

Scottish Brass Band Association

Minute No 5 of Executive Committee Meeting 16 May 2010

Howden Park Centre Livingston

Present: George Burt (President), Peter Fraser (Vice President), Tom Allan (Secretary), John Gilmour, Phil Lodge, Alan Edmond, Kenny Crookston, Steven Gray, Mark Bell, Andy Smith.

Apologies: Robert McCorkell, Brian Deans, John Todd, Lynsey Patterson, Ann Murray, John Muir, Robert Burns and Gerry Simonis.

1. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Phil Lodge who has been absent through illness. He also intimated that Donald Reid has had to resign from the minute secretary's position through illness. Kenny Crookston to take notes on this occasion.

2. Previous minutes

John Gilmour raised point over accuracy regarding £25 fee for youth bands, after clarification the minutes were approved. Moved Steven Gray Seconded Andy Smith

3. Matters Arising

No Matters Arising

4. Development Committee

Meeting to be arranged. Constitution and rules still to be progressed and updated

Discussion over disqualification at Fife Festival of Brass over unregistered percussionist. Also issue over player 'guesting' although not strictly registered. The 28 day rule needs clarification by development committee. The band in question has been made aware of the rules.

A starter pack was suggested for new bands to assist with what SBBA has to offer and contain information on Rules and Registration.

5. External Liaison

Invitation from ABBA/BFBB to meeting in Birmingham on 3 July. Discussion over SBBA strategy, with possibility of presentation at meeting. Main aim of SBBA is formation of a UK-wide forum to encompass and develop every aspect of banding. It was agreed that George Burt, Peter Fraser, Tom Allan and Alan Edmond would attend the meeting in Birmingham. Kenny Crookston would also be in attendance representing the British Bandsman.

6. Annual Census

Tom Allan reported that returns for seven contesting bands are overdue in addition to five non-contesting and 13 youth bands. Discussion over timing of census – October AGM suggested.

7. SBBA Office

No further progress. Difficulty in communicating with Gordon Connolly of WLC. To be pursued further. It was agreed that we need to get some answers soon from West Lothian Council.

8. Awards

George Burt circulated draft structure, making it clearer the criteria of all SBBA awards. This was approved and with a number of slight adjustments would be available on the SBBA website.

9. Financial Report

The present position financial position showed a surplus of £4859 based on activities to-date. The prize money due to Fountain City Brass had NOT been paid due to lack of bank account details; an update had been asked for....

The Fife Council was still to settle the final instalment of their support for the Scottish Championships pending the final reporting.

The Bill of around £275 due to Rothes Hall had not been paid pending receiving the final account. All estimates had been included in the Events.

The Bankers' Standing Order to remunerate the Press Officer has not yet been stopped pending ongoing negotiations.

The Press officer had not yet submitted an account of her time spend on SBBA business.

The monthly payment had been made in good faith that these would be submitted in due course...

10. Grant Funding

Application to Scottish Arts Council for flexible funding of £135,000 per year over two years rejected on grounds of 'lack of artistic vision'. George Burt to seek clarification with a view to future success. Also applied to YMI for 2011. Expectation is that it should be forthcoming.

11. Area Associations

Discussion over lack of response to forum on 22 May. Concern raised over ongoing role of area associations within SBBA organisation. It was agreed that Area Associations would be contacted again to find out if they would be attending

12. Child Protection.

Excellent reports from Child Protection Seminar led by Jennifer Fox. It is hoped that future events will be better supported. We will continue to provide these regular seminars for our member bands and thanks to Jennifer for her work with this event.

13. Youth Development

Report (attached) presented by Alan Edmond

14. European Brass Band Association

At the recent European Brass Band Association Annual General Meeting in Linz, Austria, Peter Fraser stepped down after 8 years serving on this committee. President Ulf Rosenberg paid tribute to Peter for his work on behalf of EBBA over last eight years and presented him with a Norwegian Original Art work. Peter will continue for the time being as EBBA webmaster.

Alan Edmond was voted on to the Music Commission of EBBA and will be the committee President as well as representing Scotland on the Executive Committee.

Alan also gave a presentation of a DVD and information as part of Scotland's bid to host the European Championships in 2014. This was warmly received and Scotland was given approval to host the 2014 event in Perth Concert Hall.

Future European Championship venues: 2011 Montreux, 2012 Rotterdam, 2013 Oslo, 2014 Perth

Keep in touch with European Events at www.ebba.eu.com

15. Publicity and communications

Alison Hunter's contract has been terminated from 1 May. Paul Hindmarsh has agreed in principle to be new publicity officer. Meeting has been arranged on 22 May.

16. Events

West Lothian Festival – Kenny Crookston and Alan Edmond to meet Susan Thores to discuss marketing opportunities. Peter reported that all other arrangements are in place and a small number of Executive members would be required to assist on 6th, 13th and 27th June in the Howden Park Centre, Livingston.

Scottish Brass Band Festival – Howard Snell, Hannes Buchegger and Simon Dobson booked to adjudicate the **Scottish Open**. Peter Fraser applauded for efforts in securing such an outstanding panel. Adjudicators for Scottish Challenge Shield and Youth Championships still to be confirmed. Cost for hall hire to increase as there are three separate events – now £5,052 inc. VAT. Peter Fraser to seek clarification.

Brighthouse and Rastrick now confirmed for Saturday night concert. Approach from Tim Kelly, who would like to live stream event. So far no further information has been received from Tim

Scottish Youth Championships – 36 entry forms been sent out so far.

Brass Band Week – suggestion that every competing band at Scottish Open and Youth Championships should have a public performance in their own area during that week. Individual to be appointed to co-ordinate events. Website appeal to find said individual once Executive Committee members have all been asked.

2011 Scottish Championships – Perth Concert Hall 26/27 February - nothing further to report.

2014 European Championships – Alan Edmond to be Event Manager. Management team to include Mark Bell (Assistant Event Manager), Jennifer Fox (stage logistics), Kenny Crookston (advisor), John Todd and Allan Wardrope (both funding). Meeting to be organised ASAP. Clearance from Executive Committee to proceed with event organisation.

16. Registration

1788 – up 26 with registration of Callander Brass.
No registration issues arising

17. Any other business

Life membership application for Bryan Keest of Dalmellington. Approved.

18. Next meeting

To be advised by the Secretary.