



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 23rd July 2014

Present: Richard Frost, Joe Miles, Alan Derrick, Natalie Miles

Apologies: John Derrick, Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey

Matters Arising:

- **Boiler repairs:** The President is raising funds to repair the boiler in the bandroom, all electrical work has been completed.
- **Abbey 104 appearance:** The contact with Abbey 104 has been approached but no reply has been received, **Natalie will chase this.**
- **Leaflet drop:** An on-going effort, leaflets promoting the Youth band, beer band and to help recruit new players have been put around Sherborne and Sturminster Newton area, an appearance in a local advertising magazine has also been offered to the band. The committee decided it would be a good idea to drive awareness of the beer band during next spring ready for beer festival bookings in the summer/autumn.
- **Organisation of events:** The events and rehearsal tick sheet seems to be successful with many players. Joe Miles will arrange to cover missing players for future events based on tick sheet.
- **AGM:** To be arranged on receipt of the accounts.

Correspondence:

- An idea was proposed that the band could help the struggling zest café to raise funds to pay their rent for the coming year, the committee discussed the possibility of donating some money raised during Christmas, or perhaps to perform for them with some of the profits going towards their cause.
- The beer band has been asked to play again at Long Sutton on 25th April, currently the calendar is free and the proposed fee was £300.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer not at the meeting.

Agenda:

Band room cleanliness: The President has proposed hiring a cleaner to keep up with the cleanliness of the band room based on the current state. This was rejected by the committee as we felt that a cleaning rota could be created and maintained amongst committee members. The committee agreed that some members of the committee would meet up to clean the band room, and then create a rota for someone to clean once a month. **This would be reviewed** to ensure this frequency is sufficient. It was also agreed that members of the band and Youth band would be reminded to help keep the bandroom tidy once the main mess has been cleaned. It was agreed the broken stands around the band room would be dumped.

Rehearsals: Concerns have been raised that practices have shortened to one hour instead of two, and that Monday night rehearsals have been proposed to be cut. The committee agreed that cutting Monday night rehearsals and having regular short rehearsals are detrimental to the band. An extraordinary meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be needed to decide how to progress from the current rehearsal habits.

Proms concert: Advertising for this concert will begin. The committee discussed the potential of having a compare for this concert based on feedback from the previous year. **This will be discussed with a full committee.**

Other Business:

No other business discussed.