# ATTENDANCE & WELCOME

**Executive Members in attendance**

Carrie Boax (President), Tom Allan (Secretary), Andrew Smith, Euan Meikle, John Gilmour, Peter Fraser (WSBBA), Alan Douglas, Danny Harrison, Damien Martin, Raymond Thomson, Colin Stevely and Steven Gray. In attendance: Mark Good (Press and Publicity Officer).

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Anne Murray, Elaine Roxburgh, Julie Sanderson, John Boax and Keith Belleville.

*In the absence of the Minute Secretary, Professor Thomson agreed to take the minutes.*

**President’s Welcome:**

President Carrie Boax welcomed the new Committee to its first meeting of 2016. She intimated that revision of the Constitution and Rules would be an important part of the year’s work and encouraged members to make themselves familiar with the appropriate documents.

**2 MINUTE NO. 8 FROM THE SBBA MEETING OF SUNDAY 1 November 2015**

This was approved on the motion of Danny Harrison and seconded by John Gilmour.

**3 MATTERS ARISING (Not Otherwise on Agenda)**

**3.1. NYBBS Easter Course**

This is arranged for 5-8 April 2016.

**3.2. Constitution**

The President reported that the Constitution needs to be modified. Elements, which need to be examined, include:

* Rotation of Office-bearers
* Date of AGM
* Eligibility for election and voting rights
* Sundry contest regulations

**4 CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLICITY**

**4.1. Correspondence & Publicity**

* The president reported that The All-Party Parliamentary Group, which aims to enhance the public perception of brass bands, has had a formal meeting, attended by the Secretary. It thereafter met representatives from the BBC. It was noted that the BBC is intimating a development of programmes about amateur music-making and that SBBA could initiate contact with BBC Scotland. Action: C Boax will pursue this
* T Allan stated Grant McAllister has expressed an interest in undertaking printing for SBBA. This was noted.
* C Boax has been contacted band Ban the Co-op band who is keen to organise an event which would be a springboard for the formation of a Junior Band. SBBA has requested a formal proposal.
* T Allan report from EBBA: West Lothian Schools Band has turned down the invitation to represent Scotland at EBBA. If we aim to have a band competing we may need to consider moving the date of the Scottish Youth Championships or provide financial support. It was agreed to delay any discussion until next year.
* EBBA: Three players have been accepted for the European Youth Band.

**4.2. Press Officer’s Report**

Examples of recent publicity were distributed. And the new website has been launched. As anticipated, it will require some modifications, and a historical Roll of Honour was suggested. Press releases are being prepared for the promotion of bands, NYBBS and the Scottish Championships. Action- PO will continue to work on articles as appropriate and the website developments. A roll of honour section on the website will be created.

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1 Treasurer’s Report**

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented a summarised report. The main elements are:

* Youth Account: £24000, £2700 of which is NYBBS money. The Canadian deposits have been paid back. It was noted that there are still outstanding fee payments from NYBBS members
* General Account: £50000, including £5000 for the Scottish and £6500 ring-fenced. £41000 is still payable to Victoria School.
* The Secretary will ask the Treasurer for a breakdown of the 2015 Youth Championships accounts.
* There are some difficulties with Besson and tardy payments, as a result of which the back page of the Championships Programme has been re-allocated. The Publicity Officer asked for suggestions regarding potential advertisers.
* The Trustees will meet shortly at which the importance of formal reports will be stressed to the Treasurer.

**5.2 Funding**

The President thanked all who assisted in the preparation of the YMI application for 2016-2017. She has met the YMI Funding Officer who has confirmed that the application in “in the process”. An interim report for funders will be held back *pro tem* in order to have robust data for presentation. The application will come to the next Committee meeting.

**6 AREA ASSOCIATIONS**

1. **Fife BBA**

A meeting is still to arranged at which a representative for SBBA will be sought

1. **Scottish Borders BBA**

No report. There will be an attempt to formalise a SW Scotland group for competitions and workshops. A Youth Band will be formed in March.

1. **West of Scotland BBA**

Thanks were expressed to Laura Galbraith for a most successful Solo and Ensemble contest. Brass @ the Bards will now be held at the Church next to the Burns Museum. Date will be confirmed by the next executive meeting.

1. **Northern Counties BBA**

An Area rep is still needed. The Kinross contest will be held on Saturday 28 May: an adjudicator who can take a workshop is being sought. Forfar Band has a autistic child member and is keen to follow SBBA developments regarding Special Needs.

1. **East of Scotland BBA.**

A successful Solo and Ensemble contest has been organised. A meeting will be held to form an Association group and several people are interested. Due to work pressure on Julie Sanderson, it was agreed that Euan Meikle organise this meeting. The Secretary will contact Brian Walker to help accelerate this and to represent EoS on SBBA *pro tem*. A new pianist is being trialled.

**7 EDUCATION / YOUTH**

**7.1 Education Officer Report**

In a very full report presented in the Education Officer’s absence, the following items were particularly well received:

* Extensive work had been undertaken for the AGM and Learning Festival
* Instruments had been collected for the new start-up band in Strathearn
* There has been preparatory work and preliminary critical path analysis for the NYBBS tour of Norway
* Evaluations of the Learning have been analysed and have proved to be extremely encouraging

Future tasks include further working on the NYBBS tour, including internal transport in Norway, and offering workshops/master classes on Orkney and Shetland.

The Education Officer was thanked, in his absence, for a superb Learning Festival.

**7.2 Child Protection**

T Allan reported that have to decide if a new CPO appointment should be made. It was agreed that SBBA should thank Lynsey for her work over the past years and proceed to a new appointment. C Boax will approach and propose an appointment at next Exec.

**7.3 NYBBS**

* The President presented the emails exchanged between herself and C Roberts from the Nova Scotia Tattoo. The Canadian e-mails were available: they clearly stated a definite invitation to Canada.
* There is a difficulty regarding accommodation for the Easter Course as the Queen Victoria School has now indicated that the school will be closed during Easter. Other venues are being sought, and Danny Harrison volunteered to assist the Secretary in obtaining accommodation. The closing date for applications would be 31 March. An application leaflet will be prepared by the Publicity Officer and passed to Peter Fraser for printing.
* Recording: It was reported that the band was under-rehearsed for this and the standard of performance was not that which had been anticipated. AS this was a second-hand report, it was agreed that CD should be created for the Committee to form its own opinion.

**8 MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION**

* There are currently 1873 members registered with SBBA. There are 57 contesting bands and 14 non-contesting.
* Because of changes in the numbers of bands the committee will need to decide the make-up of each section. Action- A decision will be made at next Executive
* The Three new bands in Section 4B will be offered the possibility of having their performance recorded at the Championships
* Accommodation for SBBA at the Championships: Hotels are already filling up. The Travelodge was recommended.

**9 EVENTS**

**9.1 Solo and Ensembles – Areas**

The area qualifiers will be completed by tomorrow. Anne Murray will co-ordinate the finals. The Publicity Officer will compére part of the event. NYBBS and Child Protection material will be available at the Finals.

**9.2 Scottish Open, Shield and Cup (Scottish FoB)**

This will be returned to later.

**9.3 Scottish Open and Youth Championships**

The Open will be held on Saturday 26 November, with the Youth Championships on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November.

A draft Events Calendar was drawn up by the Events Committee and distributed.

**10 Future SBBA Meetings**

The 10 April meeting falls during school holidays and may be revisited.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

* Life Membership was requested for a senior member of our banding movement- this was agreed
* Nominations are being sought for the President’s Award
* Irvine and Dreghorn’s 40th Anniversary weekend including concert, reunion ball, youth contest and workshop will be held on 26-28th August 2016
* A Golf Outing will be organised at a future date

**12 NEXT MEETING**

28 February at 10.30am within the SBBA Office.

**Raymond A Thomson**

**3 February 2016**