

**The Minutes of the meeting of the Lothian & Borders Branch of
The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Held in Bellsquarry Hall, Livingston
On Sunday 25th October 2015**

Present:

J. Hughes, Chairman	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
L.A. Hughes Treasurer	Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
A. Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
P. Hazzard, Minute Secretary	Bo'ness
W. McMorrان	Glencorse
V. McMorrان	Glencorse
D. Brand	Newtongrange
W. McIntyre	George Heriot's

Apologies: W. McCafferty, G. Purves, N. Purves, A. Dalziel, W. Dalziel,
M. O'Neill, J. Carson, L. Scott, S. Orr

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes from the March meeting were Proposed by Bo'ness and seconded by Newtongrange.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

Secretary's report:

Everything is fine, not much to report. It was asked when the Willie Fergusson Contest would take place.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer gave her report and details are available from the Secretary by request. The accounts have now been closed for auditing for the AGM.

Directors report:

Craigmount solos will take place on the 5th December 2015.

The BBC are very happy with the viewing figures for the Worlds this year's figures were one of the highest so far for the television program.

There was a review of the Major Championships.

This year's summer school went very well with 49 attendees.

Winners of the Adult Solo Drumming contests at branch level may now qualify for a place in the Semi Final of the World Solo Drumming as long as the branch contest meets the required criteria. If the branch winner could not take up their place in the WSD semi final then this would pass to the second place competitor and then the 3rd place etc.

No changes of rule have been proposed.

There were 3 bids for the British Championship, Paisley, Inverclyde and Edinburgh, the contest has been awarded to Paisley, the venue will be just opposite Glasgow Airport.

NI Branch have proposed that Headquarters may make a contribution of 10% of the total costs for training at branch level.

There has been an agreement to purchase 10 more tents for major championships.

Sporrans are being looked at for stewards and directors.

Music Board report:

There was no report.

Trophies:

There was no report.

Steward's report:

There was no report.

Education report:

The PDQB course part 1 was cancelled as there was insufficient interest in the course with only 1 piper, 1 drummer and 2 tenor drummers showing an interest.

Outdoor Contests:

There has been an update on the dates for the outdoor contests.

<u>Majors</u>	21 st May	British Championship	Paisley
	11 th June	UK Championship	Belfast
	25 th June	European Championship	Forres
	30 th July	Scottish Championship	Dumbarton
	12 & 13 August	World Championship	Glasgow
Branch	Indoors	16 th April	
	Dunbar	14 th May	
	Bathgate	28 th May – TBC	
	Edinburgh	9 th July – TBC	
	Burntisland	23 rd July	
	North Berwick	6 th August	
	Peebles	3 rd September	
	Innerleithen	10 th September	

AOCB

Police Fife Scotland have requested to be transferred to the Lothian & Borders Branch and have been accepted by the branch.

The next meeting will be the AGM on 29th November at 3.00pm after this meeting there will be a break where there will be a small buffet and tea and coffee. If anyone would like to contribute to the buffet please let us know.

After this break we will continue with the first of our monthly branch meetings at 5.00pm

Meeting Closed at 19.00

Next Meeting the AGM on 29th November at 3.00pm