



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 8th January 2014

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

Apologies: Natalie Miles

Matters Arising:

- Minutes of last meeting were not available.

Correspondence:

- **German Band gig in Huish** - A letter of thanks was received for this. The organisers have thanked the band and said that a substantial amount was made for the charity cause.
- **Masons dinner** – A letter of thanks and cheque was received for this, and an invitation to return for this event next year. A date has not been set.
- **BBb bass player** – a player has been in contact about playing with the band.

Treasurers Report:

Current finances are good. Report was given and shared with committee. Please see Andrea for any queries.

Agenda:

Band room keys: It was asked 'how many keys does the band have and who has them?'. Natalie has a key log of this which was made last year. All sets are accounted for.

Dian has offered to clean the bandroom if she is early for a rehearsal, but only if a member of committee is there to let her in. The committee was happy with this in principal. It was suggested that rehearsal start time would be reiterated.

Birthday Cards: It was suggested that birthday cards are obtained and written when a bandsman birthday is on a practice night. The band could also play Happy Birthday. Sean will liaise with Dian about this and dates of birthdays.

Music / folders : It was asked why some bandsmen take music home if they are not planning on being at the next rehearsal. Sean will make a reminder announcement about this. Also, the 5 minute break at rehearsals will be used to ask who will be absent.

Christmas Concert: £500 was made. There was varied feedback from the audiences, both positive and negative. Nearer the time of the concert in 2014 the committee will decide on the format and advise the MD.

Leaflet campaign: It was suggest that this should take place on a weekend after the Area contest. To discuss at next meeting. All leaflets are printed and ready to go.

Any Other Business:

Jackets – Dian needs a new black jacket. The committee advised that she purchase a jacket and be given a logo to sew on. The band will pay the cost of the jacket. The replacement of *all* jackets will not happen soon.

Estonia – this will not happen this year, due to the Historic Vehicle Rally, and other commitments. Joe / Natalie will send an e-mail to Jeremy Barker reiterating the want to do this in 2015.

Dave Hayward – Dave is taking Yeovil Band for the area contest. The principal is still to invite Dave to conduct the band for a number of agreed rehearsals in a month. John will take to him after the area contest.

Paul Cosh – Sean needs to talk to Steve / Paul to clarify who will conduct at the Areas.

Dates up to 2015 / collecting permits etc – Richard has booked these events in and needs to book further dates, i.e. 2016 etc. It was discussed that the permits would be the same for all years (i.e. all Saturdays in December and Christmas Eve.) Joe will liaise with Richard about how early we need to get into the Digby Hall.

Band Dinner – It is suggested that this will take place on March 29th. Alan to look into venues and viability of this happening. Alan to report back in Feb.

EBB Fundraising – Should we be doing more for this. There are a lot of costs to cover. Stuart is investigating grants. It is suggested that we have a car boot sale. Sean will look into this.

Possible Sponsor – Dian has found a potential sponsor for the band, she will look into this and report back to the committee.

Action List:

- Sean – Look into car boot sale details.
- Sean – talk to Paul Cosh re Areas.
- Joe – time for entry to the Digby Hall. – Contact Richard Frost.
- John – Talk to Dave Hayward after the Area contest.
- Natalie / Joe – write to Jeremy Barker re Estonia trip.

Next Meeting:

12th February 2014.