

DCB AGM 2014
October 11th, 2014
From 12.15

Minutes

Apologies: Harriet Fishley, Anneli Demberg, Collette Waller, Amy Cutler, Caitlin O'Donnell, Steven Miller, George Gourlay, Sula O'Duffy, Arthur Main.

In attendance 38 band members

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted (proposer Alan Cooper, seconder Julian Fosh).

Chair's report

David thanked the committee, Robert and the band members for their practical help and support throughout the season, especially those that do the 'hidden work'. Highlights of the last season included Kelvingrove and David cited the number of visitors on that day (1600 people) and mentioned that the DCB concert success was a subject of discussion at a GCC meeting. Arrochar provided a new venue and a return invitation as well as great refreshments! The conductors' course stimulated a lot of interest for band members. Looking forward, David said that sufficient funds were available for some new music, and the Mid-European tour planning was well underway with more information being posted over the next couple of weeks. He concluded by stating that our concerts are open to all, and that DCB, thanks to Alan Donnelly, the treasurer, again fulfilled our legal responsibilities as a charity by filing our financial report to OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator) ahead of the deadline.

Treasurer report

Alan tabled the accounts. One query was raised in relation to the listing of BBC grant money in the 13-14 accounts, and this was clarified as the amount shown was carried over from last year.

MD report

Robert congratulated DCB for their exceptional playing over the last season and stated that he had received very positive feedback on the band from the conducting workshops. The concerts at Arrochar; for Gorsilaure, the West End Festival and our summer concert were excellent and well received by the audiences. Robert thanked the committee and drew attention to David's two time periods as chair. His graphs and charts are 'fun' and provide valuable information for the band.

MD's fees and band subscriptions

It was unanimously agreed to keep the MD fees the same as in the previous session with some flexibility on fees for guest conductors. Band subscriptions are to stay the same (one abstention).

Election of a new committee

Proposed names for the new committee were circulated ahead of the AGM. Five nominations for four ordinary memberships were received before the AGM. The four band members present and standing for ordinary membership were asked to leave the room, and following discussion of protocol it was agreed 1) to elect the proposed committee and the nominated band members present as ordinary members, and 2) decide whether to co-opt the extra nominated band member, who was absent, at the earliest opportunity (the first meeting of the new committee).

In view of time and with referral to the decision taken at the EGM held in April 2014, David suggested to discontinue the discussion of the time scale for committee nominations or procedure.

Elected Committee

Chair	Monika Mihm Carmichael
Vice Chair / engagements	Laura Donnelly
Treasurer	Alan Donnelly
Secretary	Anne Dunbar
Librarian	Amy Cutler
Ord. member	Michelle Muir
Ord. member	Alison McCree
Ord. member	Sharon McKay
Ord. member	Andrew MacDonald

MD (elected at EGM) Robert Baxter

As the out-going chair David handed over to the new chair, Monika.

Statement from the newly elected Chair

Monika endorsed Robert's thanks to David and thanked Robert for his support during the last session. She then moved on to the band's current challenge as the MD now has a new post involving a large number of Saturday mornings. Monika emphasised that Robert will be helping the band make a transition to a new MD over the 2014/15 session, but will conduct the two Xmas concerts, select music and support DCB to maintain our high standard of playing and our community ethos. Monika urged the band to be patient for this short term period and to engage with the process of choosing a new MD. She then led a Q&A session during which the following comments were made and issues were raised by different band members. In addition, Robert outlined his availability up to and including the summer tour.

Comments/issues:

- support for the proposed plans for the 14-15 session and Robert's outline how this session can be managed was expressed
- feedback from the band about potential MD's (response: this process will be open and democratic when it comes to the actual appointment)
- change of the rehearsal day/time (response: this was carefully considered but no suitably long-term alternative to Saturday mornings could be found either in terms of Church or members' availability; however, there may be short-term changes if necessary).
- time scale for appointing a new MD (response: the process to find a suitable replacement can not be rushed, however, it is anticipated that towards the end of

- the season, the current MD will step down and a new MD will be elected during an EGM.
- number of guest conductors before Christmas and choice of music (response: Robert and the committee will ensure stability, and in the first instance until the SCBF guest conductors will be drawn from a pool of known guests; Robert oversees the music)
 - frequent change in guest conductors (response: Robert confirmed his aim of recruiting guest conductors for several rehearsals in a row if possible)
 - timing of advertising the MD vacancy (response: Robert urged caution and a period of time to observe guest conductors).

AOCB

Jan Winder asked that the new committee look over procedural matters for the committee elections and time of service to ensure that they are clear, available and adhered to. She offered to help the new committee with this issue. This help was accepted and it was agreed that the new committee would address committee election issues in the 14-15 season.

Monika drew the session to a close asking for feedback directly to her at any time. AGM closed at 13.20.