

The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Beechwood Bowling Club, Edinburgh, on Sunday 30th April 2006.

<u>Present:</u>	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow & District
	G.Craig, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	T.M.Clarke, Treasurer	Craigmount High School
	S.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	A.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	P.Hazzard	Newtongrange
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	A.Dalziel	Polkemmet
	D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: J.Brand, J.Semple, I.Simpson, M.O'Neill, A.Cook, W&V McMorran

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd April 2006 were approved by Newtongrange and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

There was no report.

Treasurer's report:

This appears on a separate sheet. Any one wishing copies should contact the Branch Secretary.

National Council report:

There was no report.

Music Board report:

There was no report.

Trophy Convenor's report:

Some trophies for the Branch indoor contest did not come back in time. These have now been returned and the fines paid.

A trophy has been stolen but this is being replaced.

A.O.C.B.:

The Branch Indoor Solo and Mini Band contest went very well. There have been no negative reports about the school or its location.

The contest ran smoothly and finished at an early time.

It was suggested that perhaps more publicity may have brought in more competitors and/or spectators.

It was agreed that for next year the Branch will contact the Red Cross or St Andrews Ambulance Association for first aid cover.

Some players had asked for final tuning rooms. This would have meant hiring several more classrooms and was not practicable.

Thanks went to St Ronans and Tweedvale for their stalwart effort in the kitchen.

The Branch made a small profit after all bills were paid.

Drum Major Adjudicators held a training course recently. They will use a points system at all the Major Championships this year and a placing system at all the minor contests.

Placing system is a pilot for the minor contests this year, season 2006, and will be used for all contests and major championships next year, season 2007.

It was asked if all adjudicators at the Branch contests would be fully trained and we were told that this would be so.

Official car passes for Committee members are to be made available and posted out.

It was agreed that the dates for the next Branch meetings would be as follows:

Sunday 24th September

Sunday 22nd October

Sunday 26th November. The Annual General Meeting.

All those meetings will take place in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh at 6.00pm except the A.G.M.

There being no further business the Chairman wished all band a successful season and closed the meeting.

Donald Brand