



Executive Meeting

Sunday 7th May 2017

Forest of Dean Band Room 10.00am

1. Present

Mike James (Chair), Robert Morgan (Vice Chair), Karin Lythell (Secretary), Sharon Stratford (Treasurer), Mark Lythaby (Webmaster), Kevin Ford (Contest Secretary), Ian Ford (Trophy Officer), Roger Stratford, Paul McLaughlin to attend later.

2. Apologies

None

3. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting 5th February 2017

Agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Covered in Agenda.

Thoughts regarding the recent death of Fred Pensom (Parkend, GBBA Vice-Chairman, GBBA rep for Federation, registration with his wife Frances) and Sid Ward of Berry Hill.

RM

5. Financial Position

£1189.23 Current Account

£7283.72 Savings Account

£8472.95 Total

Paid out

BBE £100

3xYouth Bands £100

Honoraria x3

Steve Sykes donation £100

Accountant £50

6. Correspondence

After a letter had been sent to all bands regarding apathy and asking bands to say how they would like GBBA to act on their behalf 3 returns had been received.

Tewkesbury (Helen Walters) thought low numbers of survey return on Youth Bands may have been due to it not being attached. Checked and it had been. Email resent but this had not been returned either.

Discussion over not understanding the questions resulted in a Survey Monkey to be sent out. ML

Gloucester Excelsior Training (Jen Prior) suggested a meeting to talk through expectations from both sides. GBBA already agreed this was the next step.

Wotton Silver Band (Bruce Davies) suggesting collaboration with Cotswold Edge events amongst other ideas.

At this point the subject was left as Paul McLaughlin was expected to attend the meeting to discuss youth bands.

7. Website/Facebook Review

There had been very little on FB recently – Samantha Ford at the Europeans, adverts for Bailey Lane End and Lydbrook, the death of Sid Ward.

KL had sent all the Bands in the Parks to ML for inclusion. ML

8. Own Choice Contest 19th November 2017

Midlands/Oxford/Welsh Associations need the information. ML

KF said the secretary information handed to him required updating but he had had few replies to his plea.

Wessex and SWBBA to be asked for secretary details. KL

Needs to be promoted now so that bands can factor it into their schedules.

Date and entry form to be put on Fb with £200 prize money asap. KF/ML

Poster to be made by Samantha Ford. KF

Forest of Dean band to do the food. KL stated that the Kitchens at All Saints' had not come back to her. SS/RS

Closed adjudication last year had been rather precarious. MJ to visit the space at the back of the hall and a made to measure screen to be built. KL

9. Youth Band – Paul McLaughlin

At this point Paul arrived and discussion followed as to why the GYBB had collapsed, how it had been run and what the carrot was for the children attending.

- GM was running lots of joint projects including Cotswold Edge and the Leap Project where there were a lot of children in attendance.
- GYBB had had 2 feeder bands but due maybe to the irregularity of the courses the bands didn't feed through as they should.

- The question was asked how the Cory Academy was run as it seemed to take from local training bands and then return them afterwards.
- Perhaps a venue such as Cheltenham Town Hall or the Youth Championships of Great Britain would be a carrot, the former possibly gaining some funding from the hub.
- Lydbrook, Lydney and City of Bristol Training were happy to form a nucleus for a concert and let others sit in.
- The question was raised whether Saturday Morning Music Centres would give half an hour of time to a brass event. Phil Storer and Katriona Windows to be contacted.
- Comments had been received that events were always in Gloucester and could courses be moved around the county.
- Noted that GBBA was a mis-noma in that it covered Hereford, Wiltshire, Somerset, Worcester as well as Gloucester. All to be contacted.

Paul was keen to address these issues and talk to people in band rooms which Committee felt they could not do for fear of poaching accusations. **PM**

10.WEBBA AM & next meeting 1st October 2017

There had been no appeals from the GBBA Area regarding Gradings.

The Forum was to meet on May 13th. RM asked who attended the Forum – Secretary Sue Oldfield. Felt an elected Council Member should attend.

The question of Kapitol taking charge of Area dates had been sent. RM asked what else was to be raised at the Forum and whether SO would be able to answer on Council's behalf. She had attended several with Brian Elliott previously and was aware how the Forum worked. A list of questions to be raised had not been forwarded to the Council beforehand. **KL**

The question of poor Area prize money which has not increased for years was raised. It was currently less than the entry fee to the Nationals.

Kapitol's accounts were not available for scrutiny so bands unaware whether they could afford a higher prize or to allow entry to Nationals for free. **KL**

The registry fees had also risen steeply this year by 100% and in some cases 170%. This had passed by with bands not raising the issue as they had to pay to compete at the Area. **KL**

11. AOB

The letter sent to bands regarding 'Use it or Lose it' was to be condensed and added to Website, fb and 4 bars rest. **KF**

All Band Secretaries with a +1 to be invited with RSVP to a Forum 'GBBA – The Way Forward' at Colwell on Sunday 24th September 10am. Dave Hayward to be asked to introduce the meeting.

KL

For next Agenda – Presidents/Vice Presidents and Safeguarding.

KL

Meeting ended at 12.40pm.

Next meeting 16th July 10am at Flowers Band Room. DH to be invited for 11am.

Minutes agreed and signed.

..... Mike James (Chair)

..... Date