



Sherborne Town Band AGM 2014

29th August 2014

Present: Steve Rogers, Richard Frost, Bridget Dixon, Gerald Dixon, Megan Dixon, Conrad Yeadon, Natalie Yeadon, Joe Miles, Natalie Miles, Dominic Miles, Andrea Beechey, Sean Beechey, Keith Long, Stuart Hunter, John Gilham, Alan Derrick, John Derrick, Michelle Hudson, Colin Howell, Bill Broadbent, Helen Coombs, Alison Edwards, Neil Edwards.

Apologies: Kevin Long, Mark Coombs, Jim Bennett, Ian Miles, Leslie Derrick

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- see attached
- Chairmans report- see attached

Treasures' report: See attached

Richard Frost expressed that the Lions club he is involved with would be available to help raise funds.

Election of Offices:

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

- Chairman- Sean Beechey
- Vice Chairman- John Derrick
- Secretary- Natalie Miles
- Treasurer- Andrea Beechey
- Contest Secretary- vacant
- Band Manager- Joe Miles
- Committee members- Alan Derrick, Richard Frost, two vacant positions

Any other Business:

Cleanliness of the band room: Concerns were raised regarding the lack of cleaning in the band room. The committee had already discussed and arranged an action plan to address this. Members of the committee will be cleaning the band room on a monthly basis. This would be reviewed continuously to ensure this is sufficient. The President expressed the need for the carpets to be cleaned, the committee will address this.

Area contest 2015: The question was raised whether the band attend the coming area contest, as the band will be demoted a section regardless of performance. Some members expressed that the cost saving would be beneficial however many others expressed they would still like to go to the contest for the challenge. It was expressed that contrary to previous years, the band would rely less on guest players and 'find our own level' within the contest sections. It was suggested we wait to see the piece of music before making the final decision.

Poor attendance: It was suggested that the committee should send letters to all band members to remind them of the level of commitment that is required to be a member of the band. It was expressed to the players to attend 100% of the time that is possible for them to attend and that the band need to pull together to go forward. It was suggested to make a register for attendance to help people realise the level of commitment they are giving. An idea also was expressed if the letter is not successful, to approach some individuals to help them decide if the band is right for them.

Rehearsal discipline: It was expressed that some guest players have been put off our band due to excessive talking during rehearsals, it was expressed this needs to stop and is a very easy way to make rehearsals more successful. Also it was expressed that start and finish times of rehearsals have become blurred. The Vice Chairman proposed a start time of 8pm, regardless if the musical director is present, as players could warm up at this time. He also proposed a finish time of 9:45pm.

Current events: The band manager expressed the band has had positive feedback from members of the public over the summer with our choice of music and quality of playing. He also reminded members of upcoming events and encouraged members to take posters into their local areas.