

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Suffolk Concert Band held on
Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 4 Ogden Grove, Kesgrave.**

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

1. Apologies for absence

These were received from Russell Banyard and Tom Rumbold.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2016

The minutes were adopted with the following correction:

(142ii) Action point – Adrian will contact Charles Hine to find out if he is available to conduct the concert in Christchurch Park on 31st July, and the rehearsal before.

3. Matters arising from meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2016

(137i) Angela has 8 members left who need to sign the photo.

(145i) Simon spoke to Jack Patching about his extended trial period, further details of this covered later in the meeting.

(145iv) The french horn, loaned by Alison Keep, will be covered by insurance while being used for band purposes. Only items over £7500 need to be named. We need to make John Whelton aware of this.

(146) Russell has purchased the additional shelving for the library.

4. Secretary

We have received two enquiries about membership:

i) Ady Cassidy – Trumpet (and Bass Guitar)

Ex-military band/ Grade 8 now playing with Martlesham Brass. Ady will be added to the waiting list.

ii) Edward Frazer-Brown – Eb Tube

Under 16, Grade 4, has access to instruments. The committee agreed that he should reapply when he is 16.

4.1. TeamSnap

The committee discussed some of the processes involved in using TeamSnap in light of the recent AGM. In summary:

i) A generic MD user will be created so that the current MD can login and view the available players.

ii) All rehearsals will be set to 'Yes' by default for all members. Concerts will remain blank. If members are unable to attend a rehearsal they must set no in TeamSnap, or inform Gordon/another committee member, so that TeamSnap can be updated on their behalf.

iii) We will continue with an electronic register only and this will be Gordon's responsibility. Angela felt that this needs to be cross-referenced with the actual Attendance data and individuals need reminding if they are not reporting non-attendances, at least while we are all getting used to the system.

5. The SCB 50th Anniversary Year

i) Ideas for 2017:

Venue	Time of Year	Action
Recording session with Tom	- February	
Chalfont (with reciprocal concert)	- March/April	Chalfont have suggested Easter Sunday 16 th April as a possible date for a concert.
St. John's Church, Cauldwell Hall Road	- May	The booking diary for 2017 opens in June, Angela will contact the church again then.
Derbyshire Hotel and Wind Band Joint Concert	- May/June	Small group recce

SRL Garden Party, Sudbury	- 4 th June	Confirmed
Barham Hall	- 25 th June	
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.
Eastbourne (reserve away trip if required)		
Summer Social	- Wednesday July/August	
Holy Trinity (definite event)	- December?	
Suffolk New College		Simon will investigate the suitability of this as a venue

ii) Gordon suggested a “no days” calendar as a more suitable memento for the anniversary.

ACTION: Gordon will speak to Alison Keep about the design and print of an SCB calendar.

6. SCB at 50 Recording Project

We are currently awaiting Charles Hine's programme choice for the recording on 24th April.

7. MD Rota Management

i) Duke Dobing – 6 replies were received. In summary:

- Enjoyed the challenging music
- Duke has a vast musical knowledge
- Most not sure about his conducting style for our band
- Pleasant personality but very softly spoken
- Generally the response was positive but indifferent

The committee agreed that we should invite Duke for an 8 week slot from September to October, culminating in a Wednesday evening concert at Holy Trinity. This will allow the band to see Duke in action with a more comfortable repertoire.

ii) Charles Hine is available to conduct Christchurch Park on 31st July and the rehearsal before. This leaves two audition rehearsal slots on 29th June/6th July and 13th/20th July. Paul Arthur is available for either of those slots. Adrian is still waiting to hear from Richard Harvey.

ACTION: Adrian will ask Duke Dobing if he is available for the September to October slot.

7.1. MD Fees

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

8. Chairman

Simon asked the committee to consider the idea of having a principal conductor plus a regular guest conductor. He would like us to explore this idea at the next meeting.

9. Treasurer

Adrian passed on an invoice for the hire fee of Dance Overture (at a reduced rate) including printing and return postage costs.

10. Membership Secretary

i) Trevor Brown is not yet at Addenbrookes as reported at the AGM, but has an appointment in two weeks to check his suitability for a liver transplant.

ii) The committee discussed Jack Patching (Tuba) joining the band. He has been to most of the rehearsals since the start of the year and has shown willing to take challenging music home to practice. The committee felt that he should be given the opportunity to prove himself and he will be given a membership application form.

ACTION: Gordon will give Jack Patching an application form to join the band.

11. Librarian

The final piece of missing music has been delivered to Essex Concert Band. Tom is still investigating but believes that White Christmas may be out of print. Adrian has therefore agreed with them that we give them a cheque in lieu for the retail value of the arrangement.

11.1. Trailer Working Party

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

12. Concert Manager

Nothing to report.

13. Forthcoming Events

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 22.00pm

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 5th May 2016
Venue – TBC**