

Scottish Brass Band Association
Executive Committee Meeting No 8 – 3rd October 2010
North Inch Community Campus, Gower Terrace, Perth.

Present: George Burt (President), Peter Fraser (Vice President), Tom Allan (Secretary), Andrew Smith, John Todd, Robert Burns, Lynsey Paterson Jennifer Fox, Steven Gray, John Gilmour, Brian Deans (WOS), Gerry Simonis (Treasurer) Alan Edmond (Development Officer) Philip Lodge, Ann Murray (NCBBA) Robert McCorkell,

Apologies: Mark Bell.

Still no minute secretary, Jennifer Fox agreed to take notes

1 **Minutes of meeting No 7 of 15th August 2010**

item 13 - Clarification that only box office tickets will be available on the day at Scottish Open, Shield and Youth Band Contest.

item 9 - Add in agreed honorarium of £1000 for Treasurers post.

With the above amendments, the minutes were approved.

2 **Business Arising**

All business within other agenda items.

3 **Development Committee**

George Burt guided members through proposed amendments to Rules to simplify interpretation, after discussion further updates on the layout was proposed, proposed that there would be 3 pages of actual rules with the rest presented as annexes. George will continue work with this and present at a future meeting.

4 **External Liaison**

George Burt and Alan Edmond to attended a further meeting with national steering group in London on 10th October. This meeting would agree the principles set out at the first meeting to decide the future of banding at a national level

5 **Annual Census**

Still have difficulty getting information from youth bands, agreed we should try to survey bands at this year's Youth Championships in Perth.

6 **SBBA Office**

Robert Burns suggested premises in Bo'ness and would make further enquiries, George Burt to contact West Lothian Council re premises in the area.

7 **Awards**

A reminder would be sent to band secretaries regarding possible nominations for awards for consideration by SBBA.

8 **Financial Report**

Gerry Simonis presented the Annual Report and took the members through the

various sections. Gerry was again congratulated on his professional management of SBBA affairs. The Report was approved by all members present.

Peter Fraser reminded members of the executive that Gerry will step down in March 2011 and we need to urgently seek a new treasurer. A replacement to work alongside Gerry, to be trained in SBBA operations and procedures, should be in place by January 2011.

Grant Funding

Development money in place to take us to the end of 2011, after that no finance is in place under the current structure. Alan Edmond and George Burt to meet with the new Creative Scotland Arts Council, formerly (SAC), to discuss funding. Youth funding is due to end nationally in 2011 and the continuation of this scheme is uncertain at present.

Priority for the next year is to secure development funding post 2011

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Area Associations

In default at the moment are West of Scotland and East of Scotland Associations and concern was raised regarding the solo and ensemble qualifying contests. It was agreed that, if contests were not held in these areas, we would suspend the rule that players from other areas could compete in another area, because this would cause overrunning of the other area events and be unfair on those qualifying from that area. If that were to happen, players could only qualify from their own area. West of Scotland indicated their area contest would be 22nd January 2011 and AGM will follow in February. In the East of Scotland two bands may come together to organise the East of Scotland Area Contest, if not SBBA would step in and organise an event. And AGM for East of Scotland to follow.

Alan Edmond reiterated the importance of the area associations being purposeful and co-ordinated to ensure development of bands in their areas and not just for solo and ensemble events.

SBBA will assist East and West of Scotland Associations to appoint office bearers and in any other way they can.

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Education and Youth Committee Report

New legislation on Child Protection to be checked and updated

Youth Development Officer Report attached.

SBBA will nominate at least 3 players for the European Youth Band in Montreux in 2011, Alan Edmond will co-ordinate recommendations.

SBBA Radio is up and running but more help is required if this facility for member bands is to continue, anyone interested in helping contact Alan.

Fiona Hyslop, the Scottish Government's Minister for Culture, will attend the Scottish Open weekend (possibly the Youth Championships on Sunday).

11. **Publicity**

The website and publicity are all ongoing and posters and flyers available to publicise the Brighthouse and Rastrick concert on 20th November. Extensive advertising has taken place in all band press, this needs to be stepped up leading up to the event.

12 **Events.**

Conference/AGM 24th October

Information has been sent to all bands.

George Burt presented a paper as a proposal for consideration and approval at the AGM, this would in effect allow us to elect more Vice Presidents and so increase the number of people to assist the committee in its heavy work schedule. It was agreed this would be put forward at AGM.

Some discussion took place regards the increase of Executive Members.

Brass Band Week – 13th November/21st November

Although no money was available to assist bands in presenting an event, SBBA would use their website and publicity officer to publicise. All items and details of events to be sent to Mark Bell.

Scottish Brass Band Festival

A letter was received from the Whitburn Band requesting consideration of a late draw at the Scottish Open as the date clashed with a long standing contractual agreement with Scottish Rugby Union to perform at the start of a Rugby International the same day. After much discussion a vote was taken to consider if this situation came under the 'Exceptional Circumstances' category. It was a majority vote that the circumstances did not warrant a late draw.

It was agreed that the draw for the Shield and the Open would be made today, which would also give an early indication if Whitburn could attend the event, and to be fair to other bands waiting for an invitation. It would also give all band time to organise their travel arrangements.

There has been some problem regarding a couple parts in the Scottish Open test piece, Peter Fraser to notify all bands to make sure they have the replacement parts.

Scottish Youth Band Championships

It was indicated that 32 bands had entered and we still await confirmation from two more. The draw for this event will take place at the AGM on 24th October. It was noted that 5 new bands had entered this year, an indication of the continuing youth development.

Because of the large entry, some discussion took place regards the timing of the event and the prize presentations, final decision to be made at a future meeting but it

was indicated that we should have the Novice and Development Section, then an awards ceremony, then the Senior and Premier section followed by the awards.

Solos & Ensembles 5th /6th February 2011

Alan Edmonds to check out adjudicators from Besson and report back.

Scottish Championships 2011 26th/27th February

All arrangements in hand for this event in Perth Concert Hall. Sections would be 2,4,3 on Saturday and 1st and Championships on Sunday.

Adjudicators – David Reid and Lt. Col. Graham Jones Championship Section

Melvin White and Stan Lippeatt 1st Section

Peter Bassano and Graham Jones 2nd Section

Stan Lippeatt and David Reid 3rd Section

Melvin White and Peter Bassano 4th Section

13. **2012 Scottish Championships**
Glenrothes March 10th and 11th to be confirmed
14. **European Championships 2014**
All arrangements ongoing
15. **Registration and Events**
Registrations to date 1772, up from 1766 at previous meeting. Registrar indicated that the past two months have been extremely busy.
16. **Any Other Business**
There was no other business. We then proceeded with the draw for the Scottish Shield and Open contests.
17. **Next Meeting Sunday AGM 24th October.**