	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's
S. McQuillan, Music Board	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
I. Simpson	George Watson's College
L. Moore, Music Board	Preston Lodge High School
W. Waugh	Camelon & District
J. Gavin	Camelon & District
W. McIntyre	George Heriot School
P. Starr, Trophy Convenor	Penicuik & District
M. Cameron	Camelon & District
M. O'Neill	George Watson's College

Apologies

P. Hazzard, G. Dyet, C Reid, K. Reid MM, D. Holbrough, M Binder.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April Meeting Proposed by Penicuik & District and seconded by Boghall & Bathgate

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was presented and details are available by request. The books are now closed and will be submitted for auditing.

Secretary's report

Thanked everyone for all the help during the 2023 season and that everything appeared to have ran well.

Director's report:

S. Orr advised that the 2023 season went well. We were also advised that M. Brown-Scott has resigned from his position as Director, which has resulted in a vacant post within the branch. S. Orr has advised that P. Starr has offered to stand, and will be included in the Nomination Papers that will be sent to the band in November.

Majors 2024

The Scottish will be held the last Saturday in July and the Worlds will be held on 16 & 17 August. The remaining three contests will be advised in due course.

I. Simpson had proposed that there be an inclusion of a major the weekend prior to the worlds. J. Hughes explained that this may have an effect on some of the local branch contests already in place but would explore the proposal.

Music Board Report

S. McQuillan advised that they have still to meet.

World Solo Drumming Group are looking to review the qualifying circuit following the 2023 season. Most dates have been confirmed for 2024 events, there has also been the proposal of a Champion of Champion award.

Education Report

L. Moore advised that the Pipe Band College had met last weekend and there is nothing new to report.

L. Moore also advised that there had been a brilliant uptake to the Education Weekend that was due to take place. This is being held at Edinburgh Academy and will start at 9.30 each day.

Trophy Convener's Report

All trophies were returned prior to the contests bar one, which we are still working to locate. This will be returned to the winning band as soon as received.

AOCB

Indoors.

The date for next years contest will be 30 March 2024. J. Hughes to liaise with James Young High School to facilitate the booking.

Outdoors.

J. Hughes advised that at the moment the dates have not been arranged due to awaiting the confirmation of the remaining Major Championships.

Championship Parking

M. O'Neill has asked if the cost of the bus parking at the majors can be looked into. The Scottish Championships was the dearest coach parking of the year. S. Starr has also asked if discussion with Glasgow Life can take place to see if a wrist band for the driver could be included with all bus passes.

Major Championships – Juvenile Grade

M. O'Neill has asked the branch to put a proposal forward that the Juvenile Grade at all Major's are held on the Mainland. The proposal comes from the bands that continue to enter the grade are all from Scotland.

World Pipe Band Champions

S.Orr has asked for the minutes to include a congratulations to Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia for their triumphant in winning World Championship this year.

The meeting was closed at 18.45

Next online meeting will be 29 October 2023 at 6pm