

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh,  
On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

<u>Present:</u>	W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders police
	A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	LA, Oubbaith, Treasurer	Linlithgow
	W.Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
	D.Brand, Minute Secretary	Newtongrange
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	S.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	L.McLaughlin	Craigmount High School
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police

Apologies: J.Brand, C.McLuckie, I. Simpson

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> march 2010 were approved by Newtongrange and seconded by Bo'ness.

Matters arising:

A new printer for the branch has been purchased.

Secretary's report:

All is going well for the Dunbar and Bathgate contests.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer gave her report. Details are available from the Branch secretary upon request.

National Council report:

No meeting has taken place.

#### Music Board report:

At the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April some grading issues were resolved. The only band affecting the branch was Stockbridge 4B. This is a new band.

Registration was discussed also individual membership cards.

There will be no split in grades 4A or 4B at Dumbarton.

Students of the SQA will only receive word letting them know whether they have achieved or not achieved. Students can write to the SQA for individual results.

The summer school will be held in Glasgow Academy starting 19<sup>th</sup> July.

At Bridge of Allan grade 4 and Novice Juvenile bands will not be allowed to play up.

A tenor drumming contest planned for the week before the World Solo Drumming championship will not take place.

There are some adjudicator problems with the World solo Drumming championship. The Adjudicators Management Panel is looking into this.

Questionnaires have been sent to all grade 1 bands for the 2011 Worlds.

#### Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with trophies.

An outstanding fine has been paid.

#### Steward's report:

There were no problems for the stewards at Peebles.

#### Education report:

42 pipers took part in PDQB and all passed. Sixteen drummers took part and three failed.

It was said that all branches charge different fees.

Availability of grants is to be investigated.

#### Indoor contest at Peebles:

The Red Cross failed to turn up.

A problem with a competitor in the Willie Ferguson contest was resolved.

The hand stamp for re-entry was a success.

Craigmount High School did well with the catering and has been asked if they wish to do it again for the next two years.

It was said that placing for all chanter and stick and pad competitors was not easy. It was agreed that only the first four would receive a placing. All competitors would receive critique sheets.

There was discussion on unattached players. The branch has a rule that does not allow unattached players.

The branch was asked for a date for next year's indoor contest. This has been pencilled in for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Dunbar contest:

Parking arrangements have been changed. Parking will be available on two rugby pitches adjacent to the contest park.

The AA will erect signage for the contest and for the parking.

Instructions for cars and buses will be mailed out with the car and coach passes and will be available on the branch website.

A.O.C.B.:

Car passes for Bathgate were given out for the officials.

Early purchase of tickets for entry to Bathgate is available on the branch website.

It was asked if the branch would be funding students for the summer school. The branch will not be doing this.

The branch thanked Susan Hazzard for her sterling efforts in securing The Society Centre for the branch meetings. However due to a change in circumstances the new venue will be Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston at 6.00pm.