

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & borders Branch of  
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association  
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston  
On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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  
D.Brand, Minute Secretary ..... Newtongrange  
V.McMorran ..... Glencorse  
P.Hazzard ..... Bo'ness  
S.Orr ..... Royal Scots Dragoon Guards  
J.Dripps ..... West Linton & District  
H.Dripps ..... West Linton & District  
R.McLaren ..... West Linton & District

**Apologies:** J.Brand, G. & N. Purves, LA Oubbaih, C.McCluckie, S.Hazzard, P.Starr, A. Cook.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Glencorse.

**Matters arising:**

The World solo Tenor drumming competition will not go ahead this year. A venue is being sought to run the contest in 2011.

Dunbar is keen to hold their contest again. The Chairman is to meet with the organisers at Dunbar to discuss improvements. **Action: Chairman**

No requests for early tickets for the Bathgate contest had been made. The Branch will not be offering this facility next year but would hope that the promoters may.

**Secretary's report:**

There was nothing to report.

**Treasurer's report:**

In the absence of the Treasurer we were told that the Branch was in a healthy condition and that all monies have been paid in.

**National Council report:**

There has been no meeting. The Chairman told us that Kevin Reilly has resigned as Chairman of the association. We were told that a new Chairman would be elected at the RSPBA's AGM and that any applications from interested parties should be with the Branch Secretary by December 2010. The Chairman advised the meeting that he would be discussing the situation with the Vice Chairman before considering any application.

### **Music Board report:**

There has been no meeting since the last Branch meeting.

Music Board/Adjudicators Panel Management Board Liason:

The Chairman told us that a liaison meeting between the Music Board and the Adjudicator's Panel had taken place and that the Grade 4 MSR had been discussed.

At this meeting it was proposed that at the World Solo Drumming Championships that all under 18's sections would only have places 1 to 6 allocated, and that every one else placed seventh. There was some discussion on this and it is to be taken up by the Music Board.

There had been discussion on the positioning of bands within the circle. Namely tenor drummers facing inwards to the drum corps and with their backs to the pipe major.

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

Six bands had been fined for late return of trophies; two trophies have been lost but have now been replaced. The condition of many of the trophies upon their return is atrocious. Many are damaged and are unclean. The trophies are now in a good condition and bands are urged to return them in a clean and undamaged condition.

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

The Branch Chief Steward told us that an email from St Andrews College Pipe Band, New Zealand, had written to thank the Stewards for their help while they were in the country.

### **Education report:**

There was no report. The Chairman hoped that the Branch would be able to run a course soon. A new venue will be required and he invited all present to offer suggestions. The Chairman will be approaching various parties to discuss venues. Once we have a venue, then costs are to be worked out.

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

The representatives from West Linton & District raised their concern about the Branch Champion of Champion result. It was said that an error had been made in calculating the results. A rule concerning how ties are resolved needs to be documented and added to the branch rules. **Action: Chairman**

It was asked why the results were calculated with the best of five results from the six Branch contests. There were discussion as to the history of this procedure, and a suggestion that all Branch contests be included. Any changes to this rule would need to be put to the Branch AGM, and therefore need to be with the secretary by mid-October for inclusion in the order paper.

**Action: The Membership**

The Branch Indoor Contest will be held in Peebles High School on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. The Secretary is to check with the school for dates. Craigmount High School Pipe Band has confirmed that they will provide the catering facilities again.

The Chairman will arrange first aid cover. **Action: Chairman**

It was decided to run the Willie Ferguson contest again. This will be done at the Branch Indoor Contest.

The Chairman is to meet with the Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston as they have expressed a desire to hold a contest within Ingliston Showground. The date proposed is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011 which would be the weekend before that European Championships in Belfast. He will take this proposal to National Council and report back at the next Branch meeting. **Action: Chairman**

Flags/banners are to be purchased for the Branch. These would be for rings 1 and 2 and for Registration. They are very light and portable and would be used for all Branch contests. They will cost £200 each. The Chairman is to investigate and report back. **Action: Chairman**

The President spoke on the subject of calendars for the Branch. They could include all the dates of the Branch meetings, contests and the dates of all the major championships. He is to provide a sample of one at the next Branch meeting.

The Minute Secretary announced that he would not be standing for re-election as Minute Secretary and Pipe Band Magazine correspondent at the Branch AGM.

The dates of the Branch meetings are: -  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 at 6.00pm  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 3.00 pm. This is the Branch AGM.  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 6.00pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 6.00pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 6.00pm  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 6.00pm

All meetings will take place in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston. The post code for this venue is EH54 9AA.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.