



Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Sussex Brass

Held on : Friday 1st February 2019 at 19:30hrs
At : The Harrow

Present : Steve Hollamby, Jon Manning, Karl Grover,
Clare Proudlove Mandy Nash, Kerry Holsgrave, John Gilbert

1. Apologies –None

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 arising.

4) Booking & Correspondence

New Bookings

- Blacklands Church- Steve said that he had received a phone call from the organiser and it was explained it had yet to be discussed with the church committee and then they would get back to Steve to confirm a date.
- **Saturday 5th October.** Speakers Day in Winchelsea- Steve has spoken with the organiser and has some more information about this job. The band will only be required to march between two designated parts and will not be needed for the church service .Steve to find out costs and clarify for the band.
- **Action- Steve**
- **27th April- Lifeboat service-** Steve reported that he had no further **details on** this job.

3rd June -Steve informed the committee that band practice will be in the church as there is a meeting in the hall.

5) Treasurers Report

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

Main Account = £15,153.98

income year to date £3125.58

Expenditure year to date £4876.45(£1750 down)

Karl completed a comprehensive projection

and shared this with the committee. Karl estimated that projection would be £14 500 to £14,600 end of year.

Karl reported that he had received £100 subs from Simon Fry.

Action- All committee members

Karl got new signatory forms signed by Mandy and Kerry and will submit to the bank.

Insurance- Jon to look into this, as to whether we can get a better deal(due **15th** June). Jon to look into this as soon as possible, allowing time for a change.

Action- Jon(ongoing)

6) Musical Directors Report

- Steve stated that he felt that the band was playing good music and that they were getting a good blow with a good variety of music. Steve reported that he has received good feedback from band and that he has some nice material for Eastbourne, Sierra Leone and Rye.
- Steve stated that the Seirra Leone concert would be no fee paid as it will be a charity event.
- **Action- Steve** to contact drummer for these three events. Steve intends to use Pete Beamen again and the committee agreed to pay the fee for the drummer.
- Steve reported that the contract for Eastbourne has been secured and the band will be paid £400.

7) Contest Secretary's Report

- **SCABA-** Karl now has received the SCABA form and he will complete this and return it.
- **Action- Karl**
- **Autumn Contest is 29th September and Steve to consider entering the band or for the Spring concert**

Action- Steve

8) Band Management

Kerry has now collected all the players e mail addresses and handed to Jon. Discussion followed, with regard to protection of players e mail addresses and Jon to **BCC** all players as requested by some band members. Jon to set this up.

Action- Jon

- Steve reported that Betty's cornet had been repaired and that Karl paid the fee to Dean.
 - Steve asked John Gilbert if his valves were ok and he said that they were working ok.
 - Stand lights-Karl shared some that he found and it was agreed that we would buy a stand light as a sample by the 24th May.
- **Action- Karl**

9) Child Protection Policy- This is now on the website in the members section. This will need to be reviewed in May.

Jon thanked Clare for all her work with the website and Clare will now e mail the information over to Karl, who will now be taking over the website.

Clare has taken the decision to stand down due to personal reasons and the committee thanked her for all her input.

10) Social events- There will be a curry night on the 5th of March, instead of band, as it is Steve's birthday the day after. It will be at the Indian Lounge at 7:30pm.

Action- Steve will text players to secure numbers, as we will be able to have a buffet, if there are more than 20 players.

11) Website- Karl had stated that the players list on the website is out of date and Steve also said the information about himself was out of date.

Action- Steve to write something about himself and e mail to Karl for inclusion on the website.

Steve stated that he was still receiving information on para storage, when an e mail goes to secretary of sussex brass and Karl said that he would look at this.

Action- Karl

Action- Steve to e mail Karl the correct e mail address to be delivered to.

Face book- Karl to look at this for band account but will concentrate on the website first

12) Any other business

Jon said that he had sent a letter to Hawkhurst re the band's withdrawal for Remembrance but has not yet had a reply.

Steve queried that it was sent to the correct address as the Chairman had change and was no longer Ray. Jon said that he would chase this up.

Action- Jon

AGM- the date was set for the AGM – 29TH April.

Betty- Arrangements to bring Betty to be band were discussed and Jon said that he would like this to be shared as he was not always available to pick up. Mark has been taken her home and Janice had also said that given notice she could help with pick up or drive home. The cost of a taxi was also discussed and Kerry to contact taxi companies to get an estimate and also to speak to Andy Lamb.

Action- Kerry

John Gilbert reported that Hubert is now conducting Little Common band as well as Hooe,

Possible future venues to play at- Jon shared with the members a draft letter to be sent to possible new venues and it was agreed by all.

Jon reminded committee members to e mail him some ideas for venues and Jon will them approach these settings.

Action- All

Jon stated that he would make some flyers to be sent with the letters.

Action- Jon

Steve reminded members to put forward suggestions for any music form the library or that could be purchased by the band.

Action- All.

Minutes are still to be put on the website

Mandy- Mandy stated that she had spoken to the back row cornets and reported that Mark had said that he would like to remain on the back row.

Meeting closed- 20:55pm

Date of next meeting- 4th April 2019

Venue—Harrow Pub

Time-19:30pm

Chairman

Secretary

