

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Community Hall, Bellsquarry, on
Sunday 25th November
2018**

Band representatives present:

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| J. Hughes, Chairman | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| L.A. Riad, Treasurer | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate |
| Caledonia A. Dalziel, Vice Chair | Craigmount Caledonia |
| A. Hazzard, Secretary | City of Edinburgh |
| P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary | City of Edinburgh |
| W. Dalziel | Craigmount Caledonia |
| D. Brand | Newtongrange |
| V. McMorrان | Glencorse |
| I. Simpson | George Watson's College Novice Juvenile A + B |
| M. O'Neill | George Watson's College Juvenile & Police Scotland Fife |
| M. Binder | Stockbridge |
| T. Thomson | Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia |
| S. Orr | Royal Scots Dragoon Guards |
| Brian Watt | Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia |
| Douglas Martin | Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Olly Brownlie | Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Michael Clark | Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| George Cameron | Camelon and District |
| Ewan Orr | Craigmount |
| Kevin Reid | RSPBA |
| Willie McIntyre | George Heriot's School |
| Christine Reid | Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Elisabeth Scott | Scottish Fire and Rescue |

Apologies:

P. White, S. Easton, S. McDonald, M. Reilly, S. Starr, P. Starr

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the 78th AGM of the Lothian & Borders Branch.

The Awards for the Branch Loyalty Scheme were announced as follows

- 1st Camelon attended 8 Contests
- 2nd Davidson's Mains and District attended 7 contests
- 3rd Davidson's Mains and District Jun attended 6 contests
- 4th Equal Stockbridge Grade 3 and 4 attended 5 contests

Minutes of the 2016 AGM:

The minutes of the 2017 A.G.M. were read and formally adopted by Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia and seconded by Craigmount

Matters Arising:

Any matters arising were dealt with under the relevant reports.

Secretary's Report:

This year has been another successful year for the Branch and I would like to congratulate all bands who were successful at both Local and Major competitions. I would also like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Treasurer's

Report:

Our Treasurer gave her report and any questions asked were answered satisfactorily. Details are available from the secretary by request.

There was some discussion on the website costs and PayPal costs.

Directors Report:

We done well with the weather last season.

2018 was the last season for Forres and Belfast venues for the European and UK Championships.

World Solo Drumming, the changes to the new format have been well received. There is a possibility that the qualifying for next years Adult Final might be the same as the WSD final.

2019 British championships will either be held at St. James Playing Fields or Renfrew park.

The 2019 UK championship will move to Lurgan, the bands have been advised to use the same accommodation they use for Belfast and travel to the venue in the morning.

The 2019 European championship will move to Inverness

The 2019 Scottish championship will be at Dumbarton and there will be a change to the catering arrangements for officials.

Worlds – Glasgow, this even will be the 3rd last Saturday of August so will be later when there are 5 Saturdays in the month

Music Board Report:

The World Solo Drumming will continue with the adult regional qualifiers

Grade 4B the bands are happy with the current playing criteria.

A questionnaire will go out to all Novice A and B bands for their thoughts on playing on the Friday at the Worlds.

A Group has been set up to look at the whole grading structure

This years Summer School was a success but going forward the time may be reduced.

There have been numerous additions to the prescribed list, if bands wish they can suggest tunes to be added and this will be looked at by the Music Board.

Drum scores have been added to the website but these are intended as a guide and it is not compulsory to use them.

Branches have been asked to provide 1 piping and 1 drumming representatives who hold at least Piping and Drumming level 6 certification to the Music Board.

Stewards Report:

There is not much to report but there have been more applications to become a steward.

Education Report:

Not much to report

Trophy Convenors Report: There is nothing to report

Elections:

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| President | John Hughes | Unanimous Elected Annually |
| Secretary | Ann Hazzard | Unanimous 3 yrs |
| Director | Douglas Martin | Unanimous 3 yrs |
| Director | Malcolm Brown-Scott | Unanimous 3 yrs |
| Music Board | Piping Iain Simpson | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Music Board | Drumming Mick O'Neill..... | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Committee | Christine Reid | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Committee | Kevin Reid | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Committee | Wilma Dalziel | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Committee | Olly Brownlie | Unanimous 3yrs |
| Magazine Reporter | Michael Binder | Unanimous 3 yrs |

Honoraria:

It was decided that the Honoraria for this year will be as follows

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| Secretary | £600 |
| Treasurer | £600 |
| Minute Secretary | £350 |
| Trophy Convenor | £350 |

Book of Eminence:

It has been decided that we will move this online and we will look at entries for George Purvis and Bill McMorran

Branch Fees:

Branch fees for 2018/2019 have been set at:

£80 including Education Fee for Adult Bands if paid prior to the 2018 AGM and £100 including education fee if paid after the 2018 AGM.

£60 including Education Fee for Juvenile bands if paid prior to the 2017 AGM and £80 including education fee if paid after the 2018 AGM.

Adoption of Auditors:

It was suggested that Euan Orr could possibly audit our accounts.

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Dates for Branch Meetings

January 27th

February 24th

March 31st

April 28th

September 29th

November 24 AGM followed by our monthly meeting.

Outdoor Contests:

Dunbar -Funding has been applied for and is ongoing.

West Lothian - There will be no contest for the next two years.

Edinburgh -This contest has been confirmed for 2019.

Burntisland -If funding cannot be found for this contest the contest will not go ahead.

Bridge of Allan -This contest has been confirmed.

North Berwick -Confirmed but North Berwick cannot continue to fund the confined contests.

Peebles -This contest has been confirmed.

Innerleithen -This contest has been confirmed.

It was asked if Alex and Stewart could be involved with the meetings with promoters and this was agreed.

It was asked if meetings with promoters could take place prior to the contests and this was agreed.

It was said that all contest information should be shared with all Office Bearers

There was a question regarding the allocation of points for the Branch Champion of Champions if there were only 5 contests and it was agreed that if there were only 5 contests the points earned from each contest would be counted.

There being no more business the meeting was closed.