

Dunbartonshire Concert Band

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 14th October 2006 at Killermont Church Hall, Bearsden

Chairperson: Vicky Evans

Minutes taken by: Alison McCree

1. Apologies

David Broad, Bob Coates, Anneli Demberg, Peter Longworth, Candy Rankin, Elizabeth Rideout, Colette Waller.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2005 AGM

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were issued to all band members and had been available on the band website since that meeting.

As no points were raised, these were adopted by Alan Cooper and seconded by Peter McKinnon.

3. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Vicky Evans began her report by looking back to the minutes of the previous AGM and outlining what her objectives for the band, as chairperson, had been. In doing so, Vicky noted some of what the commitments then had been and spoke about our achievements to date from these. Some of these include:

A commitment to increase the number of concerts we do by exploring new ideas or potential concert venues and increasing the fees we charge for these. New concerts over the year have included the concert at Garrowhill, Fintry Fling and Cairns Summer Concert.

The fees charged for each have also increased which achieved a second objective of increasing the band funds enabling us to manage the budget better. Overall, the band accounts are in a much healthier state now and Vicky noted her thanks to David Broad for his work as Treasurer.

The move to Cairns Church in January has been a huge bonus for the band and as well as securing a new rehearsal venue, gives us great potential for new concerts / other events. Vicky noted her thanks to Peter McKinnon for his work with Cairns Church in arranging this and his ongoing work with them in regard to arranging storage facilities for the band equipment. A big benefit of the move to Cairns Church is that we have only had to move venue once - ironically, on the day of the AGM.

Another commitment that was made at the last AGM was to hold more sectional rehearsal and workshops. The workshop weekend at St Andrews in August was a huge success and Vicky is keen to make this annual weekend away. All the feedback received from the weekend was positive and the musical achievements from the weekend most beneficial.

Several band members were thanked for various reasons:

- Peter McKinnon for his ongoing work with the Band's 100 Club
- Mark McDonald for the Car Boot Sale earlier in the year
- Arthur Main, Peter Longworth, David Broad and Monika Mihm for the work towards the CD recording in May.

Vicky then outlined some objectives for the coming session:

1. To arrange a band trip abroad in 2008.
2. To make the most of every rehearsal by having full sections
 - members must tell when not coming to rehearsal and be more accountable
 - emphasis on commitment from everyone not just a few members
3. To take part in the BASBWE competition in November
4. To repeat St Andrews Workshop weekend
5. To continue to stabilise band finances and increase funds in bank account and therefore increase band opportunities

Vicky finished her report by thanking everyone for their support and input over the last year.

At the end of her report, Vicky asked for questions from the band:

Archie McIvain: Is the storage at Cairns Church wooden or brick? (because you wouldn't be able to insure a wooden facility)

VE referred to Peter McKinnon: Storage is not wooden and has secure steel doors. It needs a new roof, lighting and heating and we are working with Cairns to secure joint funding for this project.

No further questions.
End of Chairpersons report.

4. Secretary's Report

Secretary Alison McCree reported that the band Membership Profiles had been issued towards the end of the last session in order to update the small amount of information we have about our membership. The information gathered in the profiles helps the band when we make applications for grants etc as it gives us an idea of the bands' make up. Alison reassured everyone that the information is kept confidential and at present only she has access to it.

Alison also reminded the band that, as a result of the profiles, a new address list had recently been issued and is still available from her if anyone did not receive this.

No questions.
End of Secretary's report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Broad was unable to be present at the AGM so a report from him was presented by Vicky. Everyone present was issued with a Financial Statement covering the year from September 2005 to 31st August 2006.

All of the objectives set out at the previous AGM have been achieved this year!

1. The bank balance has increased from £571 to £1000
2. Gift Aid from the previous 3 years has been reclaimed
3. £200 was set aside for new music
4. The 100 Club has been established and is running successfully.

David specially noted his thanks to Peter McKinnon for his work in setting up and ongoing running the DCB 100 Club.

David wished to explain that the move to Cairns did/does have financial implications as the let fee is greater, but the move is good for the band in terms of relations with the church and potential future projects.

The objectives for this year (2006-07) are:

1. Plan ahead for the future
2. Continue DCB 100 Club
3. Continue to buy new music
4. Start to save some money for future trips and events

Questions:

Alan Cooper: St Andrews does not appear on the financial statement, has it still to be paid?

Vicky: Yes

Comment:

Peter McKinnon: We are getting Cairns at a reduced let rate and the cost for all public hall lets at weekends has now been increased.

No further questions.

End of Treasurers Report.

6. Musical Director's Report

MD Robert Baxter began his report by announcing that he really does enjoy band rehearsals!

He continued to explain that as a band we are quite unique - we are a community band, no-one is auditioned and everyone is encouraged to do their best regardless of ability - and that it is good to run a band like this.

Robert commended the band for maintaining the standard of playing over the last year. He pointed out that in the 2 or so years from 2000 there was a very quick improvement in the band overall and that this has been maintained ever since. He commented that the band are sounding really good at present.

Some highlights over the last year are

- Recording Arthur Main and Peter Longworth's music on CD
- the Summer Concert in June - as musical, social and financial success!
- Milngavie Christmas Concert - good as it increases our 'visibility' in our local area

Following on from the comment about the summer concert, Robert encourages everyone in the band to become tireless in selling concert tickets and take responsibility for our audience.

Repertoire

Overall this has increased in the last year.

Robert noted that he spends a lot of time selecting new music and trying to accommodate all abilities and tastes and (importantly) audiences. He tries to please most people most of the time.

Robert is happy for people to suggest new music for the band but needs more information than just a name (ideally provide name, composer, publisher etc)

Deputy / Substitute Conductors

Robert thanked (in their absence) deputy's who have stood in for him over the last year - Nigel Bodice, Alan Bacchetti and Glynn Bragg.

He also thanked the trombone sub who played with the band at the CD recording in May.

Links with Dunbartonshire Wind Ensemble

The links we have begun to establish with DWE in the last year (since Robert began working with them) have been beneficial for us in a number of ways

- We have been able borrow several pieces of music (saving DCB about £400)
- We have been able to borrow some percussion players
- We have access to and borrow their Timpani which is a saving of £4000 that we would have paid for our own set of timpani

Robert noted his thanks to Collette Waller who plays with the band and also to members of DCB who have supported DWE at their concerts.

It is good to build on these links and encouraging DWE members (who are mostly school age) to join us in the future.

Tenerife Trip 2008

Robert has links with the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra and is keen to tour there in June or July 2008.

The north of the island is not touristy and the local people are very supportive of band music.

There are also some very good rehearsal facilities.

Soloists

Robert thanked all the soloists who have played at concerts over the year. He is also keen to hear from the band if they have any ideas for soloists in the future (eg for the summer concert feature)

New Members

Robert is happy to see new people joining the band through the year and also to have 'old friends' returning.

No questions.
End of Musical Director's Report.

7. Election and Re-Election of Committee

Vicky began by thanking Collette Waller and Derek Galloway who are leaving the committee after several years and also Mark McDonald who left the committee in June.

Band Constitution

The committee are still reviewing this.

Committee Roles

It was agreed last year that all the roles in the committee should be for a fixed 3 year period to prevent too much change and also to prevent people becoming burdened with any one role for more than this period of time.

Committee for 2006-07 Session

Chairperson:	Vicky Evans	Engagements :	Vicky Evans
Treasurer:	David Broad	Librarian:	David Broad
Secretary:	Alison McCree		

Ordinary Members: Peter McKinnon
Monika Mihm
Sally Thomson

Ex Officio: Robert Baxter

The committee (as above) was proposed by Julian Fosh and seconded by Phil Hair.

This is a smaller committee as we are losing 2 people and only gaining 1 person (Sally) as a smaller committee may prove easier to manage.

Dates for all the future committee meetings will be set at the next meeting and all band members will be informed of these. If there is ever anything that members wish discussed by committee they should contact a committee member.

No Questions arose.

8. Subscriptions

The committee want to current fees of £70 and £35 to remain the same this year following on from last year increase. In order to do this, there must be a commitment from the band to fundraising through the year and selling tickets for concerts.

This was put to all members present and there was a general consensus in agreement.

No questions arose and these subs were proposed by Sally Thomson and seconded by Monika Mihm.

9. AOCB

1. Trustees Update

Alan Cooper - Can you please update us on the band trustees?

Vicky - We have 2 new trustees who are John Waller and Lindsay Davidson (through Vicky)

Trustees need to be kept more up involved with band activities. They will begin to receive copies of band minutes and finance statements.

2. Section Leaders

Monika Mihm - Section Leaders will be contacted by letter shortly outlining what the committee expects their role to be.

3. Trip to Tenerife

Robert Baxter - hopes to be able to commission a piece of music that will be premiered when we go there as this would increase our 'prominence' there and would be good for the band.

10. Musical Directors Fees

At this point, Vicky thanked Robert Baxter for his contribution to the AGM and asked him to leave so his fees for the coming year could be discussed.

Vicky was asked by Robert to tell the band that he does not want an increase in his fees. He is happy with the fee he currently receives from the band and is aware of the band's financial

objectives for the year ahead.

Vicky asked that as a band we minute our appreciation of this.

No questions arose on this matter so the current fees of £70 per rehearsal and £80 per concert will continue for the year ahead.

There was no further business to discuss and Vicky closed the meeting at 13:20.