**Crystal Palace Band - Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 20th June**

**Present**: Tom Whittaker, Richard Lovett, David Charlesworth, Bob Barnes, Rachel Bleach, Ben Ward, Dave Howell

**Apologies**: Nicci Maher, Catherine Tinker, Mike Gray, Roger Morton, Steve Wood

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 – Richard to send his contact, David Hunt, details of our timps (26 and 29) to see if he can source them – **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**
* Richard to talk to David Hunt to see if he could look at our percussion to see what can be fixed and what needs to be bought – **action RL**
* Bass drum needs refurb – Ben to speak to Mike to see what needs doing. Need to include a cover - **action BW**
* Do we buy another bass drum (to keep the current one looking good for indoor concerts)?
* Ben is speaking to Bob Love about shelves for the store room, but on hold until mould issue addressed (see next bullet point) – **action BW**
* Still getting mould 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 data protection for the website **– action CT**
* General suggestion that we could remove the contacts list from the website. Physical lists to be kept with the membership secretaries of both bands. Tom and Bob to let the bands know and see if there are any problems or issues from any members – **action TW and BB**

**Other**

* It was suggested that we could use Facebook more to advertise events and players when needed – **action CT , NM**
* Dave uses the museum roughly every other Monday so we could use that for occasional extra rehearsals on the weeks when his group are not using it.
1. FORTHCOMING JOBS, CONTESTS AND CONCERTS
* Rachel tried getting involved in the Crystal Palace Overground Festival, but no response. Maybe we can do something in a local pub or outside the museum? Rachel to email the organisers with a proposal (e.g. playing out the back of the museum)– **action RB**
* Rachel and Cath need to continue to research Events Management and “Friends Of…”. The recent Southwark Park bandstand job did come from this work. We think the Friends of Southward Park got a grant from the local authority to book us. – **action RB and CT**
* Saturday 24th June – Sanderstead. Progress Band

Rachel to play horn.

* Saturday 15th July – Ruskin Park

Need 2nd horn (Ken doing 1st)

Dave to conduct if needed, or play of not.

* Sunday 23rd July – Greenwich Park

Dave to conduct if needed, or play if not.

* Sunday 30th July – Broadstairs

Need conductor. Rachel to try Jim Lynch and Andy Callard. Or try Facebook group for brassband conductors. – **action RB**

* Saturday 2nd September – Phoenix Gardens
* Sunday 3rd September – Clapham
* Sunday 24th September – SCABA Autumn Contest

We would like to support more SCABA events.

* Do we want to do do SCABA Autumn contest? Yes.
* Do we do Butlins in January? Yes.
* Do we do Oxford? Probably not, if we can do SCABA Spring instead.
1. MEMBERSHIP
* Tara has joined the band on cornet.
* Danny’s friend, Graham, has come along on trombone.
* Nick Marshal has come along once on Bb tuba.
* Trombone advert required? Possibly not - Danny’s friend has come along and played 1st trombone at a rehearsal last week. Works in church so not available for some jobs on Sundays. See how it goes.
1. PROGRESS BAND
* Need to attract some more players for the “next generation”. E.g. the younger players are now moving up to front row and we need back row!
* PB players have enjoyed helping out main band.
* Decided not to take on more jobs over the summer so people don’t have too many commitments.
* Several jobs towards end of the year. Possible Beckenham Rec joint event. Copplestone happening again. Several choirs want to be involved, and some have had to be turned away!
1. FINANCES
* About 75% of subs for 2017/2018 collected already.
* Long-term plan for spending needs to be looked at.
* Do we need to have a conversation between all band members about how we see the band in the future (and then hold spending to account of whether it meets these ideas)?
* We need to develop a long-term plan for where we see the band going. This might need an outside facilitator.
1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
* Gala concert – possibly October/November. Need to find a venue, possibly Guards chapel (Ben in contact), Mick Jagger Centre (Dartford). Goldsmiths – get in touch for prices. Miller Centre (Caterham). Langley Park. Venue 28 (Beckenham). Azaelia Hall. Phoenix Centre opening in Beckenham? Orpington Methodist Church? Tom to look into possible venues as soon as possible - **action TW**
* Ben has idea of the band playing at the French Open brass band competition at start of June – would band like to play at that? (instead of Butlins trip perhaps). Ben and Steve to discuss. – **action BW and SW**
* Noise / hearing protection – Tom would like to talk to the band about easy to implement ideas such as separation between rows (increasing distance between instrument and another player’s ears) and underplaying dynamics during rehearsals except one run-through so the conductor can hear the actual final balance. – **action TW and BB**
1. 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 was finished at just after 10pm.