



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 18th November 2015

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

Apologies: Kevin Long, Ian Miles, Joe Miles

Matters Arising:

Previous minutes approved by the Vice Chairman, and agreed a true reflection.

Yamaha cornet: The Chairman has been trying to contact the individual but having little success.

Bank paperwork to change signatures to the new Chairman is due to be completed the end of this week.

The Secretary to contact Midsomer Norton and Radstock Lions club to confirm a date for the concert they requested for next year.

Correspondence:

The Chairman received a cheque from a trust fund for the band, from a Des Worley.

A cheque has also been received from the will of Mrs J Miller, the band have also been told more money will be received as per the will of this lady in due course.

Usual Christmas jobs all in the calendar, the Abbey concert has been booked for next year.

The vintage car rally has been booked for the August bank holiday next year by the Rotary club.

Treasurers Report:

Healthy balance as yet, however the Treasurer has noticed that the Youth band is currently running at a loss of £180 per term. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Agenda:

Entertainment contests 2016: There have been recent discussions about the band potentially going to entertainment contests for the past few years, therefore a committee member has requested information from the South West Brass Band Association, there has been no reply as yet. Though concerns about costs were raised, the committee agreed it would be good for the band to do another contest, preferably either November in Torquay or the Exmouth contest, some suggested the Wessex contest if the date does not clash with Christmas events. The Secretary will gather some information for the next meeting.

Martock church: A Proms concert at Martock church has been advertised but not confirmed as the date of 16th September 2016, the committee decided this date would not suit the band so have suggested another date, we are awaiting a response.

Last Night of the Proms feedback: The general consensus from the 'what would you like us to play' question was more jazzy and big band style music. The Vice Chairman noted that this was the same feedback as last time we did the forms and suggested we inform the musical director for next year, however concerns were raised that we have played our big band selection too many times.

Brass band bookings website: The Vice Chairman did some research into a booking website which will advertise brass bands to people likely to hire us, for no fee, however they would take 20% of the fee we advertise from each booking that comes through them. The committee initially suggested we simply put up our fee for the website to cover the 20% that would be lost to the website. However the committee agreed that the fees we charge need revising at a later date as it has been the same for many years. The committee agreed for the band to be set up with this website.

Youth band: As previously noted, the Youth band is currently running at a £180 per term loss, ideas were raised for recruitment. The Chairman agreed to contact Paul Sutton about potential school visits as was done in previous years, the committee stressed that we need to utilise our contacts within the local schools to raise awareness. It was suggested the Youth band get involved in school fetes, it was also stressed that we need to advertise the fact that there are places available.

Other Business:

Thornford pub would like a small group to play on the 18th December, the committee agreed this would be fine.

Next meeting: January 2016, date to be arranged