

Dunbartonshire Concert Band
Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 3rd October 2009 at Cairns Church, Milngavie

Chairperson: David Broad
Minutes: Alison McCree

1. Apologies

Robert Baxter, Carolyn Irvine, Arthur Main, Anne Dunbar, Archie McIlvain, Julian Fosh, Jan Winder, Doug Bertram, Moyra Hawthorn.

There were 36 members of the band present at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2008 AGM

The minutes of the 2008 AGM had been available for members to look at on the band website for some time before the meeting. They were accepted without any changes.

Proposer: Bill McLelland. Seconder: Alan Cooper

3. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson, David Broad began by thanking band members for allowing him to continue as chairperson for the last year. He said it is an honour to be in charge and has been a good year with some exceptional performances.

He started with a list of people to thank for their contribution to the band in the last year.

He thanked:

The committee for their role in overseeing the smooth running of the band

Our trustees: Alan Cooper, Arthur Main, Julian Fosh and John Waller.

Our internal auditor, Anne Dunbar

Sally Thomson as our Making Music representative and Anneli Demberg as our BASBWE representative.

Peter McKinnon for his ongoing liaison with Cairns Church and for continuing the running of the 100 club.

Hannah Newall for being our 'attendance officer' which helps Robert to plan rehearsals.

Section Leaders for keeping the players in their section up to date and informed.

David also spoke of the increased size of the band and took encouragement from the numbers of new players joining over the last year, particularly in sections where we have been looking for new players. It is good to see lots of 'fresh faces' in our numbers.

There have been many highlights in the past year, a couple David picked out were:

- the concert at the wind band association festival at Erskine in Nov 2008 – a most fun evening, topped off with a conga around the room to Mamma Mia!

- Renton Thomson's comment at the Milngavie Choir concert: 'If DCB doesn't get you going, nothing will!'

David spoke of the committee's commitment to putting money aside each year for Robert to purchase new music. Funds have been set aside for him this year. We know that Robert enjoys choosing music for us and spends a lot of time doing this.

Robert was unable to attend the AGM and will be outlining his plans for us at a future rehearsal. He did however pass on a few comments for David to give at the AGM

He passed on his praise for our Summer Concert at the RSAMD. It was a new venue for us to play and it was a real encouragement that tickets were sold out before the event. Laura Watt was thanked for her involvement in co-ordinating this concert and Jan Winder for recording the concert. CD's of the concert were given to band members at the AGM.

Robert also passed on comments about the sectional rehearsals held in April. It was a day enjoyed by everyone and he is keen to repeat these events regularly.

Of concerts, it is good we are getting more and more repeat bookings, often due to the increasing standard of playing, but it is also good to be going to new venues too – ie RSAMD, New Lanark.

David concluded his report by confirming to the band that we are, as a charity, fulfilling and conforming to the governments OSCR requirements.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Monika Mihm presented an encouraging report on the financial affairs of the band.

Last year, the committee set a list of 10 financial objectives to work towards in the 2008-09 session.

Monika reported back that almost all these were achieved...

One of these objectives was to increase our income by £500 to cover an increase in hall lets from January 2009, a proposed increase in MD Honorarium and to fund new music. All these have been achieved by increasing subscriptions by £5 per person.

Another objective was to end the session with a closing bank balance of £1000. At the end of the session there was more than £3500 in the bank account.

A couple of objectives which were not met were increasing the income from our main Summer Celebration concert. We did not manage to increase the net income at this concert as the change of venue incurred extra expenditure. While disappointing in financial terms, the overall success of the concert serves to offset this.

A number of grant applications were submitted to cover specific items or events and we have received funding from various sources, for example tutors at sectional rehearsals.

The conversion work on the garage is complete. We received a grant of £1000 in 2006-07 session, and there was a small overspend of just £119 which the band provided. We now have a huge asset in terms of safe, secure storage for our music library and large instruments. Thanks were extended to Peter McKinnon, Andrew McCafferty and David Broad for their involvement in this project.

We also received a number of donations from individual band members and these people were thanked. On a week to week basis, the tea money continues to be a great income generator and Monika encouraged us to keep drinking tea (or coffee).

In summary, Monika reported that the band finances are in good order and running smoothly.

To close, a number of objectives were set for the committee to consider in the 2009-10 session.

These include:

1. Continue to make grant applications for events such as tutorials / sectional rehearsals, new music, instruments etc.
2. Sell more CD's! We need to promote the Last Flight CD as we have only recouped 50% of the production cost.
3. Increase 100 Club membership. Every ticket after the 33rd is profit. Encourage everyone to buy into the club.

5. Election of Committee for 2009-10

Several changes in the line up of the committee are being made this session.

The new committee is:

Chairperson	David Broad
Vice Chairperson	Andrew McCafferty
Treasurer	Anne Dunbar (takes over from Monika Mihm)
Secretary	Moyra Hawthorn (takes over from Alison McCree)
Librarian	Alison Beattie (takes over from Moyra Hawthorn)
Engagements	Laura Watt
Ordinary Members	Alison McCree and Monika Mihm

Sally Thomson has asked for some time out from her role as an ordinary member of the committee this session.

The band had been given this proposal a few weeks before the AGM.

A vote was taken for the committee as a whole. Everyone present voted for this and there were no abstentions or votes against.

The committee was proposed by Alan Cooper and seconded by Collette Waller.

6. Musical Directors Fees

The committee proposed increasing the fee by £5 per rehearsal from £85 to £90.

This was opened to those present for comments.

Laura W: why are we proposing the increase?

David Broad: it is open for discussion with band members.

Collette: Was the fee increased last year?

David: Yes – last year we increased fee by £5 to £85 for rehearsals and concerts

Collette: As it is only 1 year since the increase, we should keep it the same this year.

Alan C: Happy to increase if we can afford to – we are not meant to be a profit making organisation.

Andrew Mc: Keep the same as there are opportunities for Robert to make more through the year (ie extra rehearsals, sectionals etc)

Anneli: If there are extra funds available to increase the fee, we should consider putting this towards sectional rehearsals instead of increasing the fee which was only increased last year.

David drew discussions to a close and made the proposal that we keep the MD fee the same this year and look at giving extra money for sectional rehearsals.

A vote was taken: there were 2 'no' votes and no abstentions, everyone else voted 'yes' to this.

Proposer: Laura Watt; Seconder: Sally Thomson.

7. Subscriptions

The committee recommend keeping the annual subscription the same this year.

This is £85 waged and £45 unwaged.

It was opened to discussion but everyone was in favour of this and there was no further discussion.

A vote was taken: there was 1 'no' votes and no abstentions, everyone else voted 'yes' to this.

Proposer: Louise Muir; Seconder: Karen Clayton.

8. AOCB

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting was closed at 12:55.

Please note:

As MD Robert Baxter was unable to be present at the AGM, he agreed to present his musical directors report at a future rehearsal. This was discussed and agreed by the committee prior to the AGM.