

**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 27th September 2009.**

<u>Present:</u>	J.Hughes, Chairman	Linlithgow
	A.Dalziel, Vice Chair	Lothian & Borders Police
	A.Hazzard, Secretary	Bo'ness
	W.Dalziel, Trophy Convenor	Lothian & Borders Police
	P.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	S.Hazzard	Bo'ness
	N.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	G.Purves	Torphichen & Bathgate
	J.Brand	Penicuik
	I. Simpson	George Watson's college
	A. Lyon	Tweedvale
	P.Starr	Bo'ness
	R.Fairnie	East Lothian Pipe Band
	D.Brand	Newtongrange

Apologies: W&V McMorran, L.A. Oubbaithe, C.McLuckie.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th April; 2009 were approved by Bo'ness and seconded by Torphichen & Bathgate.

Matters arising:

The first meeting of The Worlds working party is to take place on 9th October.

Secretary's report:

All went well during the contest season.

Some issues are to be brought up with the promoters when relevant.

Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman gave the report. Details are available from the Branch Secretary upon request.

National Council report:

There had been an executive meeting before the contest in Ireland on 26th June.

An offer for exclusive merchandising of RSPBA has been made. This is to be looked into by the RSPBA.

It has been agreed that the partners of working officials at The Worlds be invited as guests.

Transfers were listed and approved.

Timings of branch AGMs for 2010 to be looked at.

Music Board MAP proposals were approved.
The new MAP tunes are available on the RSPBA web site.

Music Board report:

This had been covered under the National Council report.

Trophy Convenor's report:

All went well for the last season. £1080 in fines was made although some have yet to be paid. The branch was reminded that failure to pay any fines or return trophies can lead to disqualification from contests run under RSPBA rules.

Steward's report:

Some new people have indicated their willingness to become Stewards.
Any tents needing repair is to be done over the closed season.
There will be a Steward's meeting in Glasgow on 17th October.

Education report:

The cost of the courses seems to be putting people off. It was agreed, after some discussion, that the fees be £100 for members of branch bands and £110 for member of bands out with Lothian & Borders.

It was agreed that early payment of fees or a £20 deposit would result in the student receiving a free tutorial book.

It was said that students need to register if they wish to take part in the PDQB courses. A minimum number of entrants were set at ten in each discipline.

The PDQB course will start in January 2010. All information will be available on the branch web site.

A.O.C.B.:

It is intended to hold the branch indoor on 24th April 2010. The venue has yet to be arranged.

It was agreed to run the William Fergusson Trophy contest in 2010. A decision for 2011 will be made later. Headquarters are to be notified of this decision.

An approach has been made to RSPBA from the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston regarding holding a major championship there. Discussions are ongoing. It was suggested that a branch contest might be held there in 2010. Contact with the RHS is to be sought.

The next branch meeting will be held on Sunday 25th October 2009 in The Society Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.