

Minutes of the Hampshire County Youth Band Association AGM

Held on Saturday, 17th November 2016

Present : Lee Farley, Cathi McKenzie, Steve Toledo-Brown, Debbie Dennison, Tammy Jo Johnson, Claire Lavery, Joanne Gill, Karen Grevitt, Kay Henrie, Pauline Andersen, Naomi Coneely, Pip Armitage, Dave Exelby, Peter Mills, Graham Stuart, Gordon Rodwell, Steve Adamson, Heather McLeod, Alison Elmslie, Gwen Provost, Lorna Leather, Brian Stoker.

Brian welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. Apologies received from Yvonne Martin and Sonja Charters

2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 11th November 2015 were adopted as an accurate record. Proposed by Pip Armitage and seconded by Debbie Dennison.

3. There were **no** matters arising.

4. Chairperson's report. Brian highlighted the responsibility of the Association to support the three bands through financial means and practical activity.

He thanked Kay, Dave and Pete as they are leaving.

Acceptance of Brian's speech proposed by Peter Mills and seconded by Debbie Dennison.

5. Treasurer's report. Lee stated that the finances are looking healthy. We have a larger income and can therefore spend more on the bands to support them. We have healthy reserves and our new reserve policy, to be agreed on later at the AGM will support this. Lee thanked Alison Elmslie for her Gift Aid work, Heather McLeod for her Grants work and highlighted the generous gift from Mike Prewer which helped us buy the new stands for the County Band. By the end of the year we should have a general reserve of just under £16K.

Pip queried the titles Fairthorne and Tutors on the budget sheet. Lee explained the Tutors is for Endangered Species and Fairthorne for the residential tutors.

Brian thanked Lee for his hard work as treasurer.

Budget and Treasurer's report adopted. Proposed by Gwen Provost and seconded by Steve Toledo Brown.

The new reserves policy was adopted and to be incorporated into the constitution before the paperwork goes to the Charity Commission.

Proposed by Kay Pennicotte-Henrie and seconded by Gwen Provost.

6. Delayed until Jock could join us.

7. New officers

Chairperson – Brian Stokes. Proposed Lorna Leather, seconded Pip Armitage.

Vice Chairperson – Lorna Leather. Proposed Claire Lavery, seconded Alison Elmslie.

Treasurer – Lee Farley. Proposed Cathi McKenzie, seconded Debbie Dennison.

Secretary – Cathi McKenzie. Proposed Gwen Provost, seconded Pip Armitage.

Brian thanked Kay Henrie who steps down as Vice Chairperson.

8. New Committee.

Brian thanked Dave Exelby, Peter Mills who are stepping down.

New committee

Yvonne Martin – uniform,

Gwen Provost – minutes,

Debbie Dennison – refreshments,

Heather McLeod – grants,

Pip Armitage – website and safeguarding,

Alison Elmslie – Gift Aid,

Pauline Andersen – Friends of the Band,

Joanne Gill

Claire Lavery.

(Sonja Charters and Nacho Mesa were absent and had not indicated that they wished to stand again.)

Proposed by Brian Stokes and seconded by Naomi Coneely.

6. Postponed from earlier in the meeting.

Musical Director's Report.

Thank you to the Association for the support. The bands have enough instruments so no one needs to be turned away. Fewer children play brass instruments in Hampshire now but the

staff have worked hard to make links in the wider brass world and we are seeing members coming through this avenue. The junior band now grows through the year. The players often lack experience when they join but standards are soon as good as they used to be.

Some Endangered Species pupils are nearly ready to join the Junior Band. The Association's generous donation to help pay for the tour has been gratefully received in light of the mark up in price since Brexit.

Jock thanked Peter, Dave and Kay for their hard work.

There were no questions.

Accepted – proposed by Pauline Andersen, seconded by Tammy-Jo Johnson.

Tammy-Jo asked if Endangered Species would be starting a new cohort in 2017. Jock had already left but Cathi said she would put the question to him. (He said Yes)

9. A.O.B.

The web domain fee needs to be paid for by the Association. Unanimous vote for Lee to pay this.

Parking.

Debbie asked if it was going to improve. Heather suggested that members try parking across the road near the sports fields.