



Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Sussex Brass

Held on : Friday 5th October 2018 at 19:30hrs
At : The Harrow

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

1. Apologies – 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

- Action- completed by Jon from last meeting minutes

4) Booking & Correspondance

New Bookings

- Mandy informed Steve that she had been approached by Blacklands Church re a concert in the Church. Steve asked Mandy to pass on his telephone number to the organiser for them to contact him.
- **Action- Mandy**
- Steve reported that the last two jobs that the band has played in at Alexandra Park, have received good feedback from Jon Bartholomew
- Steve said that Roger had approached him with regard to a Sierra Leone concert and a provisional date had been set for 7th June, possibly to be at St Matthews. Steve to liaise with Roger.
- **Action Steve**
- Steve said that he had been approached for some players at The New Inn re carols for half an hour at 4:30pm to 5pm on the 29th Nov. Steve to ask players at band nearer the time but committee agreed to the job.
- **Action- Steve**
- **Next year-** Steve said that the band has already some repeat jobs next year;
- **Sidley Church-** 10th August
- **Pett Flower Show-** Last Saturday in July
- **Alexandra Park-** Last Sunday in July(day after Pett)
- **Rye Community Centre-**2nd Saturday in September

- Eastbourne is up for tender again soon- Steve explained that the format had changed this year for 1812 concerts and Steve explained that he would phone once he has submitted our requests to Eastbourne Bandstand, to check that they had received our application
- **Action- Steve**

5) Treasurers Report

- Karl gave the following figures to the committee and said up to date all band jobs had been paid.

Main Account = **£15991.91**
 income year to date £1679.35
 Expenditure year to date £2592.29(
 insurance paid)
 £312 in profit

 £912.24(as negative balance)

Karl asked whether it would be useful to complete a projection for end of year and Jon agreed this would be useful.

Action- Karl

Insurance- Jon to look into this, as to whether we can get a better deal(due 15th June)

Action- Jon

6) Musical Directors Report

Steve reported that he had been very pleased with the last two jobs and that these had been very well received by Hastings Borough Council.

Steve said that he was very happy with preparations for the 50th Anniversary Concert, so far and that he needed to chase up Ricky and that there were also other surprises, which he had been negotiating. Steve assured the committee that the issue of percussion would be resolved by the time of the concert. Steve said that unfortunately Andy Gill would not be able to play, as he is playing in the Wizard of Oz but is happy to play any time in the future.

Karl had produced a flyer for the concert and this would now be converted into a flyer and Jon would be responsible for this.

Action-Jon

7) Contest Secretary's Report

Karl informed the committee that he had been in touch with SCABA and that we had been a member in 2016 and in 2017 (from Jan to December) but not in 2018.

Karl said there is a fee of £85 and that he will be required to fill in a form and that we can complete this in Jan 19.

Action- Karl to complete form (Jan 19)

8) Band Management

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

Jon reported that he had taken a video of the band marching on Speaker's Day and Sue Renshaw had been present and reported that the band looked and sounded good.

Jon said that he would look into putting this on Youtube.

Action- Jon

a) Instruments

- Steve reported that John's Euphonium had been fixed and that he had not received any other concerns from other band members regarding their instruments.

9) Child Protection

- Kerry asked Clare if the Child Protection policy had been placed on the band website yet and Clare said that it had not. Clare informed the committee that she had not yet got access to the band website, since taking over from Nick. Jon asked if Kerry had emailed Clare this policy and this had been done previously, at the time it was agreed by band.

Action- Clare, to speak to Nick, at the earliest opportunity.

10) Social Events

- Kerry reported that all preparations were going smoothly for the murder/mystery and that the band will hear further information, after the 50th Anniversary Concert
- Jon Manning will be giving Steve and Betty a lift on the evening.
- Post Xmas meal- to be a curry this year, due to the great expense of the murder/mystery. Kerry to organise this and let the band know in due course.

11) Website

- Clare has not yet got access to the password from Nick, to get on the site as reported above. Jon asked Clare to speak to Nick on Monday to get access as soon as possible.

- **Facebook-** This will need updating with new photos and further information re upcoming concerts.
- **Action- Clare**

12) Any other business

- AGM- Jon reported that this had gone well this year.
- Letter to be compiled by Jon to different venues to see if they would be interested in having Sussex Brass and committee members to provide Jon with some ideas/suggestions.

Action- Jon

- It was agreed by all committee members that in future any complaints/concerns or queries brought to their attention by band members will be passed directly to Jon Manning. All committee members are not a vehicle for this and as such, are to direct the band member directly to the Chairman and not to bring the complaint themselves, to the meeting.
- **Action- All committee members**

Meeting concluded at 20:30pm.

Date of next meeting: 7th December 18

Venue: Harrow Pub

Time: 19:30pm.

Chairman

Secretary

