

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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Present:

W.McMorran, President	Glencorse
J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
LA.Oubbaih, Treasurer	Linlithgow
W.Dalziel	Lothian & Borders police
J.Brand	Penicuik & District
V.McMorran	Glencorse
N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
C.McLuckie	Bo'ness
P.Starr	Bo'ness
S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
A. Cook	Lothian & Borders Police
A. Lyon	Tweedvale
D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: I.Simpson, G.Craig

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising: Any matters arising were discussed under the relevant reports.

Secretary's report:

An update on the forthcoming Branch indoors was given. There is a large entry this year. There had been a problem with caterers but a group has come forward and agreed to supply the catering needs on the day.

The Red Cross and St Andrews have been contacted to supply first aid cover.

Raffle prizes have been asked for. Bring any on the day.

The Chanter, Stick & Pad results will be given at lunch time.

A Willie Fergusson trophy has been lost. RSPBA are to be contacted about this.

**Action: Trophy Convenor**

Treasurers report:

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

It was asked when the balance sheet for the last AGM will be available. It was said that they will be presented to the Branch at the next Branch meeting.

**Action: Chairman**

#### National Council report:

There had been a meeting before and after the RSPBA's AGM.

All matters from the AGM went through.

Bands will be fined 20% of the annual fees for non payment in time. This will apply from 2009.

An instructor's course is to be set up within a month.

The Chief Executive visited Balmoral Estates, who had expressed an interest in holding a major championship. However the area was not suitable. They have now asked to hold a local contest.

Inverkeithing pipe band have now changed their name to Forth Bridges pipe band and asked to join Lothian & Borders Branch. They have been written to, to say that they would need to hold their band practices within the Lothian & Borders area.

The Branch was reminded that they must submit all reports for their AGM to the RSPBA a week before they, the Branch, holds it's AGM.

There will now only be one National Councillor on each ring at contests except for Grade 1 and 2. This will be reviewed during the contest season to see how it works.

The Association Vice Chairman will represent the Stewards and Compilers at National Council meetings.

All major championship entry forms are now available via the RSPBA web site.

#### Music Board report:

There was no report. The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

#### Trophy Convenors report:

Trophies are coming in.

Trophies should be returned four weeks before the date of the contest they are for. Any non return of trophies should involve the band being fined.

Some trophies have gone missing. It was decided that any trophy needing replaced should be of a satisfactory standard and sourced by the Branch. The band involved will then be presented with the account. The Branch Committee approved this unanimously.

The Branch has agreed to take over the trophies for Bathgate Highland Games. The Trophy Convenor is to approach Bathgate to discuss the matter.

#### **Action: Trophy Convenor**

#### Steward's report:

It was asked why the minutes of the last Stewards meeting were not presented to the last National Council meeting. The reply was that the National Council had been advised that they had not been submitted to headquarters. This was vigorously refuted.

It was said that this was the second time that the Stewards minutes had not been submitted to the National Council.

#### **Action: National Council Representatives**

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

It was asked if ear-pieces for the Branch radios had been obtained. It was said that this was being looked into.

#### **Action: Chairman**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008 in Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm.