

MINUTES OF FAKENHAM TOWN BAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 30 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.45PM AT TRAP LANE PAVILION, FAKENHAM

PRESENT: Trevor Wright (Chairman), Steve Wakefield, Catherine Moore (Minutes), Trish Hays, Mark Hays, Dean Davies, Brian Wheelhouse, Keith Sharples, Julie Long, Stevie Baxter, Wendy Bailey, Roy Sayer, Simon Moore, Stuart Grout, Chris Hamel-Cooke, Billy Cowling, Alan Gibson, Peter Dixon, Mike Coates (Fakenham Town Council)

APOLOGIES: Caroline Dawson, Paul Baxter, Hannah Baxter, Hayley Baxter.

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 24TH JANUARY 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

REPORTS

Chairman: Trevor Wright reported that the band had enjoyed a good year, with concert content being well received and good audiences. Members were asked to contribute ideas for music. Good attendance at rehearsal was needed, and members were encouraged to attend on a Monday evening if they couldn't make the Thursday. Members were also asked to try to arrange holidays around band commitments, which were often booked 12 months in advance, or to make sure they told the Band Manager in good time if they could not attend.

Booking Secretary: Catherine Moore reported that there had been 26 engagements in 2019, with a number already booked in for 2020. It was important that people responded quickly and with a firm 'yes' or 'no' when availability was requested, as the Committee had to assume that 'maybe possibly' would be a no, and would decline engagements on that basis. This would result in loss of income and a potential increase in subscriptions.

Senior Musical Director: Steve Wakefield echoed the comments already made about commitment at engagements, noting that 12 or 13 deps were used in 2019. The Christmas Concert was not as good as normal, but the programme was adjusted with great success a week later. The Band would be celebrating the 140th Anniversary in 2021 with a range of ways of marking this planned. New players needed to be recruited so that the band could move forward. Steve thanked all of the new players who had come in, noting that they had shown good commitment.

Treasurer: Julie Long presented the accounts, noting that there were several engagement fees outstanding. The band had £8,418.18 in the bank on 31st December 2019, with £776 of subscriptions owed, £780 of 2019 engagement fees owed, and £477.70 Christmas money to be banked. It was noted that the arrears on subscriptions was getting worse, and all members were asked to pay up to date and to set up a standing order for this.

Junior Musical Director: Trish Hays reported that a 6.30pm beginners rehearsal had been set up which was proving small and productive. There were 2 beginners in the band, and 2 other regular members attended so that they could work on pieces outside of main rehearsals.

Band Manager: Trish Hays reported that players continued to look smart however some band jackets needed to be swapped around. Echoing earlier comments, attendance had been reasonable and responses to emails needed to be more timely as the acceptance of jobs was based entirely on this, with hirers expecting quicker responses now.

Librarian: Simon Moore thanked Alan for all his help in the library, noting that his skills had developed into making coffee! Simon reminded members that they needed to look after music, and that he had seen an increase in messy packs, missing music and copies being made, which cost

money. The folders should be in index order, with only the allocated music being in them. This was also a waste of rehearsal time. Not much music had been bought in the year, and the plan was to pull out some of the recently purchased pieces which had not come out yet.

Safeguarding Officer: Rhiannon West had not sent a report. She was due to attend the safeguarding course however the dates hadn't worked so this would be rearranged.

Publicity Officer: Simon Moore reported that a new website had been launched in the year and thanked Catherine who looked after this. The Christmas Concert had been advertised in all the usual places but the audience had been small. Additional things like a radio interview and play of one of the carols had also been done. The 140th anniversary celebrations would need to be well advertised.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Adult: Steve Wakefield noted that the recipient had been with the band 10 years now, helping where he could and always with a tale to tell – and of course he was the Compere Extraordinaire. The award was made to Chris Hamel-Cooke, who thanked the band for the enjoyment and friendship it brought.

Junior: Trish Hays noted that this individual that this player was always pushing themselves to learn and tried very hard with all of her playing. The award was made to Caroline Dawson.

Best Dressed Bandsman: Trish Hays noted that everyone had been very well dressed during the year, and she reviewed the photographic evidence provided at the Christmas Concerts. The award was made to Julie Long in her Rudolph onesie.

REVIEW OF BAND RULES

There were no changes proposed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Position	Elected	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	Trevor Wright	Julie Long	Trish Hays
Vice Chairman	Steve Wakefield	Simon Moore	Stevie Baxter
Booking & Minutes Secretary	Catherine Moore	Trevor Wright	Keith Sharples
Senior Musical Director	Steve Wakefield	Trevor Wright	Trish Hays
Assistant Senior Musical Director	Hannah Baxter	Steve Wakefield	Julie Long
Band Manager	Trish Hays	Steve Wakefield	Mark Hays
Treasurer	Julie Long	Dean Davies	Trevor Wright
Librarian	Simon Moore	Dean Davies	Trish Hays
Junior Musical Director	Trish Hays	Steve Wakefield	Simon Moore
Publicity Officer	Simon Moore	Trevor Wright	Roy Sayer
Safeguarding Officer	No nominations	SW to speak with Rhiannon	

Committee Member	Steve Baxter	Trevor Wright	Chris Hamel-Cooke
Committee Member	Mark Hays	Trevor Wright	Chris Hamel-Cooke
Committee Member	Brian Wheelhouse	Trevor Wright	Chris Hamel-Cooke
Committee Member	Keith Sharples	Trevor Wright	Chris Hamel-Cooke
Band Support Officer	Alan Gibson	<i>Non-committee position</i>	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Sharples noted that since the Norwich contest had become quartets and solos the Band had nothing to aim for. He suggested that the band could get on East Leeds FM, who would come on a Sunday to record a one hour concert, which would take around 4.5 hours. This could be made into a CD and could generate interest for new players. It was noted that EABBA was putting on an entertainments contest in 2021. Keith was thanked for the idea which would be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

The engagement request for 9th May had still not been decided and it was agreed to give this another week. It was felt that the band should do more around the town.

Mike Coates, Fakenham Town Council, congratulated the band on a successful year, and noted that he had heard that the Gateway Club had enjoyed an excellent concert in December.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting would be on 6th March at the band room at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: