



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 28th January 2015

Present: Alan Derrick, Richard Frost, John Derrick, Natalie Miles, Jim Bennett

Apologies: Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey, Joe Miles

Matters Arising:

- Printer ink cartridges are being sorted by Sean and Joe.
- Collecting permits for December has been received, thank you Richard Frost.
- The Digby hall needs to be booked for the 12th December for the Christmas concert, and Richard Frost was to clarify whether the date for the Proms had been booked. If it wasn't booked the Vice Chairman asked Richard to book Saturday 26th September.

Correspondence:

- A charity called hidden needs trust has expressed an interest in the band to play at one of their events, no dates have been discussed yet. Natalie to find more out.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer absent

Agenda:

- **Subs for members under 18:** It was proposed by the Vice Chairman that members of the senior band under the age of 18 would continue to pay what they would have for the Youth band until they reach 18. Members who belong to both the senior band and Youth band would pay one fee of £30 per term or £90 per year. Therefore members under 18 who leave the Youth band and play for the senior band would pay £7.50 per month, if when these members reach 18 and are students a reduced from normal fee can be discussed should this happen. The committee agreed to this.
- **Potential job on 11th July:** The band has been asked to play a concert in a village church for the fee of £300 on 11th July. The committee agreed to accept this.
- **Douzelage opportunity:** The Douzelage has offered the band an opportunity to go to Turi on Estonia from 14th to 17th May this year, however the committee agreed to decline this as it was too late notice. Natalie to contact Jeremy Barker about this. The committee agreed to ask for at least 12 months notice and for the trips to be in school holidays so teachers and

youth members can get involved. The committee agreed that it would be good to arrange a foreign exchange trip with the Douzelage.

- **Pageant Gardens dates:** The Council have contacted the band manager to ask for dates for our usual three concerts, they would like the Youth band to be involved as they were in 2013. It was agreed the Youth band would be involved with two of the dates one in June, one in July and the other for the senior band to do. Joe to liaise with Jim on dates for June and July and add to band calendar.
- **Youth band area on website:** It was asked of Jim what he would like to see on the Youth band area of the website. He said he would like some videos and more photos uploaded to give a feel for what it is like. He is happy with the current wording. If a video was made it was realised that we may need to get formal consent from parents before this could happen, though this would be achievable.
- **Open day:** It was proposed by Jim Bennett that the next open day should be towards the end of the summer youth band term, this would mean the new members could get a good feel for it in the summer, be involved in the end of term BBQ and be ready for September. He proposed a deadline sign-up date for the people interested from the open day to be the last week of the Youth band summer term. He also proposed the open day be condensed into a shorter time, from 2pm-4pm and to be more structured; start with the Youth band, have information after this and perhaps have members of the senior band play at the end. This was all agreed, we suggested a date of the 13th June 2015. It was also mentioned that current youth band members who would be present at the open day could be involved in encouraging new starters, they could talk about why they like being in the band etc. The committee decided not to make a decision without involving the absent members.
- **New key for Yoga:** It was agreed that a new Yoga teacher be given a key to run one of the groups. A letter is needed to pass this. Natalie to do.

Other Business:

- **Band Dinner:** It was agreed to arrange another band dinner, Alan Derrick to get general consensus from the band and decide a date. Alan would also like to arrange a barbeque in the summer this year this was agreed.
- **Event planning:** It was noted that decorating the Digby hall was left very late for the Christmas concert this year and a few band members expressed that they could have helped if they were asked. It was expressed that the committee need to plan events better as a team and utilise band members that are keen to help.
- **Youth band transition into senior band:** It was proposed by the Vice Chairman that members of the Youth band that Jim feels are ready to make the transition should be invited to the senior band during the summer months. At this time the senior band is less due to summer holidays, so easier music would more likely be played and the Youth band isn't running so it should ease the amount of travelling for parents. Jim was happy with this idea, it was also noted that Jim should involve

Steve when Youth members are ready to move up. The Vice Chairman reiterated that there should be NO BAND SHUTDOWN IN THE SUMMER, especially if Youth members will be attending. Natalie to contact Steve to find out if he has summer holidays booked.

- **Band appearance:** It has been noticed by members of the public that in our concerts in the Pagaent gardens, some members were not wearing bow ties and standing to play, and that a general scruffy appearance was worn. Can all committee members ensure uniform is worn smartly.