

Dunbartonshire Concert Band

Extraordinary General Meeting Cairns Church, Milngavie 13th June, 2015, 12.30

EGM Minute:

1) Apologies

Bob Kennedy; Moyra Hawthorn; Laura Hunter; Richard Eakin; Johnathan Smithers; Lorraine Sherry; Jane Ireland; Andy McGeoch; Amy Cutler; Hazel Ferguson; Julian Fosh; Alan Hunter; Cameron McCulloch. Total 13.

2) Present

Monika Mihm Carmichael (CHAIR); Karen Clayton; Carrie Dixon; Anne Dunbar; Joan Gemmel; Sue Scordia; Louise Muir; Alison McCree; Alan Cooper; Michele Newall; Brian Lees; Michele Muir; Sula O'Duffy; Ruth Sinclair; Laura Donnelly; Jan Winder; David Broad; Harriet Fishley; Jacqui McMahan; Evelyn Buchanan; Alan Donnelly; Sharon McKay; Kerry Shaw; Oranne Franchisse; Alison Beattie; Neil Harper; Colin Suckling; George Gourlay; Duncan Hughes; Andrew McCafferty; Anneli Demberg; Phil Hair; David Welsh; Andrew McDonald; David Clark; Colette Waller; Alex Logan; Paul Gavienas; Fiona Ross. Total 39.

3) Description of the online voting procedure

Alan Cooper explained the online voting system and reassured members that paper voting forms were available. Only members (i.e. fully paid up) can vote. Votes can be registered more than once but only the final vote will be counted.

4) To 6) Final clarification / discussion of proposals 1 (MD Plan) and 2 (new DCB constitution)

Clarification was sought on how to vote when there was agreement with only part of the proposals but not the whole (answer: A Yes / No vote is the only option), and whether acceptance of one proposal depended on the outcome of the other proposal (answer: No). Reassurance was given that the constitution can be refined and modified at future AGMs.

Clarification was also sought on the 'No' option for proposal 1, and the Chair explained that the process of appointing a new MD or exploring other options would clearly be taken forward by a newly elected committee from the AGM onwards, but there would be an appropriate substitute conductor for the rehearsals leading up to the AGM.

The main final edits to the constitution draft were outlined by Colin Suckling, who also reminded the band members of the improvements in detail and clarity made in the proposed constitution in relation to all aspects of running a musical amateur organisation such as the DCB.

A couple of queries centred on a job description for an MD and the availability of Robert Baxter, and this was referred to the description of the duties of an MD within the constitution, and to the current season, as well as a shared conducting schedule in the next season if proposal 1 was carried.

Comments

Sue Scordia thanked those that had undertaken the revision of the constitution, and this was gratefully received.

7) The EGM was suspended to be re-opened Saturday 20th June, 12.30, for outcomes of the voting on the two proposals.

NB. An email with the link to the online poll was sent to band members following this meeting. Written ballot papers were available from our returning officer, Alan Cooper, to be returned to him by 19th June.

Reminder: We will ask you to vote YES or NO on the following two proposals:

Proposal 1: Appoint Robert Baxter as Musical Director with Michelle McCabe as Associate Conductor for the coming session (2015-16).

- This arrangement will be for 1 year in the first instance.
- The Committee will keep this under review, in consultation with the MD, Associate Conductor and Band members.
- The Associate Conductor post shall be a Band appointment, by agreement with the MD.
- The Associate Conductor may deputize for the MD at committee meetings.
- The Associate Conductor will work alongside the MD to provide an appropriate rehearsal and concert schedule for the coming year, as well as work on other DCB projects when the opportunity arises.

Proposal 2: Adopt a revised constitution.

- To clarify appropriate procedures for committee appointments.
- To introduce fixed term appointments to committee.
- To allow for appointment of an Associate Conductor as circumstances dictate.
- To clarify the role of Band Trustees.
- To fix minor inconsistencies with OSCR requirements.

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Re-convened Extraordinary General Meeting
20th June, 2015, 12.40
Cairns Church, Milngavie

Present: 29 Band Members, 2 extra Tour players, MD

The Chair (Monika Mihm Carmichael, MMC) reconvened the EGM at 12.40 pm on Saturday 20th June 2015.

The purpose of the reconvened EGM was to announce the results of the voting on the 2 proposals which were put forward at the EGM on Saturday 13th June 2015.

Proposal 1 results:

Yes: 38

No: 15

Thus proposal 1 was carried to re-elect Robert Baxter as MD with Michelle McCabe as associate conductor for the next session 2015-2016. MMC confirmed that she will advise Michelle McCabe of the results as soon as the EGM was concluded.

Proposal 2 results:

Yes: 47

No: 6

Thus proposal 2 was carried to accept the new constitution.

Total submissions: 53 out of 58 members eligible to vote (91% turnout).

A sealed copy of the full voting returns has been lodged with David Broad for validation in case of dispute.

The Chair made specific note that the revised constitution now included a new Code of Conduct section applicable to everyone in the band. This code of conduct states that all band members should treat everyone involved in the band including visitors respectfully at all times, and that appropriate steps will have to be taken in any situations believed to be in contravention of the code of conduct.

The EGM was closed at 12.44pm.