

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Suffolk Concert Band held on
Thursday 6th July at 75 Chatsworth Drive, Ipswich**

Those present were: Simon Pulham (Chairman), Angela Hope (Secretary), Mark Cheadle (Treasurer), Gordon Scopes (Membership Secretary), Adrian Budgen (Trustee), Pennie Nash (Trustee), David Brunning (Trustee)

39. Apologies for absence

These were received from Russell Banyard and Mandy Chinery.

40. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2017

The minutes were adopted.

41. Matters arising from meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2017

(35i) Simon has followed up with the Church Secretary about the possible acquisition of St Clements Church but has nothing to report so far.

42. Financial Report

Current Account Balance - £3101.82

Richard Harvey has agreed that he will receive his expenses at the end of his tenure.

No payment has been received as yet from SRL.

ACTION: Mark will follow up with Heulwen about payment from SRL.

Mark reported that we must be better organised about the selling the CDs. Taking them to Barham Hall was a last minute thought.

42.1. Uniform

Hanleys are no longer in business so Gordon has found another suitable company called Turner Virr. He has sent photos of the current jacket to them and is awaiting a reply.

42.2. Ipswich Borough Council Grant

Closing date is 11th August.

ACTION: Mark to get application pack from the council.

43. Next Concert

i) All Hallows

Gordon will chase band next week as we need to start getting numbers for the coach. We will ask guests for a donation of £10 towards the coach. We will be playing from approximately 3-3.45pm. Simon offered to be the contact with the guild with regard to details such as programme.

ACTION: Simon to contact the guild about the deadline for the programme.

44. Communications

i) Richard Harvey

A number of members have commented about Richard's disorganised approach to the rehearsal schedule. The lower clarinets have also commented that they are not getting their own parts to play in the current repertoire of music.

The committee agreed that he has probably been distracted by the school band trip and a possible disinterest in the two engagements at SRL and Barham Hall. We need him to commit to his programme for All Hallows as soon as possible on his return.

ACTION: Angela will attempt to extract a programme from Richard Harvey once he is back from his trip.

ii) Adrian Budgen has requested to borrow the glockenspiel over the summer period, when the band are taking a break. The committee agreed.

iii) Fressingfield Garden Fete

The Fressingfield branch of the RBL has invited us to play at their annual garden fete on Saturday 2nd June 2018. The committee agreed to this engagement.

ACTION: Angela will find out further details about this concert.

ACTION: Simon will confirm the date of the intended Christmas concert.

45. Membership Status

i) We have had an enquiry from Matthew Wigley (Alto Sax) about joining the band. He will be added to the waiting list. In his application he mentioned conducting so Angela will find out further details to see if we can pursue this any further.

ii) David Seymour (Clarinet) will be given an application form to join the band.

iii) Jo King (Clarinet) has asked if she would be able to come along and play with the band. Another vacancy is still being advertised so the committee agreed that this would be ok.

iv) Heather Ferguson has asked if the band would consider paying for the Eb Clarinet to be serviced. As the clarinet has been in Heather's possession for a number of years and it is being used to play in other groups, the committee agreed to pay 50%.

46. Future Planning

46.1. Committee Structure

Nothing to report.

46.2. 50th Anniversary Reunion

An outline of this event is as follows:

12.00 - 12.30pm Setup
12.30 - 1.30pm Bar open
1.30 - 3.00pm Rehearsal
3.00 - 4.30pm Tea/bar open
4.45 - 5.30pm Performance

We will require the bar for 2.5 hours at £17/hour.

ACTION: Gordon will arrange for the bar to be open with Henley Community Centre.

ACTION: David will arrange and book the tea with a supermarket when we have a better idea of numbers.

ACTION: Angela will advertise the "50th Anniversary Reunion" on Facebook and make contact with past members and MDs. Gordon will add it as an event with the IAA.

46.3. Away Day at Snape

After receiving a lengthy email from Duke and having an rehearsal with a few of the Paras last week, it has become apparent that we need to take a step and be clear about our aims and objectives with regards to this project.

The committee agreed that this was to be a workshop/performance for us, using the smaller Britten-Pears studio at Snape Maltings, to improve our ensemble playing with the help of the Paras.

ACTION: Angela will contact James Symington to clarify our objectives and if they still wish to continue working with us.

47. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

Meeting closed at 22.02pm

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 7th September 2017
Venue – TBC**