

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
On Sunday 31st March 2019**

John Hughes, President	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Dalziel, Vice Chairman	Wallacestone and District
A. Hazzard, Secretary	City of Edinburgh
B. Watt, Trophy Convenor	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary	City of Edinburgh
V. McMorran	Glencorse
W. Dalziel	Wallacestone and District
G. Cameron	Camelon and District
D. Martin	Scottish Fire & Rescue
Iain Simpson	George Watson's College
C. Reid	Scottish Fire and Rescue Gd 2
L.A. Riad	Peoples Ford Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia
M. Brown-Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue
E. Todd	Denny and Dunipace Gleneagles
D. Todd	Denny and Dunipace Gleneagles
A. Lynch	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
M. Clark	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
O. Brownlie	Scottish Fire and Rescue
E. Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue NJ
M. Binder	Royal High Pipe Band

Apologies T. Thomson, S. Orr, E. Orr, M. O'Neill

In the absence of our Chairman John Hughes opened the meeting and welcomed everyone Present

Minutes

The Minutes of the February Meeting Meeting were Proposed by Scottish Fire and Rescue
Seconded by Camelon and District.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's report:

Everything is in order for the indoors. We only have 1 contestant for the William Fergusson Contest.

Treasurer's report:

Our Treasurer gave her report, details are available from our secretary by request.

Directors report:

Directors have agreed to have a Facebook Page for the Association.
Marketing and Media will look at revamping The R.S.P.B.A. website.
Meeting dates will go onto the website.

The Worlds 2019 will be a 2 day event but the Music Board are looking at the options.
There will be a review of the World Solo drumming as there is every year.

There was a discussion on Music Board deputy rep and whether or not they have a vote.
The Music Board Meeting has been moved to the 13th April.

Feed Back from Adjudicators and Grade 1 Bands on the Grade 1 bands having the option to play both MSRs and Medley selections was good.

Music Board Report

There has not been a meeting since last report.

Stewards Report

There was a discussion on loading the van at the end of the day and more help may be required for this.

Education

There is a new theory paper coming out.

Booklets on the Website are for instructors only.

There has been some discussion on the Bass and Tenor for the PDQB, Symbols and scores are being looked at.

2019 Summer School will be held on the 5th – 9th August.

The winners of the confined piping and drumming contests at this years indoor contest will be supported by the branch for this years summer school.

Trophies

All Trophies for the indoors are in and ready to go.

Outdoor Contests

The Dunbar contest will go ahead as planned will go ahead as planned but will require funding from the Branch this year as East Lothian Council can't fund this contest this year.

The Edinburgh contest is going ahead but there will be no coach parking this year due to road works. Advice will be given to bands on parking.

Bridge of Allan is ok and we will send an update of the entries to Sandy.

Inverkeithen will only have a grade 4 contest this year.

Peebles and Innerleithen are as usual this year.

March Past at North Berwick will be centre bands then bring bands on in groups.

It was said at this point that Stewards at the major championships are not aware which bands are leader bands.

Indoor Contest:

Everything is in order for the indoors and as usual Raffle Prizes will be gratefully received. Admission this year will be £4.00 per adult and children will be free, concessions will be £1.00 and Raffle will be £100.per strip and programmes will be 50p.

Report time will be 8.00am. First aid is being organised.

AOCB

It was said that the Branch website needs updated.

Meeting Closed 18.50, next meeting will be 28th April