

Dunbartonshire Concert Band

Annual General Meeting

To be held at Westerton Hall on Saturday 6th October 2001

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Minute of Annual General Meeting

held at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 6th October 2001 in Westerton Hall

40 members attended (39 players plus Musical Director)

1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Alf Maynard, Chairperson, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, especially the large number of new and returning players who joined the band during the last session – Ann Langridge (flute), Karen Young (trumpet), Bob Stuart and Sharon Singer (saxophone), Fiona Sim (French Horn), Gillian Karner (flute), Nelson Liddle (trumpet), John Condrot and Hugh McLafferty (trombone), Jimmy Furey (percussion), Collette and John Waller (trombone), Keith Murray (flute), Stuart Corkindale (clarinet), Jonathon Allen (percussion), Robert Baxter (trombone) and John Gourlay (trombone). A welcome was also extended to Lynne Macgee (flute) and Sula O'Duffy (clarinet) who had come along to the band for the first time.

2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

These were approved – proposed by Alan Cooper, seconded by Jackie Davis

3. Secretary's Report

Jill Bolling as Secretary reported that there had been regular committee meetings over the past session and that the minutes of these were available for anyone who wished to see them. Members were also asked to inform Jill of any changes of address or telephone number so that an updated band list could be issued to members.

4. Treasurer's Report

Alf thanked Jacqui McLaughlin, who acted as Treasurer for most of the session, for the good work she did in that role. Alf then went on to thank Nelson Liddle for taking over as Treasurer at very short notice.

Nelson reported that the accounts were complete but had not yet been audited and it will therefore be necessary to hold an EGM for the formal acceptance of the audited accounts. As 28 days notice of an EGM requires to be given, a provisional date of Saturday 3rd November 2001 was set.

5. Musical Director's Report

The Musical Director, Robert Baxter, began by congratulating the band on a good year during which a number of successful concerts had been given. Robert picked out the concert in Drumchapel Church in particular as being a highlight of the session (a video film of this concert is available should anyone wish to borrow it).

Around £150 was spent over the summer on buying new music; interest had been expressed by players in looking at challenging pieces such as 'Festivo', one of the new pieces bought.

Robert commented on the exciting times ahead of the band over the next 12 months, including the trip to Gozo, and hoped we could build on the great improvements the band had already made in terms of ensemble playing, dynamics etc.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

		Proposed & Seconded by:-
Chair.	Alf Maynard	Sally Cuthbertson & Lesley Fellows
Vice-Chair	Adrienne Girvan	Jill Bolling & Ann Langridge
Secretary	Jill Bolling	Kirsty McCafferty & Andrew McC.
Treasurer	Nelson Liddle	Kirsty McCafferty & Peter Wood
Librarian	Richard Phelps	Jill Bolling & Brian Lees
Committee	Harriet Fishley	Susan Hamilton & Jackie Davis
Members	Alison Beattie	Lesley Fellows & Kirsty McCafferty
	Jackie Davis	Alan Cooper & Noreen Thomson
	Sharon Singer	Julian Fosh & Harriet Fishley
	Susan Hamilton	Kirsty McCafferty & Julian Fosh

As last year Harriet will be the committee member with responsibility for disability issues.

7. Appointment of Auditors & Trustees

Auditors

The present auditors, Sally Cuthbertson and Kirsty McCafferty, were nominated and re-elected:-

Sally – proposed by Adrienne Girvan, seconded by Jackie Davis

Kirsty – proposed by Harriet Fishley, seconded by Andrew McCafferty

Trustees

Four existing Trustees were willing to continue in this role – Bob French, Alan Cooper, Chris Ellen and Arthur Main – and Julian Fosh was nominated as the fifth (proposed by Adrienne Girvan and seconded by Jackie Davis).

8. Subscriptions

Alf put forward the proposal that the annual subscription rate should be raised from £40 to £45 (£22.50 for concessions) and invited comments on this. The matter had been discussed at the previous committee meeting where it had been decided to put the raising of both the subscription and the MD's honorarium to the Band.

Andrew McC. put forward the argument that, because of the extra costs involved for members in the Gozo trip and the Inverness weekend, it might be better for the subscription to remain unchanged this year. As the band is attracting more members the amount of subscription money coming in will also be greater.

Jill B. felt that the £5 increase was very small against the costs involved in Gozo and Inverness.

Kirsty McC pointed out that members could opt to pay more than the subscription rate set and Alf confirmed that some members do so.

John Gourlay and Iain Angus asked if an increase in the MD's honorarium was dependent upon an increase in the subscription level.

Alf replied that if the subscription did not increase, this would not automatically preclude an increase in the MD's honorarium, but that the subscription had not been raised for some time to allow for inflation.

Alan Cooper confirmed that the subscription had not been raised for 3 years and felt that it should be increased to safeguard the band's financial situation.

Members were asked to vote on this issue and a clear majority of those present voted in favour of the proposal to increase the annual subscription by £5 to £45 (£22.50 for concessions). The motion was formally proposed by John Gourlay and seconded by Alan Cooper.

9. MD's Honorarium

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the MD's honorarium should be raised by £5 per rehearsal and concert. The conductor's fees will therefore now be £45 for a rehearsal and £55 for a concert. (Proposed by Adrienne Girvan and seconded by Harriet Fishley.)

10. Gozo Trip

Alf read out a letter he had received from Geoffrey Haydock, in which he expressed the delight of the Victoria Festival Committee at the very positive response made to their invitation to participate in this event. In this letter he also outlined the plans being made for the 'Music School' and offered to attend a meeting with participants to suggest items for chamber music performance or answer any questions.

Jackie Davis indicated that there were still some spaces available on the flight but that time had almost run out for booking seats.

11. AOCB

Lottery application – Alf reported that he was pursuing this matter; he had already written a number of letters and was planning to meet with various councillors etc over the next few weeks to gain support for our application. The need to pursue the problem of storage for instruments and music was highlighted, especially if our Lottery application is successful. Alf acknowledged that this problem would need to be addressed.

Engagements for 2001-2002 – Iain Angus raised the issue of the band making the most of any opportunities for concerts. Alf confirmed that the committee would be attempting to do this and thanked Iain for contributing a contact which would hopefully lead to the band being able to play in Princes Square and Buchanan Galleries shopping centres (the site at Braehead had proved too small for the whole band, but it may be possible for smaller groups to play there).

Jill also confirmed that a provisional list of engagements/events for the session had been produced and would be issued to members shortly.

Minute of AGM – Peter Wood asked if it would be possible for members to receive a copy of the minute of the AGM when this became available rather than when the next AGM came around. It was agreed that one copy per section would be issued.

12. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Alf gave a review of the band's engagements over the last session and reminded members of the 'objects of the band' as stated in the band's constitution: to support the community, improve and advance musical education and provide recreation in rehearsals and performances.

Since the last AGM we have performed at least 12 times. We have supported the community by playing to the community in public places and in support of good causes e.g. we played on behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Charity and in Erskine Hospital. The band has also continued to develop its relationship with Mugdock Country Park, where we are regarded as the resident musicians. This is a relationship which bodes well for the future and Alf proposed a formal vote of thanks to Richard Phelps for all the hard work he has done to foster this relationship and organise most of the band's other engagements throughout the year.

The music selected by Robert Baxter, our conductor and MD has been in keeping with the essence of the band; this session we have also had a sectional rehearsal and taken part in a training weekend in Fort William.

Finally Alf alluded to the band's success in winning our class in the Glasgow Music Festival, an achievement which will hopefully be repeated in 2002!

The band has had a very successful and enjoyable year and Alf gave thanks to both the committee and Robert Baxter for their hard work. Thanks also to the following people:-

Andrew and Kirsty McCafferty for organising the Fort William weekend and Andrew for all the work he has done for the band as part of the committee and as NFMS rep,

Alan Cooper for maintaining the website,

Mike MacMahon for being repetiteur and programme manager,

Bob Coates as BASBWE rep,

Sally Cuthbertson for organising hall lets and obtaining a grant,

Susan Hamilton and Noreen Thomson (and their helpers, Ross and Chris!) for making the tea and coffee at rehearsals,

Harriet Fishley – rep for disability issues and treasurer for Gozo,

Jackie Davis for undertaking the huge amount of work involved in organising the Gozo trip and

Adrienne Girvan for conducting at short notice on several occasions.

All of the above are essential duties and much appreciated.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and everyone thanked for their attendance and participation.