

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston  
On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Present:**

W. McMorran, President	Glencorse
J. Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A. Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
W. Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
P. Hazzard Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
S. Orr	Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
D. Brand	Newtongrange
V. McMorran	Glencorse
M. O'Neill	George Watson's College Juvenile
G. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
N. Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
W. McCafferty	Boghall & Bathgate
J. Barnes	Craigmount
L.J. Barnes	Craigmount
L.A Oubbaih	Linlithgow

**Apologies:**

Iain Simpson, Joan Brand

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> January were approved by

**Matters arising:**

There were no matter arising

**Secretary's report:**

The Melrose contest will go ahead this year and will revert back to using St Mary's School Ground.

We are still waiting on confirmation from a couple of promoters with regards to this year's entry forms.

**Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer gave her report. Details are available from the Secretary on request.

### **Directors report:**

Alex Dalziel has been appointed Chief Steward for the National organisation following unanimous support from the Directors.

The Education Office, Pat Wheelan, gave a progress report on the education strategy.

The Standing orders and Steering Committee will add any proposed changes to the rules to the order paper.

Allocation for Adjudicators for major championships have been done and approved.

All efforts are being made to secure a 5<sup>th</sup> major for 2014.

Since the last meeting 2 new minor contests have been confirmed for this year, Forres on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May and Carnoustie on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The word approximate (with regards to the time at which bands are required to be at the line) will be removed from the programmes for major championships.

### **Music Board report:**

There will be a follow up meeting to discuss the format of the 2014 World Solo Drumming Championship. There are 3 proposals being discussed.

The possibility of certain branches holding qualifying rounds.

Changing over to a two day event

Status quo.

There will be no changes to the format of this years event.

### **Trophy Convenor's report:**

There is only one trophy outstanding to be returned for the indoor contest.

A trophy is to be donated by the Moir family in memory of Bobby Moir. Wilma is discussing this with the family.

### **Steward's report:**

We may get some help with stewarding at the indoor contest from Craigmount and Boghall & Bathgate pipe bands.

The student who assist at the World Solo Drumming will also be helping the stewards at some of the major championships this year.

### **Education report:**

Paperwork and fees have been sent to headquarters for the exams at this years education course. We will have 14 students sitting the exam this year.

### **Indoor Contest:**

The draw has been completed for this years contest and once again the entries are up on last year, with over 290 solo and 68 band performances.

There are some changes to the rooms being used at this years event due to the poor acoustics in some rooms last year.

The secretary put out a request for the donation of raffle prizes for the this event.

The canteen will be run by the school on the same basis as last year.

The school have agreed to cancel all other lets on the day of the contests. This will hopefully eliminate some of the issue we had last year with parking etc.

To try and reduce waiting times at Registration we will try listing the competitors alphabetically to see if this makes it any easier.

Peter Hazzard will prepare the programme as before and John Hughes will look at getting it printed.

We will check with sponsors to see if they wish to have their adverts added to the programme this year again.

Entry to the event has been set at £4.00 and concessions are £2.00. Children will get in free so as to encourage families to come along.

The programmes will be £1.00 each and Raffle tickets £1.00 per strip.

### **A.O.C.B.**

Craigmount asked how the dates for the Worlds were allocated as it was pointed out that a large number of schools start back the week before the worlds, this denies a lot of pupils the opportunity to attend some of the piping and drumming events taking place in Glasgow during 'Worlds Week'. The Chairman explained that traditionally the worlds take place 2 weeks before Cowal. However as this is the last year for Cowal there needs to be a new process for establishing the date on an ongoing basis.

As a result of a proposal from the floor, and after discussion, it was unanimously agreed to pay travelling expenses for all branch officials for this year's indoor contest.

There being no more business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

**Next meeting:** Bellsquarry Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 6.00pm.