

**Scottish Brass Band Association  
Minute Number 6 of Executive Committee Meeting  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Livingston**

**1 Welcome and Apologies**

George Burt welcomed members to the sixth SBBA Executive meeting of the 2009/2010 session

**Present**

George Burt (Chairman), Peter Fraser, Tom Allan, Andy Smith, Philip Lodge, Mark Bell, Lynsey Patterson, Jennifer Fox, Alan Boak (NCBBA), Richard Kidd (NCBBA), Robert Burns, Steven Gray, John Muir, John Todd (FCBA), Kenny Crookston (ESBBA), Alan Edmond (Development Officer).

**Apologies**

Brian Deans (WSBBA), John Gilmour, Gerry Simonis (Treasurer), Robert McCorkell.

**2 Minute No. 2 of Executive meeting of Sunday 16 May**

Acceptance moved by Steven Gray. Seconded by Mark Bell.

**3. Matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising, all on the agenda.

**4. Development Committee**

The Development Committee had met recently. The rules update is planned to be ready by next meeting.

**External liaison**

SBBA had been invited to a meeting in Birmingham to discuss future structure of UK banding. We had written to organisers wishing to discuss brass band organisation in the UK. No reply had been received. George Burt had been in contact with Robert Morgan regarding BFBB advertisement containing incorrect statement about it being only national organisation. A SBBA delegation would attend the meeting on 3 July, with major issue to advance SBBA's view on the UK structure.

**Annual Census**

Ongoing – Tom Allan reported that initial figures are down on 2008, possibly due to the way census was carried out then. More investigation required as figures are suspected to be incorrect.

**SBBA Office**

Discussions with Gordon Connolly of West Lothian Council were ongoing. Tom Allan had received a call from Clydebank Burgh Band, which is in the process of securing a new bandroom with considerable facilities. Kilmarnock Concert Brass has also uncovered some very old material including remarks from the first Scottish Championships in 1895.

**Awards**

President's Award to be given to Alan McLaren at Scottish Open weekend for contribution to Brass in the Park.

**5. Financial report.**

Report had been circulated by the Treasurer. £69,400 grant approved from YMI for bands at all levels. Decision on SAC grant for new commission for Scottish Open awaited.

## **6. Area Associations.**

A very successful meeting was held at HPC on 22 May. Kenny Crookston was thanked for his efforts in organising. Alan Eedmond suggested that more input is required on a local level but this is the right direction. The AGM session will be held along similar lines. Richard Kidd intimated that personnel problems exist at NCBBA. There was £10,000 in SBBA accounts for area associations - £1,000 each for infrastructure and £1,000 for youth development.

## **7. Education**

### **Child Protection**

Jennifer Fox has been asked by Campbeltown if someone could travel to give information on child protection. JF to attend at a date to be arranged.

### **Development Officer**

Alan Edmond delivered his report. Opportunity to participate in media training with BBC producer available during summer. AE to co-ordinate. In light of enquiries from Europe, Scottish conductors to be given priority for Conductors' Course. All foreign applicants would need to fund the course themselves if places available.

## **8. Publicity and Communications**

Paul Hindmarsh had been appointed as Press Officer and started work on 1 June. Bands with any articles of interest should send them in the first instance to Peter Fraser by email. A budget for advertising and marketing of events was to be considered.

## **9. Events**

**West Lothian Festival** – there was a discussion over format of contest. Peter Fraser is to liaise with WLC.

**2010 Scottish Brass Band Festival** – details outlined by Peter Fraser. 15 bands now entered and 9 for Shield contest. Youth Championships now have 36 possible entrants. Bands that haven't paid entry fee or annual subscription to be contacted for payment. Hall charges confirmed at £5,052.50 incl. VAT.

**2011 Scottish Championships** – Nothing new to report.

**2014 European Championships** – there was a discussion over SBBA running a competition to write B Section test-piece. The 2014 Event Committee is to present a proposal to the next meeting. £3,000 commission would be available as a first prize.

### **2011 European Championships**

Co-operative FuneralCare has turned down the invitation to represent Scotland and Whitburn has now been asked. Response awaited. There was a debate about the possibility of a composite band representing Scotland in future years.

## **10. Registration**

1,788 players were currently registered – the same as the previous report. Bonchester Brass and Edinburgh University were now registered as non-contesting bands.

## **11. Next Meeting**

Sunday 15 August at Howden Park Centre.  
Sunday 3 October at North Inch Campus in Perth.