

Scottish Brass Band Association
Executive Committee Meeting No 1 – 7th November 2010
Howden Park Centre, Livingston.

Present: George Burt (President), Peter Fraser (Vice President),
Andrew Smith, John Todd, Lynsey Paterson Jennifer Fox, Carrie Boax,
Steven Gray, John Gilmour, Brian Deans, Julie Sanderson
Alan Edmond (Development Officer).

Apologies: Mark Bell, Robert McCorkell, Tom Allan, Robert Burns, Philip Lodge.
Still no minute secretary, Jennifer Fox agreed to take notes. New Minute Secretary
Raymond Thomson, has agreed to take on the job from the first meeting in January.

1 Minutes of meeting No 8 of 3rd October 2010

The minutes were moved for approval by John Gilmour, seconded by Steven Gray

2 Business Arising

Members were informed of the passing of Jimmy Taylor.

3 Youth Development Report

Alan Edmonds gave a comprehensive report of the past few weeks, attached.

Alan Edmond has been asked to represent SBBA with Creative Scotland at the
Royal Albert Hall in London at the Music for Youth Proms on 8th November.

On the feedback from the recent Conductors Course organised by SBBA, it was
clear that this work should continue and that a number of those attending were
happy to be part of a Conductors Development Committee. AE will investigate with
the full approval of SBBA.

Peter Fraser informed the Meeting that Ian Porthouse had attended another very
successful weekend workshop with Kirkintilloch Youth Band and took part as soloist
at the evening concert with the Youth Band and the Kirkintilloch Band.

It was suggested the in future that the Development Report should include news
from new bands, not just those with direct input from AE.

It was suggested that at some time in the future, two members of NYBBS should be
co-opted to serve on the SBBA Committee. The Development Committee to work on
this.

4 Development

George Burt and Alan Edmond had attended recent meetings of the working group
discussing a new UK-wide banding organisation. A recalled 'brass band summit'
would be held in January to receive the recommendations of the working group,
which were in line with the position held by SBBA.

Annual Census

Agreed we should try to survey bands at this year's Youth Championships in Perth.

SBBA Office

Still no further progress

Future of Scottish Banding

Concern was expressed at the recent news that some local education authorities are cutting back in instrumental tuition in the schools. SBBA needs to be prepared to support instructors as much as possible.

5 Financial Report

As this meeting is soon after the beginning of our financial year, there is nothing further to report

Grant Funding

YMI funding has been secured for another year. Talks still ongoing regarding the local authority funding to instrumental tuition.

Funding not secure after 2011 as yet, but hopefully more information will be available from Creative Scotland after their budget has been approved at the end of November.

6 Area Associations

Regional dates organised for Solo & Ensemble contests. Area AGM's are beginning to be in place for all areas. Money still available for development and infrastructure support

West of Scotland still has ongoing problems which are being looked into and an AGM organised early in the new year.

7 Education/ Youth Committee Report/ CPO Report

New disclosure forms available later this month, old forms no longer valid. CRBS will inform us of new legislation and JF will post updates on website.

8 Publicity

Peter Fraser reported that the host had changed a number of links on the website which recently caused a number of errors, but all seems to have been rectified.

Alan Edmond informed the webmaster that the email contacts for the committee were not working, Peter to rectify, some changes took place in the website in recent weeks and a number of the links had to be reloaded. It's good to get feedback from any facility on the website that needs to be updated or changed.

George Burt suggested that some of the PDF documents in the resources section should also be made available in Word Format as this would allow easy use of the website to fill in forms and send direct to Secretary. PF will attend to this.

Alan McLaren has recently started a monthly history page on the website and we invite people to pass on comments and contributions.

In view of his past immense contribution to SBBA and work for Brass In The Park, Peter proposed that we nominate Alan as a Hon Vice President of SBBA, this was seconded by Steven Gray with the unanimous approval of the members.

Publicity Officer Paul Hindmarsh will attend the Scottish Brass Band Festival in Perth.

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Events.

We have had very positive feedback from our AGM Conference on 24th October. Many had commented on the positive talk from Nick Childs and felt that Nigel Durno's talk on recorded adjudication should be taken further. The Borders Slow Melody recently tried it and all competitors approved of the system.

It was suggested we try one of the sections at the 2011 Scottish Championships, this of course would only be a trial and the standard adjudication process would still operate alongside the trial.

Peter Fraser and George Burt would need to speak to the recording company who usually record the Championships, also with Nigel Durno re the cost involved.

Brass Band Week : so far the response has been poor, but any events would continue to be publicised through the website and passed to Paul Hindmarsh for wider publicity. Details should be sent to Mark Bell.

Scottish Shield, Scottish Open, Gala Concert: Perth Concert Hall to provide security for the evening concert and results ceremony. They had expressed concern in case of any incidents, about who was responsible. They suggested we should have some form of extra stewarding. Bandsman's tickets would allow band members to enter the hall for the results ceremony only.

It was agreed that the Percussion Plan for the Scottish Open on Saturday would where possible remain in a fixed position.

Scottish Youth Championships: 18 bands have paid for tickets, 14 still to order, 9 bands have sent programme notes and stage plan. John Gilmour to ask members of the Education Committee to chase up those who have still to send in ticket forms and programme notes.

£2 tickets for Youth Band Members available on the day from SBBA Information Stand.

Cumnock Academy and Aberdeen City Band withdrawn from championships. JG will inform bands of time changes because of the withdrawals

Culture Minister, Fiona Hyslop, will attend the Youth Championships on Sunday afternoon and George Burt will provide some Biographical notes for her office. Timing of the event on Sunday is important to fit in with Fiona Hyslop's timetable.

Solos & Ensembles 5th /6th February 2011

Alan Edmonds still to finalise the adjudicators. This year, apart from the percussion Solo Section, an Ensemble Section will also be included.

Kingdom Brass will take part in the Gala Concert along with West Lothian Schools and Guest soloists, still to be confirmed.

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

It was suggested by George Burt we try a pre-draw at the Scottish Championships in Perth. Each band would know their own time for arrival but not the full draw. It was agreed in principle. Bands will be asked if they have any objections to this proposal before final approval at the next meeting. PF and GB to check if this would be within the Kapitol Guidelines for the area contest

10. **2012 Scottish Championships**

Glenrothes March 10th and 11th

11. **European Championships 26th April – 4th May 2014**

All arrangements ongoing

12. **Life Members**

An application was received on behalf of Liz Hyslop for 40 years Service to Brass Bands. The application was in order, with the unanimous approval of the members.

It was agreed that the Life Member application form should also be available through the website.

13. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

14. **Next Meeting Sunday 9th January.**