**Crystal Palace Band - Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 12th September 2017**

**Present**: Tom Whittaker, Richard Lovett, David Charlesworth, Bob Barnes, Rachel Bleach, Steve Wood, Mike Gray,

**Apologies**: Nicci Maher, Roger Morton, Dave Howell, Ben Ward

The meeting started at just after 8pm.

1. APOLOGIES – see above
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

**Matters arising:**

**Timp covers and instrument refurb plan etc**

* Timp covers to be ordered – **action DC / RL**
* Dave Hunt has been to look at our Timps / Percussion and has provided prices. Richard to provide price list so committee can agree what we are going to spend – **Action RL**
* We don’t need to buy another bass drum. We can just refurb our current one with a quality skin. Mike to contact his friends in Scotch Guards to get name of a company who can do this – **Action MG**
* Richard has found glock latches that can be put onto the cases. – **Action RL**
* Refurb plan for instruments still needs to be done including a priority list of what most needs to be done – **action BW**
* Talking of the refurb plan has highlighted that we do not have a current list of where all the band instruments are. We need a list of all our instruments and where they are – **action BW**
* List of new percussion (requested by Adam and Dianne) is being looked at between Ben and Mike and gradually being ordered. Hi-hat and snare drum are next on the list. This needs to be done in connection with the instrument audit and priority list of work needing to be done. Also we need to check if current items can be repaired before buying new replacements. – **action BW**
* Ben is speaking to Bob Love about shelves for the store room, but on hold until mold issue addressed (see next bullet point) – **action BW**
* Still getting mold on things stored in the cupboard. Rachel to tell Ken Kiss. – **action RB**
* Cath has found a possible chair for new rehearsal chairs. Richard to buy one ADDE black chair £10 from Ikea to bring to band so people can try it out. – **action RL**

**Data protection**

Cath to look further into new data protection act for the website **– action CT**

1. FORTHCOMING JOBS, CONTESTS AND CONCERTS

* **Sunday 1st October – Norwood Feast - PB**
* Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Day
* Saturday 25th November – Leeds Castle Christmas Market. This might be on the 10th December. Tom to check with the band if this is okay – **Action - TW**
* Saturday 2nd December - Gala Concert
* **Saturday 9th December – Copleston - PB**
* Thursday 14th December - Waterloo Carols
* **Sunday 17th December – Beckenham Carols – PB and Main band**
* Fri 12th – Sun 14th January 2018 – Butlins Mineworkers Contest.
* Rachel and Cath need to continue researching Events Management and “Friends Of…”. The recent Southwark Park bandstand job had come from this work. We think the Friends of Southward Park received a grant from the local authority to book us. – **action RB and CT**

1. **MEMBERSHIP**

* Philip Aitken has joined on cornet
* Alex Bateson has joined us on Bass
* Graham Lunn has joined us on Trombone
* Nick Marshall has been to one rehearsal on B Flat bass
* We need to advertise for more a percussion kit player (a good reader is essential) and a B flat Bass player.

1. **PROGRESS BAND**

* Maurice has rejoined on back row.
* Liz Horsfield may be rejoining on cornet
* Need a percussionist player for the Progress band. Advert to go on the website.
* Dave Howell would like to partner with a school in the hope that some younger generation players will join the band.
* Going to do the Bromley Music contest again this summer.
* Progress band wants to buy some banners for concerts. Rachel to look into stand banner costs – **Action RB**
* Progress band wants to buy Sound Baffles to help with ear protection. Tom mentioned that he wasn’t keen to go down this route as they reflect sound back on the player and away from the band, they may be difficult to store/get out and they are expensive. Bob to look into the options – **Action BB**

1. **FINANCES**

Not quite as much gig money this year as last year. However, income is currently exceeding expenditure so we are on track to break even this year. Bob mentioned that we have been speaking about spending money on instruments for the last year. This needs to be moved forward with actions via a sub-committee. Richard volunteered himself for this. David also agreed to help. – **Action BW, RL and DC**

1. **GALA CONCERT**

* Date and venue agreed. The church is huge so we can fit lots of people in.
* We are going to sell tickets for the event. Possibly through Eventbrite.
* We need to decide how we provide refreshments.
* It was agreed that the starting time would be 7.30pm, aim to finish at 9.30pm
* Budget was agreed at a spending of up to £2000.
* We are going to have a sub-committee to organise this – namely Tom, Steve, Rachel and Cath.
* Mike confirmed that David Braid’s piece will be played.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
2. Ben had the idea of the band playing at the French Open brass band competition at start of June – maybe we could do this instead of instead of Butlins. Ben and Steve to discuss. – action **BW and SW**
3. Could we play in the Geneva Music festival? This happens throughout August. Steve to find out more detail – **Action SW**
4. SCABA are bringing in use of only the national registry and national rules and scrapping their local registry. Their spring contest is moving to 25th February. It was agreed that we would do this contest next year instead of Oxford.
5. Museum want us to play for a coffee and concert afternoon in their museum. This will be a quintet (2 trumpets, 1 french horn, 1 trombone and tuba). Dave H is going to rehearse a group and Mike is helping with logistics.
6. What are we going to do for a band social this year? We could do this after the job on Sunday 17th. The Shortlands Tavern might be a good option.
7. Recording on Wednesday 13th September. Dave H is concerned about recorded music being used in theatres and that the recording might not have been cleared through the theatre union. Mike is going to ask the production group to not publicise that Crystal Palace Band did the recording.
8. **DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The idea was suggested that we set regular dates for meetings. Possibly a Tuesday every 3 months. TW to propose dates - **Action TW**

Thanks to David Charlesworth for hosting. The meeting finished at just after 10pm.