

**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 22nd
February 2009.**

Present:	W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	L.A.Oubbaith, Treasurer	Linlithgow
	W.Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	L.McLauchlin	Craigmount High School
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	R.Fairnie	Prestonpans
	D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: J.Brand, C.Mcluckie, I.Simpson, G.Craig, A.Cook.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes from the meeting of 25th January 2009 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

Any matters arising were dealt with under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

Prestonpans pipe band are to do the catering at the Branch indoor contest.

The make up of the Juvenile bands in the Branch indoors shall be four pipers, two snare drummers and one bass drummer.

Allocation sheets for the Branch contests were distributed.

Treasurer's report:

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

National Council report:

An application from the London branch for two additional contests was considered. Only one was allowed.

The Association is to employ the expertise of a public relations company with the aim to improve the visibility of the Association. There are several companies being looked at.

The National Council are to set up a meeting with the Music Board regarding the Worlds structure. Any changes would not happen until 2010 at the earliest.

There have been no applications for the instructor's course to date.

The adjudicator's allocation for the majors is on the Association's web site.

The local contest at Inverness has been cancelled.

There was discussion on "The Way Forward". Some decisions have been taken. There will be no restructuring of the Branches.

There will be only two National Council meetings plus the Annual General Meeting. Any other meetings will be held by the Executive Committee.

The Association will become a company limited by guarantee.

Any changes to the MAP contests will not happen until 2010.

There will be no international adjudicators at any of this year's major championship.

All recommendations from the Music Board were upheld.

Music Board report:

There has been no meeting so there was no report.

Steward's report:

The 2009 allocation sheets should be sent out by the end of February.

Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with the trophies.

A.O.C.B.:

The Branch is hosting the Willie Fergusson trophy contest.

Meetings have been held with the Bathgate people. The Branch will be running this contest.

There has been a meeting with the Dunbar people. The prize money will be as last year.

The papers for the forthcoming Association's Annual General Meeting were read. The Branch has not submitted any proposals or changes in rules for this.

Craigmount High School has asked if they might supply the catering for the Branches 2010 indoor solo contest.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Sunday 29th March 2009 in the Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.