



Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Sussex Brass

Held on : Friday 10th of October 2025 at 19:00hrs

At : The Harrow. (Change of venue as Black Horse had a function on).

Present : Steve Hollamby, Karl Grover, Jon Manning, Mandy Nash and Kerry Holsgrove.

1. **Apologies –John Gilbert**

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

- Minutes of last meeting minutes were read and agreed, with those present.

3. **Matters Arising from last meeting's minutes.**

No matters from the previous meeting were raised and all agreed.

4) Booking & Correspondence

New Bookings

28.11.25- New Inn- 4pm-4:30pm/ Freedom Church at 4:45pm for light switching- Few players (Bexhill crew)

29.11.25-Vinehall Carols- Times to be confirmed- Small group of players to play at the Christmas fete needed.

13.12.25- Wave Arts/ Compound Christmas fete- 11:30am- 1pm.

St Matthews Carol Service

Action- Steve to ask players who may be available.

Correspondence

- Steve shared with the committee that he had received correspondence from Cassie Poland thanking us very much for our playing and shared that she had had a lot of good feedback.
- Steve stated that we currently have not received any correspondence from Marina Court

Action- Steve to contact Marina Court and make some enquiries.

5) Treasurers Report

- Karl gave the following figures to the committee;

Main Account = **£15,123.56p**

Income year to date: **£ 3860**

Expenditure year to date: **£2829.01**

Karl stated the following;

Subs- Karl stated that we are currently receiving constant income through subscriptions.

Karl shared that there is currently a couple of subs outstanding.

Rent- £510

Insurance- £1691

License fee- £190

Karl queried whether we had received payment for Magdalen and Lasher and Steve confirmed that we had to the sum of **£400**.

Karl stated that currently we are **£ 1030.99** up in income.

Karl shared with the committee the projections in preparation for the AGM and stated that there remains the floating amount of **£245** re rent, which we have queried with All Saints re rent, which they say they have received.

Action-Karl to share projections for the band at the AGM.

Karl to chase up outstanding subs..

6) Musical Directors Report

Steve stated that he had been very pleased with the recent events throughout May, June and July and that the band had played very well. The programmes had been mostly well received although the hour for each set was a hard blow, the sound had been good and we had received great feedback.

The band acknowledged that Steve had given up a considerable amount of time and lost earning through work and we recognised with appreciation the enormous of work he had put in. Steve stated that he does not take payment from the band for his part of concerts which should be at 12.5% to keep costs down but it was discussed that Steve should be receiving some payment from concerts in the new year.

Remembrance- Steve had collected the march pads and some of these were in poor state. Steve stated that we need new pads for this year and this was agreed in discussion. Steve also shared that John Renshaw had raised about a wreath from Sussex Brass to be laid this year at the war memorial and will be organising this from the legion. Steve will be working on new music in preparation of the Christmas Concerts and will start after Remembrance. Pete Beaman will be joining us for the concert at the golf club.

Steve thanked Niki for conducting at Drusilla's and Pett and these had been received well.

Action- Steve to order some new march pads and give the invoice to Karl.

Niki – to receive some payment for conducting for the two events.
John R- John to be refunded for cost of wreath.

7) Contest Secretary's Report

- Jane Stewart from SCABA- had sent correspondence regarding the contest on the 9th of October.
- Steve reiterated that Sussex Brass would not be entering as in previous meeting records or rejoining SCABA.

8) Band Management

- Kerry raised with the committee about new warmer jackets for the band, as the weather is more unreliable for events and some events have been cold. This was discussed and agreed that Kerry would look into this and raise at the AGM with players. Options were considered on cost, as to ask players to pay something towards their own jacket as a possibility.
- Kerry shared that the band is looking very good at the moment and generally there are no difficulties.

Action- Kerry to raise this at the AGM..

9) Social events

- No social events are planned currently.
- Birthdays- Steve stated that due to players responses to a recent birthday for a player that we will only now be celebrating significant birthdays moving forward.
- Curry- Meeting together at the Flavours of India was discussed and it was agreed that we would meet in the New Year after the AGM on the 26th of January.

Action- Steve to let the band know.

10) Child Protection-Karl shared that he had updated the policy until May 25.

Action- No further action.

11) Website- Karl shared that he has updated the calendar on the website and uploaded the minutes for 24/25. Karl had changed the information within the members area.

The website payment was also discussed and Karl shared that we could get 5gb for free but to increase the one drive to 50gb would cost £2 a month for uploading video's. Band agreed to recycle content rather than pay for more space.

Action- Karl to update when necessary.

11) Any other business.

AGM – This will go ahead on the 10th of November. All members of the committee are prepared to stand again.

Gift for Tony was discussed, and a framed photo of the band was felt to be something Tony would treasure.

Action-Karl and Kerry to organise.

Date of next meeting- 9th of January 26 @7pm (This was changed until 16.01.26 due to illness)

Venue—Black Horse Telham.

Meeting ended at: 8:35pm

Chairman

Secretary

