

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Suffolk Concert Band held on
Thursday 4th July 2019 at 74 Paper Mill Lane, Claydon, IP6 0AP**

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

19. Apologies for absence

There were none.

20. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2019

The minutes were adopted.

21. Matters arising from meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2019

i) (13.1ii) Simon thanked Jill Blofield via modern methods (a text message).

ii) (16ii) Russell has spoken to Trevor Brown about Paul Blofield playing timps. Trevor was unaware that Paul was unhappy. Meanwhile, Trevor has been playing Clarinet in Sally's absence.

iii) (16iii) Angela has sent Mark Riseborough (Tuba) a text message but has had no response.

iv) (16iii) Steve Sheeran is unable to join the band at the present time but will come along to a rehearsal when he is able to. Katy Griffiths has been given an open invitation to come to rehearsals. Geoff Webb is unwell at the moment.

22. Financial Report

Current account = £4474.10

SCB 2006 CD = 206

SCB at 50 CD = 183

This includes the £250 donation from Martin Bell for the CCP uniform fund. Payments not yet received from Oulton Broad or Colchester.

£50 was spent on deps at the two bandstand concerts – Jennifer Purbrook and Mike Appleton.

Gordon expressed his disappointment that at the rehearsal which the deps attended that we did not rehearse the music they would be playing.

A contact of Mark's is willing to take on the Independent Examiner role.

22.1. Independent Examiner Report

Nothing to report.

ACTION: Mark/Angela to summarise Jill Blofield's report for the next meeting

22.2. New Music and Printing

i) Ruth Symington has requested A3 copies of her music pad due to the situation with her eyes. David estimated this will likely cost approximately £15 per term. The committee agreed to this expense.

ii) The Pulham wedding in October will have an Italian theme and the committee discussed ideas.

- The Godfather II – will need to be purchased @£40
- Italian Holiday – borrow from Roger Jones?
- The Italian Job – has it been published?

Adrian also offered to arrange something if necessary.

ACTION: Angela to ask Roger Jones if we can borrow Italian Holiday.

iii) Adrian offered to donate his fee for his two rehearsals to buy new music for the band. The committee thanked him for this kind gesture.

ACTION: David to choose a piece to purchase from the wishlist.

iv) The committee agreed that we should find out Richard's ideas for a Christmas programme as soon as possible and we should also encourage him to play pieces that we would like to play.

ACTION: Angela to contact Richard Harvey about his Christmas programme.

23. Next Concerts

Angela sent out reminders today to those that have not committed to the remaining concerts this year. The

committee agreed that we should get commitment and deps sorted as soon as possible.

24. Communications

i) Simon passed on a letter received via John Whelton about the band participating in a music festival in Germany next year. The committee agreed that we would be unlikely to participate in such an event.

ii) Gordon has spoken to Henley Community Centre about our concerns over the the Terms and Conditions in relation to the short term cancellation. Our booking would only be cancelled under conditions such as; accidents on the road meaning access to the centre is limited, extreme weather conditions, or technical issues within the centre such as a power cut or heating problems. In such circumstances we would not be required to pay a hire fee. In most other circumstances we will be given at least 10 days notice.

Payment for Henley Community Centre will be quarterly.

Russell and Gordon have done a recce and assessed what type of shed we will require. The shed will need to be large enough to fit the tims, the kit and other percussion, and the music. Some groundwork will be required and possibly some lighting.

ACTION: Gordon and Russell to continue investigating suitable storage.

ACTION: Mark will check our insurance implications for this change.

The committee agreed that we should write a letter to Holy Trinity, explaining our reasons for this decision and offering a concert in the spring. We will ask if we can pay for storage during the transition stage and keep the doors open with the Church for any future collaboration.

ACTION: Simon to draft a letter to Holy Trinity

Henley Community Centre is not available on the 18th September. The committee agreed that we should see if St. Peters is available.

ACTION: Adrian to enquire if St. Peters is available for a rehearsal on 18th September.

25. Membership Status

i) Angela has received interest from a potential new bassoon player called Vicky Cooper. Her experience has been with the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band, the Pulham Orchestra and Waveney Wind Band. Angela has sent her the Hello letter and invited her along to a rehearsal.

ii) Mark has spoken to Heulwen Peters about returning to band but she has no plans to do so in the immediate future.

iii) Gordon will make contact with Nicola Tooke about her intentions to return to the band.

ACTION: Gordon to make contact with Nicola Tooke.

26. Future Planning

i) We need to start planning 2020 at the September meeting. Ideas so far included:

- Oulton Broad and Colchester bandstands – express interest early.
- Eastbourne and Deal bandstands – applications in September/October
- Green Park, London
- Barham Hall – usually get invited in September/October
- Ipswich Music – Angela feels we need to get involved with this local music event again.
- John Whelton's 80th – a celebratory concert is in the early planning stages that we would be invited to.
- Remembrance Sunday 8th November.
- Vincent Tabor has been highlighted as a potential MD.

ii) The committee agreed that if we do more bandstand engagements next year, we need to consider the purchase of a portable microphone and amplifier. Also a canvas banner to advertise who we are.

ACTION: Russell to investigate the price of a canvas banner.

26.1. Uniform

Sue Jayasuriya's step daughter has designed a jacket which has been sent to Centre Stage. Centre Stage will also design a shirt to match the jacket for engagements when a jacket is not required. The sub-committee has agreed to work with Centre Stage unless the prices become excessive and they have been investigating funding opportunities.

27. Future Agenda Items

Henley Community Centre.
Musical Director.

Meeting closed at 21.38

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 5th September 2019
Venue – TBC**