**Crystal Palace Band**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 19 April 2017

**Present:** Bob Barnes, Tom Whittaker, Peter Forbes, Richard Lovett, David Storey, David Gillman, John White, Ross Roger Morton, Margaret Larkin, Alison Charlesworth, Mike Gray, Kenneth May, Heather Pearse, Mike Cook, Paul Freeborn, Adam Payn, Kim Golson, Rachel Bleach, Roger Bleach, Maya Haugland, Carol Maher, Chris Maher, Martin Garnett, Nicci Maher, Alan Murdoch, Graeme Cornish, Steve Wood, Tara Robertson-Hall, Ben Ward, Luke Thompson, Catherine Tinker, Laura Channell.

**Apologies:** Tom Fairclough, Danny Wakefield, Dave Howell, David Charlesworth, Dianne Barker, Anne Taylor

Tom Whittaker opened the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for attending. The aim is to review the year, elect a committee and talk about any issues.

**Approval of Minutes of last AGM**

Roger mentioned that Graeme was on the present list twice.

**Reports from Committee Members**

**All reports are on the band website for all to read**

**Secretary - Rachel Bleach**

* Still waiting for written confirmation that we have been promoted to 3rd section.
* Promoted to 2nd section for SCABA
* A concert at Southwark Park Bandstand to be added to the gig list, probably in June.

Tom welcomed the new members; Steve on bass and Tara on cornet.

**Treasurer – In David Charlesworth’s absence Tom Whittaker reported back on the band accounts**

* Surplus from 2016 is £3500 – this has come from slightly more money from concerts and £2000 competition money.
* Luke Thompson has independently verified the accounts – thank you Luke
* Tom proposed that band subscription remains at £90 with the usual concessions. All members were in favour.

**Librarian - Richard Lovett**

* Thank you to all for looking after the music this year.
* Spent less this year on music than previous years.
* Richard is going to try and get a web based music library up and running in the next few months.

**Progress Band – Bob Barnes**

* Band has done well this year and is getting better all the time.
* The band was very pleased to win a cup at the recent Bromley Music festival.
* Dave Howell thanked Mike for his continued support and help.

**Property – Ben Ward**

* Store room has been sorted and packing up after rehearsal is now smoother.
* Instrument repair and selling will be the focus of this year.
* Thanks to Carol and Chris for their help getting instruments to jobs in the van.

**Musical Director - Mike Gray**

* Both bands have made great progress this year. The spirit and enthusiasm is good.
* Band need to work hard now that we are in the third section.
* Thanks to everyone in the band for their hard work.
* Thanks to Dave Howell and Danny for their conducting support.

**Chairman’s Report – Tom Whittaker**

* It’s been a fantastic year and a privilege to be the Band’s Chairman.
* Thank you to everyone who helps make the band work and to everyone who helps pack up after rehearsals.
* Thanks also to everyone to helping with conducting in the band - Danny, Kenneth, David Gillman and David Storey.
* Big thanks to Mike and Dave.
* It’s very good to see continued collaboration between the two bands and the helping out at jobs.

**Election of New Band Committee**

**No new nominations were received and all current committee members were happy to stand again.**

* Rachel proposed Tom as Chairman, Ben and Kenneth seconded. Tom Whittaker unanimously voted in.
* Property – Roger B proposed Ben Ward, Peter Forbes seconded. Ben Ward unanimously voted in.
* Librarian - Kim Golson proposed Richard, Chris Maher seconded. Richard Lovett unanimously voted in.
* Publicity - Cath Tinker proposed Nicci Maher, Carol Maher seconded. Nicci Maher unanimously voted in.
* Treasurer – Bob Barnes proposed David C, Roger B seconded. David Charlesworth unanimously voted in.
* Secretary – Roger M proposed Rachel, Graeme Cornish seconded. Rachel Bleach unanimously voted in.
* Assistant Secretary – Tom proposed Cath T, Nicci Maher seconded. Cath Tinker unanimously voted in.
* Progress band chair – Tom proposed Bob, David Storey seconded. Bob Barnes unanimously voted in.
* Webmaster (Ex officio) – Tom W proposed Roger M. Rachel seconded. Roger M unanimously voted in.
* Ex officio - Ben Ward proposed Steve Wood. David Gilman seconded. Steve Wood unanimously voted in.

**Any Other Business**

**Hearing protection**

* Jude Bailey developed tinnitus from attending loud concerts and band rehearsals with another band and asked that we discuss hearing protection at the meeting.
* It is important to look after your hearing, especially if you are regularly exposed to high levels of decibels.
* There are different types and costs of hearing protection you can get if you are concerned about this.
* Richard suggested maybe taking decibel readings in the museum if lots of people are concerned about this.
* Kenneth wanted to note thanks to Jude for raising this issue and the band for having a serious discussion about it.

**Sound distribution in the museum**

* Graeme asked if the committee could look at sound proofing the museum. It was noted that a company had visited about 2 years ago and quoted at a cost of £8000 but with no guarantee that it would work. David asked if the company that quoted could be asked to show other work so that we can see if it does work.
* We would have to get permission from the museum as leaseholders to be able to make alterations.
* Richard suggested covers for the glass cabinets may help with sound distribution.
* Tom agreed to get this issue on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

**Foreign Band Trip**

* Roger M raised the issue that the band does not do any foreign trips anymore. Roger would like the band to organise another one.
* Steve mentioned a festival in Geneva that he thinks might be a good trip for us and would be happy to help organise this.
* Carol and Richard stressed the need to get commitment from the band if we are to do it as we have, in the past, had to cancel an already organised trip at the last minute due to lack of commitment and interest.
* David Gillman mentioned that there are companies that organize trips for bands.
* Tom mentioned that the committee had been talking about doing a weekend away in the UK if there wasn’t commitment for an international trip.

**Concert**

* Alan asked why we don’t do our own concerts and bring in guest soloists.
* Tom mentioned that we are considering doing a Gala Concert again this year. The problem we have is getting a venue and an audience.
* Alan suggested doing a job with a school choir to bring in the audience.
* Nicci M mentioned again her suggestion of putting on a mid-summer concert at the Horniman Gardens as the sun goes down. This was put to the Horniman’s at the time but will be suggested again.

**Music Repertoire**

There is a document on the band website that allows people to put music suggestions on. Roger Bleach asked if it could be relaunched allowing other people to add their suggestions to it. Richard said he would look into it.

**Meeting closed at 8.42 pm**