



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 1st March 2017

Present: Richard Frost, John Derrick, Joe Miles, Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey, Andrea Rogers, Alan Derrick

Apologies: Natalie Miles, Kevin Long

Matters Arising:

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

Correspondence: N/A

Treasurers Report:

Report was presented. SYB account was discussed. Please see Treasurer for more details. Copy of the report were given to all members present.

Agenda:

CDs: Jubilee is in production – Joe to chase Phillip Littlemore with regards to this one. Joe asked committee to purchase PRS licence for production of the Fortunes Fold CD. Committee agreed, and Joe to action this ASAP.

Yeovil Town Band: Yeovil Town Band continue to use the band room on Wednesdays and will be in touch with Andrea to arrange specific dates. It will very much be on an ad-hoc basis. It was stressed that they must pack away for Yoga.

Band Dinner – Chairman announced that Band Dinner was changed to April 1st. This will happen at Thornford Pub as per last year. Menu and payment details coming out soon.

SYB – Andrea presented many ideas for Youth Band promotion including a new leaflet and campaign to allow new starters 4 weeks free sessions in May. This was agreed by all. Andrea to continue with this and send any correspondence / Publicity to Joe to forward on to relevant press / websites / local persons. The matter of instruments was discussed – Ian and Andrea R to arrange time to collate all instruments and see what we have available for children. Ian Bartle is training many young musicians at Sherborne Primary school with a view to them starting with the Youth Band any time soon. David Bertie has instruments for tuition with pupils at Thornford School. Some investigation is needed as to when we can have these instruments back. It is thought that David has suggested anytime. We may need these instruments, depending on uptake from the campaign.

It was asked if all Youth Band events could be added to the main STB events list. This was agreed and Joe to action.

Chairman has talked to SYB Director about cutting some parts of the Youth Band sessions, i.e. Advanced ensemble or starter brass. This was decided not to happen.

Other Business:

- The idea of large signage outside of the playing fields was discussed to promote events / gigs / open days etc. This was agreed as an idea in principal. Andrea to look into cost / size etc. We need to ask Trevor (groundsman) for permission and protocol here. It would not be all year round but specific times of the year.
- It was suggested that for the Last Night Of The Proms concert (2017) that the Sherborne Community Choir take part as an extra entertainment factor and potentially might help gain interest and they could also help with the 'patriotic' happenings at the end of the evening. All agreed and Andrea to look into this.
- Treasurer mentioned that £2500 cheque had been accepted from Lord Digby Trust to go toward buying new Euphoniums.
- SB Contest secretary mentioned that Bus and other arrangements (practice room etc) were all ready for the upcoming contest. Joe to disseminate info to all players by text.
- After the agreement of Saturday afternoon events being an issue in the previous meeting, it was discussed that issue may arise with particular players for the September event (Catholic Church fete). It was suggested that enough time remained to find deps. Chairman asked that certain players are asked what time they could make a Saturday afternoon event and to proceed from there, with regards to the fete. All further events from now on will be considered carefully, if on a Saturday.
- Vice Chairman has received fee for Cheap Street Church and hall hire for Christmas Concert - £170 in total. It was agreed to go head with a view to constructed a diplomatic response to enquire about a possible reduced fee or increased fee for our 'Christmas Tree Festival' appearance in the same church. Joe to action this ASAP and accept the booking.

Next meeting: TBC