



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 20th July 2016

Present: Richard Frost, John Derrick, Joe Miles, Natalie Miles, Ian Miles, Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey,

Apologies: Kevin Long, Alan Derrick

Matters Arising:

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

John Derrick will attend a cheque presentation for the recent Queen Elizabeth 90th birthday celebrations

The band will continue to advertise for players, it was agreed to add cornets to the list of vacancies

The band has received a cheque of £200 from the Lions club, thank you to Richard Frost for this.

Thanks to Stuart Hunter, Natalie Miles and Alan Derrick for sorting out getting the new black jackets

Thanks to the gentleman who offered to help collect for the band during the recent Pageant gardens event

The band has expressed its interest in a potential solo and quartet contest organised by Shaftesbury town band

Thanks to Andrea Rogers for the recent offer to recruit new Youth band members, we are happy to hear they have gained six new members in the last term

Correspondence:

The band has received thanks from the organisers of the Castle Country Fair and Somerton Arts festival for our participation in their events.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer has been looking into a new software package to help manage the bands accounts, it was proposed and agreed that the treasurer would contact the people who audit the accounts before accepting the package at the cost of £2.50 per month. The committee agreed that if the auditor was happy with the package that the treasurer would accept this. The band received a cheque for just over £9000 from the will of Mrs Miller.

Agenda:

Proms 2016: Advertising has started, tickets are available to purchase and the committee will encourage players to put up posters in their local area to advertise the concert. Joe and Natalie are

to purchase more flags and poppers, Sean to speak to youth band parents who may be able to help with teas and coffee and John to make some more road signs.

Band ties: The committee agreed to let Natalie purchase some more black band ties for new players

Rehearsals: The committee discussed various issues surrounding rehearsal, including attendance. The option of changing one of the rehearsal nights was discussed but it was agreed to speak to band members to explore what would work best for them. It was agreed to send a general message to everyone. It was also agreed that the Chairman would deal with a few other behavioural/attitude issues that have arisen in recent weeks. The musical director asked the committee to consider entering another contest, it was agreed to enter the November Torquay contest and the Wessex contest.

Other Business:

Female dress code: A female band member has asked for clarification on what is allowed to wear to band jobs in respect of skirts, tights, socks and shoes. The committee proposed and agreed that the female dress code would remain as it has been for the past few years, i.e. women can wear either skirt or trousers, with or without tights whatever their preference as long as the skirt is an appropriate length and style. It was agreed as long as shoes were black and smart it did not matter whether socks were worn or not.

AGM date was agreed to be 2nd September with a rehearsal afterwards, this is later than usual but we agreed that the summer is often difficult with people going on holiday.

Front roller door has been fixed, thank you John Derrick.

It was proposed and agreed to change the venue of the committee meetings to the Crown function room, the next meeting will be held there.

Brass group at Sherborne Primary: Ian Bartle has asked the band if the school could borrow some instruments from the band to start a brass group at the Primary school, he said he would encourage these children to join the Youth band, the committee agreed to let this happen but a couple of committee members would have a look and decide what to give.

Guest conductor has been booked for the next Pageant gardens event and the Friday rehearsal prior to it.

It was agreed to get a full band confirmed early for the Proms concert this year, John to speak with Kevin to ensure this happens.

The committee agreed for the Chairman to speak with the musical director about length of rehearsals, planning rehearsals and jobs better. It was suggested to form a committee to decide what music to play in concerts.

Next meeting: 24th August 2016