



Sherborne Town Band AGM 2016

2nd September 2016

Present: Stuart Butt, John Derrick, Joe Miles, Chris Barrett, Ian Miles, Richard Frost, Sean Beechey, Tom Walker-Arnott, Helen Coombes, Mark Coombes, Kirsty Blencowe, Stuart Hunter, Kevin Long, Andrea Rogers, Alan Derrick, Paul Slator.

Apologies: Natalie Miles, Andrea Beechey, Bill Broadbent, Steve Rogers, Jim Bennett

Minutes of last year's meeting were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Reports from Officers:

- Presidents report- see attached
- Musical Directors report- see attached
- Youth band Directors report – to be sent separately
- Chairman's report- see attached

Treasures' report: See attached

Election of Officers:

All electable positions remain the same as last year, as following:

- Chairman- John Derrick
- Vice Chairman – Joe Miles
- Secretary- Natalie Miles
- Treasurer- Andrea Beechey
- Contest Secretary- Sean Beechey
- Committee members- Alan Derrick, Richard Frost, Ian Miles, Kevin Long (addition: Andrea Rogers)

Any other Business:

Ladies' uniform – It was asked that the uniform policy / ruling be discussed and agreed, as there was some confusion / concerns raised by members of the band. The question of tights and socks was raised as a concern. E.g. if trousers are worn by ladies, should black socks be expected, and if skirts are worn, should black tights be expected.

Some committee members referred to the July committee meeting minutes which stipulated the following: ***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.***

The chairman has suggested that the committee liaise with females members as seasons progress and make an announcement as to intentions as necessary. This was agreed.

Meeting was closed at approx. 8pm.

Appendices:

Treasurer report

The band finances remain extremely healthy as you will see from the profit and loss sheet. The largest outgoings for the year are still the rent and insurance which amounts to almost £2,500. The other significant purchases were the new black jackets and the new photocopier. Guest players expenses were significantly lower than last year and the hire of the band room to the yoga classes continues to bring in just under £1,500. The figures in the profit and loss sheet does not include a £9000 bequest which makes the books look even more healthy.

To give you an idea of the books now, as of last Friday we have £13,484 in the current account, £7,282 in the instrument fund, £6,324 in the deposit account and £273 in the youth band account.

Of concern are the falling numbers of Youth Band players which means for the first time youth band expenses are greater than revenue generated. It should be noted however that any surplus previously generated by the youth band has been put into the savings account. Hopefully the recruitment drive championed by Andrea Rogers last term which saw 6 or 7 new faces in the starter group, will prove fruitful this term but we will know more next week when the new terms starts.

I would like to thank Stuart Hunter for his continued efforts in raising money for the band and Jane Spooner and Lanham & Francis accountants for auditing the books again.

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Chairman AGM 2016

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- ① MY THANKS TO ALL OF THE COMMITTEE AND PLAYERS, ESPECIALLY TO,
- KEVIN LONG) FOR HIS ENDLESS TASK OF ENSURING WE HAVE ALL POSITIONS FILLED AT ALL OUR PERFORMANCES.
 - NATALIE) FOR ENSURING THAT WE HAVE ENGAGEMENTS TO PUTY AT AND MAKING SURE WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.
 - JOE) FOR MAKING OUR EVENTS SUCCESSFUL THROUGH ADVERTISING AND ALSO KEEPING US ALL INFORMED AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON.
 - ANDREA) FOR KEEPING THE BANDS FINANCES IN ORDER
 - STUART HUNTER) FOR HIS PERSISTANCE AT BADGERING PEOPLE FOR MONEY THROUGH GRANTS ETC AND ALSO HIS PART IN ORGANISING NEW BLAZERS.
 - JIM) AND ALL OF HIS TEAM INVOLVED IN THE RUNNING OF THE YOUTH BAND.

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BAND GENERALLY

I THINK THAT THE BAND HAS MAINTAINED A VERY GOOD STANDARD AT ALL OF IT'S PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FOR THIS I GIVE THANKS TO STEVE, WHO HAS DONE THIS THROUGH VERY DIFFICULT TIMES DUE TO LOW ATTENDANCE AT REHEARSALS.

I HAVE NOTICED FOR MANY MONTHS THAT WE RARELY GET MORE THAN ABOUT 60% OF THE BAND AT REHEARSALS. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THAT GENERALLY, PEOPLE HAVE A GENUINE REASON FOR MISSING REHEARSALS, IT'S A PROBLEM WE ALL NEED TO ADDRESS IF THE BAND IS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

③ YOUTH BAND

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I UNDERSTAND THAT THE YOUTH BAND IS RUNNING AT A SLIGHT LOSS, DUE TO FALLING NUMBERS, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE KEEP IT RUNNING. I'M SURE THIS LOSS IS OFF SET BY THE EXTRA REVENUE GENERATED THROUGHOUT YOUTH BAND ENGAGEMENTS, LARGER AUDIENCES AT MAIN BAND EVENTS WHERE YOUTH BAND PARTICIPATE SUCH AS, PROMS CONCERT, TRIAS CONCERT & PAGRAM GARDENS CONCERTS. IT'S ALSO A USEFUL TOOL WHEN APPLYING FOR GRANTS/SPONSORSHIP IF YOU HAVE YOUTH INVOLVED IN YOUR ORGANISATION. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT COULD ENSURE FUTURE PLAYERS FOR OUR BAND AND BANDS IN GENERAL. FINALLY, THANK YOU ANOREA ROGERS WHO HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF SELLING THE YOUTH BAND TO KIDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOOST MEMBERSHIP.

④ ENGAGEMENTS

WE WERE QUITE FORTUNATE THIS YEAR TO LAND A COUPLE OF EXTRA JOBS DUE TO QE QO. OTHERWISE WE MAY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE QUIET.

I THINK THAT NEXT YEAR WE SHOULD MAY BE LOOK TO GETTING BACK SOME PARK JOBS SUCH AS WELLS OR ON THE COAST. AFTER ALL, WE'RE ALL IN THE BAND TO PLAY PUBLICLY AND IT'S ALSO OUR BREAD & BUTTER.

⑤ CONTESTS

WE GAVE A SOLID PERFORMANCE AT THIS YEAR'S AREAS, BUT I THINK WE'D BENEFIT FROM ONE OR TWO OTHER CONTESTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AT THIS POINT I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT THE BAND WILL BE ENTERING THE WESTEX CONTEST NOVEMBER 26TH.

I AM AWARE THAT SOME PLAYERS IN THE BAND CAN TAKE ON LEAVE CONTESTS, BUT THOSE PLAYERS MUST APPRECIATE THEMSELVES ARE PLAYERS WHO LOVE

TO CONTEST AND I THINK 2 OR 3 A YEAR IS A HAPPY MEDIUM.

⑥ FINANCE

I CAN REPORT THAT THE BAND IS IN A GOOD POSITION FINANCIALLY, MAINLY DUE TO A LUCRATIVE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND ALSO DUE TO A COUPLE OF WINDFALLS, A) £1,000 FROM A TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LATE WIFE OF DES WORLEY

B) £10,000 FROM THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MRS MILLER, A VP OF THE BAND FOR MANY YEARS.

⑦ PLAYERS

THIS YEAR WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE NEW PLAYERS ARRIVE VIV, GILL, ANDY + JULIE. BUT SORRY I HAVE TO REPORT THAT 3 PLAYERS, TONY, MARK + MAT OSBORNE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE ON. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE BAND AND WISH THEM WELL. ON A POSITIVE NOTE, WE WILL SOON BE WELCOMING BACK TO THE BAND KIRSTY BLANCO WHO HAS AGREED TO FILL THE SOLO HORN POSITION + JULIE WOOD WHO WILL PLAY EITHER CORNET OR HORN.

⑧ CONDUCTORS

AGAIN, SORRY, I HAVE TO REPORT THAT STEVE HAS DECIDED TO STAND DOWN AS RESIDENT CONDUCTOR. HIS LAST CONCERT WILL BE AT RADSTOCK 1ST OCTOBER. ONCE AGAIN A BIG THANKS FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS. ON A POSITIVE NOTE HE HAS AGREED TO STAY WITH THE BAND AS A PLAYER, EITHER CORNET OR FLUGEL WHICH WILL BE A GREAT BOOST FOR THE BAND.

I CAN REPORT THAT THE COMMITTEE ACTED SWIFTLY, FOR THE CASE OF CONTINUITY, IN APPOINTING PAUL SHOTON, WHO, I'M PLEASED TO SAY, HAS

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AGREED TO TAKE ON THE ROLE, FOR THE INTERIM
AT LEAST. WE HAVE ALSO APPOINTED IAN LOWE,
~~THE~~ [?] ~~FROM~~ AS PROFESSIONAL CONDUCTOR, STARTING
IN NOVEMBER. I WISH THEM BOTH EVERY SUCCESS.

(9) FINALLY

I THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAND AND
YOUR PARTNERS AND FAMILIES FOR ALLOWING
YOU THE TIME TO FOLLOW THIS TIME CONSUMING
HOBBY

THANK YOU

Band's Report 2015/16

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the members and families for their continued support and hard work over the past year. This has been an enjoyable year where the band had played very well and put in some very entertaining performances. The many compliments from the public you have received should make you feel proud of your efforts in continuing to perform at this level. I would also like to express my thanks to the band for a very solid and enjoyable experience at the areas. Although not the greatest result it gives the band a chance to build on next year. Can I also thank the John and the committee for the exceptional work they have done on maintaining good management of the organisation.

I would like to welcome those people who have joined the band over the last year and thank them for their continued contribution and valued commitment.

This is my 2nd stint as MD and feel very honoured and proud to have conducted Sherborne Town Band for around 7 years. We have wonderful people and players in the band and truly believe the band has a bright future. I have spoken with John and a few members of the band about my future as MD and have decided to step down as conductor. The band needs a new face and someone with the skills to take and progress the band further. This decision was difficult but I believe to be the correct one for the band. The band will be going through a transition period over the coming months but I am positive will come out stronger. Whoever is in the middle, please give them commitment and support so the Sherborne Town Band can grow and progress. The band has some phenomenal talent around the stands and together we will be successful. Once again thank you for all your help, guidance, kindness and support.

Thank you

Stephen Rogers

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1 September 2016

SHERBORNE TOWN BAND – AGM 2016– PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome to the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

The Band has enjoyed a good year and, gave a good account of themselves at the area finals resulting in a creditable 7th position. Well done to everyone, especially Steve, who worked very hard to bring the Band up to the standard required for the contest.

On your behalf, I wish to thank The Chairman and Committee for their continued dedication and effort to ensure that the Band continues to achieve standards necessary for a high section band. An inordinate amount of work is required to ensure that we have players, musical direction and advertising for our performances. Many thanks are due to John for his continued support with transporting all the equipment to the engagement venues.

The recent audit of our accounts, undertaken by accountants, Messrs Lanham and Francis, has certified that the Accounts are being properly and efficiently maintained, and that we remain financially healthy. Thank you Andrea for your continued hard work.

We always need to earn our keep and raise funds to cover overheads and expenses, so it is important that Members attend as many engagements as possible.

I continue to remain concerned by the poor attendance at rehearsals. I know how difficult it is to balance family, work and Band commitments, but home practice and regular rehearsals are essential if we wish to do well in performances and contests.

I am pleased to welcome Viv and Jill, Andy and Julie to the Band, and hope that they are enjoying their banding with us.

We appear to have lost sight of a couple of our younger players but I hope that they will re-appear on completion of their studies etc.

I am sorry to learn that Tony, Marie and Mat will be moving on, and I wish them well for the future.

Our Youth Band and Learner Groups continue under the expert guidance of Jim Bennett and his helpers, thank you all very much for your valuable work and the encouragement you give to our young members.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support during the year and I will be delighted to continue as your President if you so wish.

Stuart Hunter
PRESIDENT