**Crystal Palace Band - Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 28th February 2017**

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

**Apologies**: Nicci Maher, Bob Barnes, Dave Howell

**FINANCES**

* Currently have a lot of money in the bank. We need to make a plan for this.
* Suggestions for using this
	+ New Band room
	+ New Band instruments
	+ Refurbish the instruments
	+ Taking over the museum lease
	+ Doing another recording of the band
	+ Outdoor jackets and band ties
	+ Having a professional coming to
	+ Weekend away to rehearse / play
* It was suggested that we might want to register as a charity and do more in the community. The committee did not agree this. Being a charity would change the focus of the band, it would be more work for the treasurer and we would have more scrutiny from the taxman.
* Ben spoke about putting together with David a plan for refurbing the instruments.
* David has looked into the lease terms of the museum but wasn’t able to get much information as the band is not the leaseholder.
* Rachel looked at outdoor band jackets and they are £30 each.
* Weekend away could be the weekend that we would be at Cheltenham if we qualified so we could still go if we didn’t qualify.
* David asked everyone to get their expenses in - **Action all**
* Bought timp stool this month.
* Ben to buy timp covers – **Action BW**

**AGM**

* Tom proposed Wednesday 19th April. The committee agreed this. Dave H to be asked if we can start at 7.30pm – **Action TW**

**FORTHCOMING JOBS, CONTEST AND CONCERTS**

* Saturday 4th March – PB Bromley music festival
* Sunday March 19th – Stevenage
* Saturday 22nd April – Trafalgar Square
	+ - * + Short of 1st trombone – Cath to ask Sue – **Action CT**
				+ Ben to speak to his friend to see if he can join us on trombone – **Action BW**
* Sunday 21st May – SCABA Entertainment contest
	+ - * + Programme being considered.
				+ Tom W to MC the contest.
* Friday 9th June – Whit Friday
	+ - * + Ben organizing this. Ben to check with people at band who is interested – **Action BW.**
				+ Not whole band going.
				+ People will find their own way up and book own rooms.
* Saturday 17th June – PB Holy Trinity
* Saturday 24th June – PB Sanderstead
* Sunday 23rd July – Greenwich
* Sunday 30th July – Broadstairs
* Sunday 3rd September – Clapham Common
* Sunday 24th Sept – SCABA Autumn Contest

Beckenham Rec will be a Christmas concert for the Progress band but the main band is to be invited to join again this year as last year.

Gala concert to be considered for main band this year. We need to consider whether we want to include other groups in this.

* Rachel suggested 2nd or 9th December in St. Paul’s, Beckenham church. David to check date and costs with the church – **Action DC**

SCABA might bring their contest forward from autumn to Spring next year. We could do this next year instead of Oxford.

**Dulwich picture gallery job**

* Small band required for a naming ceremony on Saturday 6th May
* Rachel to speak to the band tomorrow – **action RB**

**Stevenage**

* Can we get a percussion player from the main or progress band to fill in the missing parts?
* Mike not worried about having all the percussion parts filled.
* Mia has been let down with her stall cover and may not be able to play. May need to ask Sue or Jude to fill in – **Action CT / MG**
* Isobel might not be able to do the Stevenage contest. Ben to email her to check – **Action BW**
* Rehearsal booked for 12noon. Adam will do the draw.

**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**

**MEMBERSHIP**

* Need an advert for trombones. This can be put on Facebook, Empty chairs, SCABA website and 4bars rest – **action CT**
* Heather on cornet, Tara on cornet and Steve on bass have joined us since last meeting.
* Jude is leaving the band. She is happy to stay on our dep list for outdoor jobs.
* Helen hasn’t been at band for ages. Mike to send her an email to check she’s okay – **Action MG**

**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 trombonesand percussion **– Action RM**

**PROPERTY**

* 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**
* 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. Dianne is speaking to Ken about whether we can attach storage brackets to a wall – **Action BW**
* Ben has a list of percussion equipment we need to purchase. Committee agreed the purchase. Ben to organize – **Action BW**
* 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**
* Ben to do an instrument and jacket audit **– Action BW**

**OTHER**

**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

**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**

**Summer trips**

* Roger would like to do another one.
* Doesn’t seem to be much enthusiasm within the band to go on a weekend trip.
* Tom to speak to the band about what type of trip they would like to do – **Action TW**
* Could do a seminar with Roger Webster or Lyndon Jones (president of Brighouse)

**Extra night’s rehearsal at the museum**

* Can we speak to Ken about an extra rehearsal day in the museum – **Action RB**
* We could do a concert to band members with people getting together to form duets, quartets etc. and performing.

**CPB Publicity in the museum**

* Roger has given Dianne some material about Crystal Palace band to be put in the cabinet.
* Ben has offered to write up our contest history and MD’s– **Action BW**

**DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

To be organized after the AGM with the new committee