



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 19th March 2014

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

Apologies: Natalie Miles, Dian Bartlett

Matters Arising:

- Digby Hall bookings – confirm timings of entry. Joe has given timings for Christmas and LNOP concert to Richard Frost. ✓
- Sean to speak with Paul Cosh re conducting at Area Contest. ✓
- Speak with Dave Haywood about conducting the band on a monthly basis. John has spoken with Dave and he is happy to do this. Committee to identify dates. ✓
- Natalie and Joe to contact Jeremy Barker re Estonia trip happening potentially in 2015. ✓
- Sean to consider organising car boot to raise funds for the band. *On-going.*

Correspondence:

- **Accounts audit** - Stuart Hunter has been in contact with Iain Dodds and he is happy to audit the accounts as per last year.
- **GMS lions money** – The money for the Easter Brass break has been donated to the Youth Band. It was suggested that a number of complimentary tickets for the LNOP concert would be given to the GMS. Agreed by all.
- **Sherborne Abbey WW1 service** – Sherborne Abbey have approached the band about playing in a service for WW1 commemoration at the Abbey on July 27th. Joe will agree the engagement with Linda Woods, and ask for confirmation of what is needed in terms of music. The Last Post and Reveille will be played.
- **Wedding for Minette Walters family** – Joe has spoken with contacts and agreed Hymns and pieces to play and timings for the event. It was suggested that a trip to the church to organise the event in more detail will be needed. **Joe to action this.**

Treasurers Report:

Current finances are good. Report was not present. Please see Andrea for any queries. Stuart Hunter has applied for grants to replace the boiler.

Agenda:

Engagements update:

It was suggested that the committee should pencil dates into the diary for Pageant Gardens concerts this summer. Stuart has applied for this, and dates were agreed as: 15th June, 13th July, 5th October.

Weavers Membership:

Stuart Hunter has given membership cards and details to Joe. These cards are ready for members of the band. Thanks to Stuart for sorting once again and paying the cost. **Joe to give out member ship cards at next rehearsal.**

Leaflet campaign:

Leaflets for the drive on player recruitment will be given to local shops / pubs in the area. Committee to get together after the band dinner weekend, and suggest routes / areas to tackle. All in favour of this.

Electricity jobs in band room:

Stuart Hunter has suggested an electrician who could fix the light flickers in the main room, and also look at the water boiler in the kitchen. The committee agreed that a quote should be obtained before work can take place. **Joe to contact Stuart about this. Stuart to accompany electrician to band room.**

Sherborne Radio Opportunities:

The STB CD has been sold to Sherborne Radio (Abbey 104). Tracks are regularly being played. The station would like a member of committee to attend a live show and talk about the band's upcoming events and summer activities. **Joe to contact station and organise this.**

Any Other Business:

CD / Brassband radio – Chairman suggested that a CD be sent to <http://www.allbrassradio.com/> as they are an online radio station who constantly play Brass Band music from around the world. All agreed to this. **Sean to send CD.**

Drive for players – A drive for players is essential at this time. The leaflet campaign will help with this. It was suggested that a meeting be held with all band members to discuss the possible ways forward and gain ideas from current players.

It was agreed that a consensus on current player's commitment, on a weekly basis would be a good idea. **Joe to draw up a A3 document, whereby players can note which rehearsals they can attend, to help MD plan rehearsals accordingly. This will be shown to players at the band meeting.**

Paul Cosh – Paul has officially resigned as Musical Advisor the Sherborne Town Band. A vote of thanks for all his work was raised. He will be presented with a gift at the band dinner.

Action List:

- **Joe** – contact Minette Walters re. planning trip to Whitcombe.
- **Joe** – give out membership cards (Weavers) to band members.
- **Joe** – contact Stuart Hunter re electrician work at band room.
- **Joe** – contact Abbey 104 re on air broadcast / interview.
- **Sean** – send a CD to allbrassradio.com.
- **Joe** – construct A3 document for band rehearsal schedule, to include all events.

Next Meeting:

TBC