



Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Sussex Brass

Held on : Friday 29th September 2017 at 19:30hrs
At : The Harrow

Present : Steve Hollamby, Jon Manning, Karl Grover,
Clare Proudlove Mandy Nash, Kerry Holsgrove

1. Apologies – Nick Elliott John Gilbert

2. Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and their accuracy was agreed.

3. Matters Arising from last meeting's minutes

- There were no matters raised from last meetings minutes

4) Booking & Correspondance

New Bookings

Lifeboat Station- 13th June
Pett Flower Show- 28th July (70th Anniversary)
Magdalen and Lasher- Sunday 22nd July

Steve received a telephone call today re playing Carols at the New Inn(Sidley). Mandy, Roger and Andy played last year. This was discussed, as players needed for the 23rd November 17.

It was agreed to raise this and then if no players were available, that the band would decline this event. Steve to make contact with the organiser to let them know once a decision has been made.

Action- Steve

5) Treasurers Report

Karl gave the following figures to the committee :

Main Account = **£16,309.84**
income year to date £2484.58
Expenditure year to date £2171.67(
insurance paid)
£312 in profit
Steve paid in £175 13th September
£100 Rye
£75 Alexandra Park

£200 still to come in from Egerton Park

It was agreed that we would look at insurance quotes earlier next year to see if we could get a better deal.

6) Musical Directors Report

Steve reported that the summer season had gone well and there had been good feedback from audiences following our concerts/ events. Steve thanked all players for their support over the summer.

Jon Manning reported that he had been stopped in the street and a member of the public had said how enjoyable our playing was.

Steve said there would now be a countdown to Remembrance and Christmas.

Christmas is looking fairly quiet so far, Hawkhurst is not likely to happen.

Concerts so far:

Egerton Park-
St Matthews-
Marine Court- (few players)

Steve said there will be a big cull of music in January now. Committee will meet at the beginning of January and sort music in the band room

Action- All Committee Members

7) Contest Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report to the committee at this meeting. Now that Robin has stood down as contest secretary Steve would be the recipient of any correspondence from SCABA regarding contests.

8) Band Management

There was nothing to report to the committee at this meeting.

- a) **Uniform and Department** NB. The Band is now in receipt of Carol Tipper and Graham Hall's jackets and purchased these for the sum of £50 each, totalling £100.

Kerry to bring a jacket on Monday for Mandy Nash to try (resizing)

Action- Kerry

Ivor's uniform and cornet needs to be returned as he has now left the band. Steve to contact Ivor to arrange a suitable date and time to retrieve items

Action- Steve

b) Instruments

Karen Wells has now got a Baritone to play

There is some red rot in Mandy's cornet but there are other cornets available to try before a repair is done. Steve got an estimate from Dean and it was felt that this was not viable at this time due to cost. Cost estimated was £600 plus lacquer and Steve said as they are still playable to leave them as they are.

John Gilbert's instrument is in a poor state due to lack of cleaning. Steve to look into this and find time available to clean John's Euphonium

Action- Steve

9) Child Protection

A discussion took place with regard to a Band Child Protection Policy in light of the recent imprisonment of a former band member. It was felt that this needed to be looked into and then at a later stage added to the Band website, when agreed by the Committee.

Kerry offered to look into this and has already been looking at policies, that other bands have on their websites, that are suitable for our band at present.

This will be a detailed process and looked into carefully before being drawn up and discussed with the committee.

Action- Kerry (ongoing)

10) Social Events

The recent curry night was well attended and enjoyed by several members of the band. Kerry will be arranging the post xmas meal again and will let band members know in due course.

Action- Kerry

Jon informed us that next year was the 50th Anniversary of Sussex Brass and it was felt that this was something that should be celebrated. This would be around autumn time.

Steve said that a concert to celebrate would be good and Kerry agreed to look into a special event that could be celebrated with existing band members.

Action- Steve/ Kerry

11) Website

Jon to check with Nick with regard to whether the band library has been updated on the website.

Nick to upload any photographs that are relevant and place on the website as necessary(ongoing)

Action- Jon/Nick

12) Any other business

There was no other business raised by members of the committee in this meeting and therefore the meeting was closed at 20:45 pm.

Date of next meeting: 5th January 18

Venue: Harrow Pub

Time: 19:30pm.

Chairman

Secretary

