

**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
26th April 2009**

<u>Present:</u>	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
	V.McMorran	Glencorse
	S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	R.Fairnie	East Lothian Pipe band
	P.Starr	Bo'ness
	J.Barnes	Craigmount High School
	L.Mclaughlin	Craigmount High School
	D.Brand	Newtongrange

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2009 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Glencorse.

Matters arising:

A couple of alterations to the previous minutes were agreed.

Any other matters arising were dealt with under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

Fines for the non return of trophies have been paid and the trophies returned.

Thanks were given to all those who helped in the Branch's indoor contest.

A letter is to be sent to Peebles High School thanking them for the use of their school

Treasurer's report:

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

National council report:

There was no report.

Music Board report:

A good meeting was held. The Worlds working party has yet to be formed. Permission has been asked for to put summaries of the meetings on the RSPBA web site.

It was asked if all contests and courses dates could be placed in the RSPBA web site calendar.

There was discussion on instrument failure. The adjudicator's panel is to look into this.

It is hoped to run an instructors course in May of this year. Branches were urged to put all instructors through these courses.

There was discussion on MAP and the playing criteria for 2010.

Stewards report:

Some new stewards have applied to join the Stewards.

Four new tables and tents have been purchased.

Trophy Convenor's report:

There are no problems with trophies.

A.O.C.B.:

The recent indoor contest was discussed.

Several contestants failed to appear.

It was suggested that some re-wording on the entry forms needs to be done re fines. If an individual soloist is fined then that soloist may not compete in any solo contest until the fine is paid. This would not affect their band. Letters are to be sent the offenders.

There were some complaints about the acoustics in the small gym. Unfortunately the Branch cannot do much about this due to large entries and limited space.

An empty wine bottle was found in a room. The bands using this room are to be written to reminding them that this must not happen. Failure to abide by these rules could mean the school refusing to let the Branch back.

Room allocation is based on the number of players each band have playing.

There were complaints about some bands playing in the corridors.

Some bands were swapping playing positions other than on the programme. It was said that in future all bands will play as per the programme.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Sunday 27th September 2009 in the Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.