**Crystal Palace Band - Committee Meeting**

**Sunday 17thJuly 2016**

**Present**: Tom Whittaker, Richard Lovett, Catherine Tinker, David Charlesworth, Mike Gray, Rachel Bleach, Ben Ward, Dave Howell, Roger Morton.

**Apologies**: Nikki Maher, Bob Barnes.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

**FORTHCOMING JOBS, CONTEST AND CONCERTS**

* Sunday 7th August – Clapham Common bandstand
* Sunday 21st August – Leas Cliff Bandstand, Folkestone
* Sunday 4th September – Norwood, Progress Band
* Saturday 10th September – Phoenix Gardens
* Sunday 13th November – Remembrance Sunday (not confirmed yet)
* Saturday 3rd December – Copleston, Progress Band
* Tuesday 6th December - Carols for the Stroke Association, Waterloo Station
* Saturday 10th December – Holy Trinity, Clapham Common, Progress Band
* Saturday 17th December – Penge Rotary Club carols

A Christmas gala concert is to be considered for this year.

**Other actions**

* Need to look at parks in London and see if we can contact ‘the friends of’ that park and get extra jobs. – **Action CT / RB**
* Investigate Events Management companies to see if we can get on their musicians list – **Action RB / CT**

**CONTESTS 2016 / 2017**

* Butlins – Friday 13th – Monday 16th January – Committee decided that the band would do this contest. Rachel to add to the gig list. David to organise the accommodation.
* Date of SCABA entertainment contest to be determined for 2017 - **Action RB**
* Oxford contest to be entered for this year – **Action RB**
* Whit Friday – Ben to organize a band to go up this year – **Action BW**
* Cath to check with Issy about playing at the contest – **Action CT**

**MEMBERSHIP**

* We need basses - Isobel Godsell has dep’d for us before. Need an advert for trombones, basses and a 1st baritone on the website. This can be put on Facebook, Empty chairs, SCABA website and 4bars rest – **action CT**
* Kani is hoping to rejoin the main band after the summer
* Mo suggested a dep on bass. Cath to get his details – Action CT
* Laura may have a friend who can play bass. Ben to confirm that she should ask him/her along – **Action BW**

**PROGRESS BAND**

**Workshop with Arthur Lea**

Dave would like to do something with Arthur Lea (jazz groups), Lewisham schools and the Progress band. We would need to pay someone to do this (around £400). This cost may be split with the Lewisham schools. The main band could also be involved. A date hasn’t been set yet but being considered for the middle of October.

* This could be done instead of a Gala concert
* Hoping to be done at the Copleston centre
* Could this be opened up to the Copleston congregation
* Not been mentioned to the progress band yet
* Band doesn’t normally fund an event
* Cost could be offset by ticket sales / getting members to contribute
* David – should break even. Richard – not in favour. Mike in favour of doing it but try and break even. Cath – in favour but make it break even. Nicci in favour but try and make it break even. Rachel – can it be sold as a workshop and get band members to pay.

As the majority of the committee were in agreement that this would be a good thing to do Bob agreed to continue looking at the feasibility of it.

**WEBSITE**

* Data protection – Cath to look into – **Action CT**
* Roger to change the vacancies to Bb and Eb basses **– Action RM**

**BAND TRIP THIS YEAR**

* Can we carol and collect over Christmas in local pubs to make some money.
* Royal Academy do music workshops that we could join in on. Ben to send links round to the committee – **Action BW**
* Tom to ask the band whether they would want to go abroad or stay in the UK for a band trip – **Action TW**

**Repair, sale and purchase of band instruments**

* Ben in process of setting up a personal ebay account to sell the band’s old instruments. Ben to transfer money from instrument sales into the band account through David– **Action BW**
* The two main band baritones, progress band bass and a number of instruments downstairs need repairing. David Charlesworth suggested that we get Phillipe in to advise on which instruments need repairing / replacing. Ben and David to work out a schedule for assessing and repairing instruments beginning May 2016. This will be done in two parts; First will be reviewing the instruments in the museum (prob a Saturday), second will be reviewing band member instruments (on a Wednesday) – **Action DC / BW**
* Bass Drum skin to replace is very expensive. So we can repair the tear using library tape. It does need to be refurbished – **Action BW**
* Timps – New covers to be purchased. Cheapest ones are approximately £100. This was agreed by the committee. Ben to order a 26 and a 29 case. – **Action BW**
* Storeroom – This needs to be sorted out and un-used instruments moved downstairs. Ben to get Rob Love to look at the storeroom and see if he can make cupboards to fit. – **Action BW**
* Ben has a list of percussion equipment we need to purchase. Committee agreed the purchase. Ben to organize – **Action BW**

**Undercroft**

* Richard and Ben to look at instruments in undercroft to sort out what we do with them – **Action RL / BW / DC**
* Tom to speak to Rachel to see if we can store un-used drum kit downstairs – **Action TW**

**Band Fleeces** – Rachel spoke to fleece company and they might come along to rehearsal to show us their material. We would need to buy samples. Rachel to investigate another company. – **Action RB**

**Band T-shirts –** Maya has suggested designing t-shirts for us for the final for us to wear during the weekend. They would be about £15 - £20 per band member.

**Recording a new CD**

* Current Band CD’s are to be brought out and sold at Christmas.
* Look into getting students doing the recording for us
* This could be tied in with a band weekend away.
* To be looked at for next year

**Adam’s 25 year band anniversary.**

* Social to be arranged to celebrate Adam’s 25 yr anniversary in September / October. To be tied in with the Cheltenham social. **– Action CT**

**Marching**

* David asked if we could have a bit of marching practice before the Belmont job. To be done sometime this summer. David to have a walk round the park to scope it out. – **Action DC**
* On Wednesday before Belmont we can rehearse marching standing in our places **– Action MG**
* Mike to speak to local cadet halls to see if we could use them to practice marching – **Action MG**

**New Set of Rehearsal Chairs**

An accident happened at Progress Band rehearsal where the chair collapsed when being used.

* Look into what chairs are available. Rachel to send Ben a link of some she has found **– Action BW / RB**
* Graeme knows someone who would take the chairs off our hands if we wanted to get rid of them.
* There are chairs at IKEA that are worth investigating. Rachel, Cath and Nicci to investigate – **Action RB/CT/NM**

**Final contest band**

* Draw for our section is at 1pm, starts at 3pm and finishes at 9pm. There are twin rooms in the Cirencester accommodation that we didn’t previously know about. We need to speak to the band to tell them the timings for the day and check about accommodation given that we might be playing at 9pm. Rachel and David to sort and feed it through Tom **– Action RB / DC**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Town hall in Croyden used to be used as a rehearsal room. Ben to check it out as an alternative rehearsal room **– Action BW**

David suggested speaking to Bromley council about what the details of the museum lease are. **– Action DC**

**FINANCE**

David to look at the insurance bill and see what we could do to reduce it. – **Action DC**

**Skegness**

Own Choice test piece – Ben to send round recommendations of what test pieces we could do at Skegness. **– Action BW**

**DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Cheltenham or October