

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Suffolk Concert Band held on
Thursday 1st September 2016 at 75 Chatsworth Drive, Ipswich**

Those present were: Simon Pulham (Chairman), Angela Hope (Secretary), Mark Cheadle (Treasurer), Gordon Scopes (Membership Secretary), Russell Banyard (Concert Manager), Adrian Budgen, Heulwen Peters (Trustee), Pennie Nash (Trustee)

51. Apologies for absence

These were received from Tom Rumbold.

52. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016

The minutes were adopted with the following corrections:

(40) Adrian Budgen sent his apologies for the meeting.

(47) Suzanne Dexter-Mills would like to be involved with the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, but will not be available for the birthday concert as stated.

53. Matters arising from meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016

There were no matters arising.

54. Financial Report

i) Current account balance - £764
Savings account balance - £3452

ii) A cheque for £250 has been received from Christchurch Park.

iii) A cheque for £45.98 is required to cover the outstanding piece of stolen music – White Christmas – to be passed on to Paul Arthur next week.

54.1. Selling the Trailer (GS)

Working party to build new shelving and empty trailer has been set for 17th September.

55. Next Concert

Bernard Reader is available to conduct the band from October until Christmas, and some of the rehearsals later in the year will be shared with John Whelton in preparation for the birthday concert.

The Autumn Holy Trinity concert will be moved to 16th November to give Bernard 6 rehearsals to prepare.

ACTION: Angela to speak to Shotley about the programme for the Christmas Concert.

ACTION: Angela to contact Holy Trinity about the date change.

56. Communications

56.1. Paras Band Collaboration (AH)

Angela had received an email from James Symington of the Band of the Parachute Regiment re a possible collaboration. The main purpose of this collaboration from the perspective of the Paras Band, was to give information about careers in army music. The committee agreed that this was mainly irrelevant for members of SCB, however, we would be interested in a joint concert.

ACTION: Angela to reply to Paras Band about the possibility of a joint concert.

57. Membership Status

i) Trevor Brown (Percussion) is well on the road to recovery.

ii) Andrew Fairley (ex MD and VP) is improving after his recent stroke.

iii) Claire Stanley (Clarinet) has now moved to the area and will probably apply to become a full member.

58. Future Planning

i) Pennie has received a reply back from Shotley Woods about a potential concert in Summer 2017. The committee suggested the end of July as a suitable time.

ii) Christchurch Park – generally the committee felt that this concert did not go quite as well as it should have done. The main problems highlighted were; the blue pad was more challenging than usual with too many page turns, the concert fell during the first weekend of the school holiday and the band was too spread out.

iii) Clare Parish Church – Simon has quoted the Church a £250 minimum fee to cover a van and the MD if this concert goes ahead.

iv) All Hallows by the Tower, London – we have been invited back to do a concert on 14th October 2017. The

committee agreed that we should do this.

58.1. Richard Harvey Feedback (AH)

Five members gave feedback about Richard Harvey, all of which was positive and reflected the thoughts of the committee. The committee agreed that we would like to invite him back next year.

59. The SCB 50th Anniversary Year

In terms of conductors, the anniversary year looks like it is falling into three sessions: January to April (Duke), April to October (14th), October to Christmas. Further decisions will be made have Paul Arthur's three sessions with the band this month.

Ideas for 2017:

Venue	Time of Year	Action
Recording session	- 26 th February	Duke Dobing
Holy Trinity	- Spring	
St. John's Church, Cauldwell Hall Road	- May	No response has been received from the Church.
Derbyshire Hotel and Wind Band Joint Concert	- May/June	Small group recce
SRL Garden Party, Sudbury	- 4 th June	Confirmed
Barham Hall	- 2 nd July	Date change - confirmed
Felixstowe Triangle	- Spring/summer	We need to submit an application with risk assessment to the Town Council. Angela has the forms ready when we decide on a date.
Clare Church	- Summer	An initial enquiry has been made by the church.
Shotley Woods	- end of July	Pennie to suggest date
Eastbourne (reserve away trip if required)		
Summer Social	- Wednesday July/August	
All Hallows By The Tower	14 th October	Confirmed
Holy Trinity (definite event)	- December?	
Suffolk New College		Simon will investigate the suitability of this as a venue
The grounds of Snape Maltings		

59.1. Awards for All Grant/Funding (SP)

Simon has made initial enquiries about funding for our anniversary year. There is a community-based award that is available so Simon will get the paperwork. For the application to be successful we need to consider the question; how are we engaging the public?

60. SCB at 50 Recording Project

February 2017 will be the last recording for this project and will give us a total of 60 minutes of music. Possible ideas for the insert booklet are a words about the history of the band, a collage of photos and some information about the conductors involved.

61. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

Meeting closed at 21.45pm

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 6th October 2016
Venue – 75 Chatsworth Drive, Ipswich**