

**Sunday 22 August 2021 – 10:30am
(held virtually on Zoom)**



Executive Meeting Number 4

Present – Carrie Boax (President), Ann Murray (Vice President), Tom Allan (Secretary), Julie Nicoll (Treasurer), Grant Brown, Lesley Crumlish, Steven Gray, Danny Harrison, Damian Martin, Murray White and Jim Wishart

Association representatives – Siobhan Crumlish (NYBBS), Anne McInnes (Fife Brass Band Festival) and Peter Fraser (West of Scotland)

In attendance – John Boax (Education Officer) and Daniel Beadle (minute taker)

Apologies – Danny Harrison, Jim Milligan, Elaine Roxburgh, Stuart Black (Borders), Eilidh Maclachlan (Northern Counties) and Nigel Martin (Press Officer),

1. Welcome

Carrie welcomed everyone to the fourth SBBA Executive meeting of 2021.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the third SBBA Executive meeting on 30 May 2021 were proposed as accurate by Jim Wishart and seconded by Damien Martin.

3. Matters Arising

SBBA volunteer hours

Carrie reminded all executive members to send Elaine a note of their volunteer hours for SBBA work.

European Brass Band Association (EBBA)

The EBBA and Brass Band England's announcement regarding tickets for the festival will be circulated to bands week commencing 23 August.

Clarification to be sought regarding SBBA's subscription to EBBA.

Clarification is also outstanding from EBBA regarding the 2022 Youth Championships.

Kapitol Forum + 2021 National Championships Update

The meeting due on 3 July due to take place didn't take place. There are 3 representatives from Scotland due to attend the 1st–4th section national championships in Cheltenham. All other bands have now withdrawn. The 3 championship representatives are also due to attend event in October in the Albert Hall in October.

Post meeting note – the cooperation band have since withdrawn –
<https://www.sbba.org.uk/news/6125/the-cooperation-band-withdraws-from-the-national-finals>

Member bands are encouraged to contact Kapitól's designated health and safety officer for the contests with any queries due to potential implications of covid restrictions.

4. Finance

Treasurer's Report

Julie provided an update on the current position of the accounts including a draft breakdown of the income and expenditure for the 2021 NYBBS summer course. Trustees will meet in the next weeks to finalise this.

The Just Giving page to be promoted to request for donations for NYBBS –
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/NYBBS2021?invite=true>

Creative Scotland funding update

£3,000 was received from the Youth Summer Creative Summer of Play fund. This covered the outdoor activities that were organised during the 2021 NYBBS summer course. This allowed additional activities, silent disco, human hungry hippos, soft archery, three marquees and chairs to be hired for each of the three bands to have an outdoor space during the course. The end of project report has been submitted for this fund and SBBA were invited to be part of the evaluation of this fund.

Bands are encouraged to get in touch with Carrie, Tom and John to discuss funding opportunities that are available for member bands.

Meeting on 24 August is taking place with Paul Wood to discuss the 2022-23 funding application which is due to be submitted on 6 September.

The end of year project monitoring forms for 2019-20 has been completed and the final payment should be received in due course.

A meeting to be requested with Creative Scotland to discuss future funding opportunities.

Update banking signatories

It was proposed by Tom Allan (Secretary) and seconded by Carrie Boax (President) that Julie Nicol (Treasurer) is added to the Royal Bank of Scotland account. This was accepted.

Funding working group update

Julie thanked Jim Wishart for all of the information he has been sharing. A meeting has been arranged following the nationals in Cheltenham.

5. Communication

Press and Publicity

Nigel has published the following stories on the [website](#) in June and July 2021:

1. Youth Speaks Roadshow
2. Places available for mental health awareness workshop
3. Lochgelly Band raises roof with lottery grant
4. Bands line-up for Whitburn Band Virtual Festival
5. Online child protection workshop on safeguarding
6. Scottish Festival of Brass to be held on one weekend
7. Kickstart live concerts on Make Music Day
8. Coalburn bring Disney magic in online concert
9. Kilmarnock get back to banding after 15-month hiatus
10. Sad passing of Willie Tennant
11. Phone app and risk assessments aid getting back to banding
12. Celebration of frontline workers on NHS Day
13. Dunaskin Doon on lookout for new players
14. NYBBS venue fully risk assessed prior to summer course
15. Annan percussionist awarded MBE
16. WoS entertainment contest cancelled this year
17. Coalburn reminder of Disney magic concert
18. Jim Walker of Newland Concert Brass obituary
19. Willie Tennant funeral to be live streamed
20. Whitburn Band Virtual Festival all set for weekend
21. Results announced for Whitburn Band Virtual Festival
22. Entry forms available for Open and Challenge contests
23. Back to Banding: Creetown looks forward to new band hall
24. Brass campaigner hails free music tuition in schools
25. Lochgelly produce video to appeal for new players
26. Langholm Town Band in Common Riding online celebrations
27. Tragic death of Gary Patterson
28. Excitement as NYBBS preparations near completion
29. Back to Banding: Dalkeith and Monktonhall return to full rehearsals

Nigel has also worked on the following SBBA press releases:

1. Youth Speaks Roadshow
2. Scottish Festival of Brass to be held on one weekend
3. NYBBS venue fully risk assessed prior to summer course
4. WoS entertainment contest cancelled this year
5. Brass campaigner hails free music tuition in schools
6. Excitement as NYBBS preparations near completion

Member bands are encouraged to get in touch with Nigel with their back to banding stories as they return to activities and rehearsals. Carrie thanked Nigel for all the work he is doing.

A press release following the 2021 NYBBS Summer Course will be circulated shortly.

Post meeting note – this is now available –

<https://www.sbba.org.uk/news/6115/justgiving-opportunity-to-support-the-continuing-work-of-nybbs-as-covid-19-restrictions-are-relaxed>

Social media and sub-committee

It hasn't yet been possible to set up a meeting of this sub-committee. Meeting requested for after the national championships in Cheltenham. Funding could be requested to train and create a team of people to be available to support live streaming of any future events. In addition, it could be possible to work in partnership with local colleges if their students require projects to work on for their coursework.

Correspondence

- Thank you from Lochgelly – People's Postcode Lottery - £20,000 awarded.
- NHS – Frontline Workers Day ON 5 July - BBE
- Advert for Scottish Chamber Orchestra 2021 Autumn Academy
- Fair Access Newsletter
- Advert for the 2022 European Brass Band Festival
- A letter from a member band about the Scottish Challenge

6. Education

Child Protection update

Positive feedback has been received from the event in June. Delegates to receive an attendance certificate.

Following the training course, it has been suggested that a high level summary of do's and don'ts of child protection is created as a reminder for member bands. In addition, it is suggested that bands should publicise in their band halls who their child protection officer is and a template incident report form is created.

Thank you to Caroline for all of her work on this.

It was suggested that Nigel produces a press release to promote this work.

Sub committee report

A meeting is due to take in the next couple of weeks.

Education Officer's report

John provided the following updates on his work since the last executive meeting:

- NYBBS 2021 admin working on all students application forms and sending any medical forms to Elaine Roxburgh. Gift Aid forms received were forwarded to Tom Allan.
- Youth Speaks Virtual Roadshow held on 5th June and hosted by Laura Carter. I created the Zoom meeting and administered the day which was very successful. Recorded all of the sessions for viewing on the SBBA website. Well done to Laura Carter and Iona MacVicar for all of their work on this project.
- Organised more solo accompaniment recordings by Gina Baker for the "Regeneration Project". Gina has now completed her work on this and so the next batch of recordings will be done by Mike Robertson. This will be accessed from the SBBA website.

- All of the composers who took part in the Composers Project completed their 3 pieces. SBBA now have a total of 12 new pieces of music for youth bands. The NYBBS concert featured several of the new pieces which were received very well. Nigel Durno is planning to record all of the new music using a top Scottish band with the composers conducting their own pieces.
- Making contact with brass retailers to purchase start-up band instruments for bands who have successfully been granted awards.
- I have been working with Bede Williams on an event in September that will involve members of the NYBBS reserve and senior bands. Gregor Koziel from Tullis Russell has been working as a NYBBS Young Ambassador to recruit the players. <https://www.sbba.org.uk/news/6116/spectrums-and-stars-concert-to-bring-curtain-down-on-stamp-s-brass-weekend>
- I have received emails and calls from various bands and education establishments to ask what the process was in organising and running the successful NYBBS course.
- Nigel Dunro's project has concluded and two tubas will be available from September to be available for young players who are going into Higher Education.

Wellbeing

Positive feedback has been received from the workshop at the beginning in June.

There are delegates that have noted interested and would like another training sessions to be organised. Tabby Kerwin's availability is to be established.

The Facebook group for wellbeing leads is to be created to allow those who have attended the training to allow them to collaborate. John and Julie to discuss how to circulate this and check privacy settings.

A wellbeing 'rucksack' (for example to include stress balls) to be investigated to potentially be made available at SBBA contests.

The content of the wellbeing webpage also requires to be discussed.

7. Membership and registration

Registration system development

Ongoing.

A press release is to be created to remind bands of the student registration policy that is in place. During a 12 month period, players can apply to be permitted to transfer between the 2 nominated bands on as many occasions as required

8. Events

Sub committee update

Summer NYBBS Course 2021

With 108 players (and no covid outbreaks), this was great success. It was a great team effort, with young people so appreciative and helpful during the week. The support received from the staff at Strathallan was also excellent.

There is a brilliant radio broadcast about NYBBS and the Riverside Youth Band where a parent talks about the impact both bands have had on their son.

Thank you to Jim Wishart for the work on the music for the week.

Some feedback was received about some young people not being able to seen on screen during the concert. This was unfortunately due to the space available in the theatre at Strathallan.

Easter 2022

It is currently being planned that this will be a 4 day course beginning on 10 or 11 April. This will take place in Strathallan for reserve and senior band members with a concert at the end of the course. Funding to be requested, if not possible then participants may be required to pay a fee.

Summer 2022

31 July – 7 August are the provisional dates.

2021 Scottish Festival of Brass - 27 and 28 November

Youth Festival on 27 November (morning)

- Performances on stage
- Pbuzz event
- NYBBS Children Band in concert

Scottish Open on 27 November (afternoon)

- 11 bands have noted interest.
- Bands have a choice of 5 commissioned works from SBBA collection.
- Adjudication will be closed with 2 adjudicators operator as a panel.

Scottish Challenge on 28 November

- 11 bands have noted interest.

Nigel Durno is organising the trade stands

Besson are donating funding towards the prize for the Scottish Open.

Nigel (Martin) to put out a reminder to bands to note interest in both contests.

The events committee to discuss whether or not there would be a pre-draw for both contests. Events committee to also discuss the potential of charging for live streaming of the contest.

Current rules at Perth Concert Hall don't require social distancing, however masks must be worn if not eating, drinking or playing.

2022 Scottish Championships

Dates booked at Perth Concert Hall:

- Saturday 12 March – Sections 3, 2 and 1
- Sunday 13 March – Sections 4, 4b and Championship

A promoted band has declined their promotion from the 1st section to the Championship. Their place is to be offered to the third placed band.

9. Area Associations Update

South West (Jim Millgan)

- Great feedback from Stranraer band members who attended the NYBBS summer course.

West of Scotland (Lesley Crumlish)

- Some bands have returned to rehearsals and others looking to source larger venues.

East of Scotland (Steven Gray)

- MacTaggarts have resumed rehearsals.
- Ann Murray to get in touch with the bands in the East of Scotland..

Fife (sent in advance by Danny Harrison)

- Kingdom Lochgelly, Tullis and Dysart have performed concerts at St Andrew's band stand.
- The committee are looking to host a meeting to discuss all member bands in getting back playing.
- Kingdom are back to full rehearsals, others bands are working towards getting back.
- A suitable venue is being sourced for a possible event taking place in December.

Fife Brass Band Festival (Anne McInnes)

- Entry forms for the 2022 FBBF to be prepared and circulated in November.

Northern Counties (Damian Martin)

- A few bands have returned to rehearsal with Perthshire Brass doing an outdoor concert.

Borders (Stuart Black)

- Borders players really enjoyed the NYBBS course with lots of great feedback from people watching the concert too.
- Most if not all bands have resumed inside rehearsals.
- The borders brass workshops are hopefully going to be held on 26 September with Alan Fernie, Angela Miller and Stuart Black booked as the conductors.
- The Borders contest is still looking to go ahead in Langholm this year on 6 November. John Doyle and Martyn Armstrong booked as judges. Entry will be limited to 12 bands with a reserve list in place.
- Langholm band will be representing the Borders at the nationals.
- Some bands are also looking to start booking concerts for the autumn with most if not all aiming for Christmas time too
- We have some people interested in the Wellbeing course

Associations should be planning for solo qualifiers to take place and the finals are due to take place in March after the Scottish Championships

10. Premises

SBBA now have access to a room and small annex in Princess House in West Campbell Street in Glasgow.

Thank you to Lesley and Siobhan Crumlish, Murray White and Tom Allan for moving the equipment in and building the shelving.

Boardrooms at Princess House can be used for meetings when required. SBBA should have use of this facility for the next 3 years. The Clutha Trust is hopeful that we could move into their new premises when available.

Huge thanks to Jim Wishart for arranging the move in and setting up the inventory of instruments.

11. AOCB

A 200 Club Draw was made:

1st prize – Linda Cairns

2nd prize – Tom Allan

3rd prize – Mrs P Tobin

Trustees to discuss prize money and promotion of the 200 Club.

12. Date of next meeting

Executive Meeting 5 will take place in at Princess House in Glasgow on 24 October.