

Dunbartonshire Concert Band

Annual General Meeting

Cairns Church, Milngavie

3rd October, 2015, 12.30

MINUTES

1. Attendees

41 band members attended.

2. Apologies

Anne Dunbar, Julian Fosh, Candy Irvine, David MacDonald, Andrew McCafferty, Andrew McDonald, Sharon McKay, Arthur Main, Lorraine Sherry, Jonathan Smithers, David Welsh, Janice Winder

3. Minutes of 2014 AGM & 2015 EGM

Joan Gemmel proposed the minutes were accepted, Alan Cooper seconded. The motion was carried.

4. Chairperson's Report (Monika Mihm Carmichael)

- Monika commented on a challenging but very active year with major achievements, the highlights of which were the Gold Plus award at the SCBF finals, and the tour to Germany and Austria with very positive feedback from our performances. People seem to enjoy the concerts no matter how large (as in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery!) or small the audience. All members are very engaged and new members continue to join showing the band is on the up!
- Monika thanked Colin Suckling and Alan Cooper for progressing the new band constitution and helping DCB in the last season.
- Monika thanked the previous committee for their work, Alan Donnelly for preparing the accounts and submitting them to OSCAR, and Robert Thomson for auditing the accounts as a prerequisite for the OSCAR submission. Monika finished by thanking Robert Baxter for his hard work as MD in this last season.

5. MD Report (Robert Baxter)

- Robert reported that the last season was a success in terms of music and concerts, with a mix of old music and new being used, and all audience responses very positive. The band was one of the best at the MidEurope festival, and made new connections.
- The challenge is to keep the band standard high. Robert emphasised the long-term nature of the band's schedule, which is 18 months forward planning, with the aim to increase our level of playing.
- Robert thanked the band for their hard work and effort and added he was looking forward to working with everyone in the coming season.

6. Treasurer Report

- The accounts for the 14-15 season prepared by Alan Donnelly and the Austria tour accounts prepared by David Broad were available for comment, having been previously circulated to members.
- Laura Hunter asked about Gift Aid, which hasn't been claimed for the past 3 years. Monika advised that Gift Aid can be back claimed for 4 years therefore DCB intend to reclaim for the last 3 years.
- The financial position will allow some expenditure for assets such as equipment.
- Thanks were expressed for the donation of a good tuba to the band by John Kirkwood, which will require update of asset list and insurance.
- Robert Thomson was again thanked for his work auditing the last submitted 13-14 accounts.
- The DCB Tour accounts will be prepared for the session from 1st September 2014 to 31st July 2015. It was emphasised that deposits were paid back fully when band members were no longer able to join the Tour.

7. Band Subscriptions

- Proposal to raise subscriptions from £85 to £90 for waged members (unwaged £45).
- Alan Hunter queried why when the financial position is good, especially with the Gift Aid income to come. Monika replied Cairns Church have indicated hall hire costs will rise in 2016.
- Vote taken – 1 against, 0 abstentions, the remainder were for the proposal, therefore, the motion was passed.

8. Election of New Committee

- Vote taken – 0 against, 0 abstentions, the remainder were for the proposal, thus the proposal was accepted. New committee:
Monika Mihm Carmichael (Chairperson)
Jane Ireland (Librarian – shared)

Bob Kennedy (Membership records)
Fiona Ross (Treasurer)
Andrew McCafferty (Vice-Chair)
Jan Winder (Secretary)
Harriet Fishley (Librarian – shared)
Cameron McCulloch (Ordinary member)
Kerry Shaw (Ordinary member)
George Gourley (Ordinary member)

9. Election of the Honorary Independent Financial Examiner

- Robert Thomson has agreed to continue as external auditor.
- Vote taken – 0 against, 0 abstentions, vote passed.

10. Election/Re-election of Band Trustees

- Thanks were given to Arthur Main and Julian Fosh for their long service as band trustees.
- Colin Suckling and David Welsh were nominated as their replacements.
- Vote taken – 0 against, 0 abstentions, vote passed.

11. AOB

- International visits: Anneli Demberg informed band members that the Norwegian band – Frydenlund Seniorkorps – intends to visit Scotland in August 2017, and this may be an opportunity for joint events.
- Help with chairs and percussion: Ruth Sinclair emphasised the need for everyone to put away chairs following rehearsals, and Monika asked for continued percussion and library help for the coming season.
- Concerts and archiving: Robert announced that the Kelvingrove Art Gallery had notified DCB of a re-direction of focus, which meant no 2015 performance. (Postscriptum comment: this decision was subsequently revised). Robert also emphasised the importance of centrally archiving all documentation relating to the band, e.g. certificates, reminding band members to return any awards they may have. Alan Cooper advised he can keep an electronic archive, but to also keep physical copies of all documents in safe storage.
- Colin Suckling thanked Monika for her efforts in the last season and Michelle McCabe for coming along as deputy conductor.
- Alan Hunter enquired about the percussion storage. Monika advised that the garage would be a priority project for the new committee.

The meeting closed at 12.55pm.