**Crystal Palace Band**

**Committee Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2020**

**Present**: Richard Lovett, Rachel Bleach, Catherine Tinker, Bob Barnes, Ben Dowsett, Heather Pearse, David Charlesworth, Laura Channel, Ben Ward, Mike Gray, Dave Howell.

**Apologies**: None.

**Actions arising from the meeting:**

**David Charlesworth**

* Speak to band members about upcoming vacancies on the committee.
* Circulate the band’s Making Music login details.
* Help organise the away day.
* Together with Mike write a letter to the Belmont organiser to officially let them know the band won’t be able to do the job anymore.

**Mike Gray**

* Call Belmont organiser to confirm that the band will not available for Remembrance date this year.

**Ben Ward**

* Start the refurbishment of current band instruments.
* Look at Making Music website to understand user profiles and the info on the site.
* Speak to contacts at other London bands to see if they have members who may be stepping down and who might like to join CPB.
* Look at accommodation and Saturday dinner options for the Wychavon contest.
* Update and circulate test piece notes.

**Bob Barnes**

* Investigate having acoustic-improving cabinet covers made.
* Look into other ear protection alternatives other than stand barriers.
* Help organise the away day.

**Cath Tinker**

* Use the photos that Roger M has found to produce a photobook for Chris and Carol.
* Help organise the away day.

**Rachel**

* Use the photos that Roger M has found to produce a photobook for Chris and Carol.
* Chase the Beckenham Remembrance Day organisers to confirm booking.

**Laura**

* Speak to Rebecca (PB mum) about social media sites to advertise vacancies.
* Speak to contacts at other London bands to see if they have members who have stepped down who might wish to join CPB.
* Source a print of the Crystal Palace as a leaving gift for Danny.
* Help organise the away day.

**Heather**

* Chase band member availability for Wychavon and other band jobs.

**Richard Lovett**

* Organise a date for sorting out the undercroft.

**Roger Morton**

* Put band vacancies; Eb basses, bass trombone, front and back row cornets and percussion, onto the website.

**MATTERS ARRISING:**

**AGM planning**

* Date agreed - Wednesday 22nd April 2020
* Gig logistic management to be added as a role to the committee.
* Rachel and Cath both said that they would like to stand down from the committee if there was someone who wanted to take the roles.
* A year-long training position to cover Rachel is required before Rachel stands down.
* Richard would like to stand down as librarian and stand as Chairman. He suggested approaching Graham Lunn for librarian.
* David said he wanted to stand as Chairman which would mean the committee would need a new treasurer.
* David suggested that Andrew from the Progress Band be approached about the treasurer’s position.
* David to speak to, and email the band, about the need for volunteers for the roles becoming vacant, along with the need for nominations and seconders at the AGM.
* Reports from main committee members to be produced and distributed.
* David to stand down as chair at the meeting and Bob agreed to chair the appointment of the new Chairman. Bob to read through the constitution and highlight any concerns
* Only band members who have paid subs are eligible to vote.

**Recruitment of new band members**

* We have vacancies for a bass trombone, basses, cornets and percussion players for the main band.
* Roger M to add the vacancies to the website.
* Laura to speak to Rebecca (Mum from PB) about the social media sites the PB is using to recruit players and add the main band vacancies. Ben and Laura agreed to speak to other London bands that may have members who have stepped down but may want to join CPB.
* Committee members to speak to their own contacts to see if anyone would like to join.

**Progress Band**

* The band played at Bromley Music Festival last weekend and was awarded a Distinction with 93 points and a cup for their efforts. A great achievement and many congratulations are due to Dave and the band.

**Band jobs outside London**

* Are they worth doing as they take a long time to get there and we to tend to spend money paying deps as not everyone can commit to doing them.
* The committee were split on whether we continue to do these jobs.
* It was thought that we should discuss this with the wider band, perhaps at the away day.
  + It would help if these gigs could be used as more social and fun events.
  + More preferable to get local gigs but this is becoming ever more difficult.

**Making Music**

* Dave H suggested that we should be exploring the Making Music website and making use of their resources
* David C to circulate the band’s login for band members. Ben to look at the info available on the site.

**Gifts for Carol, Chris and Danny**

* It was agreed that we would put together a photobook as a leaving gift for Carol and Chris – Roger M has picked out photos for the photobook. Cath and Rachel agreed to put this together.
* A CP print for Danny. Laura agreed to source this; Rachel made the suggestion that she visit the Picture Palace in Crystal Palace.

**Away Day**

* Away day for both bands to be organised - morning session – discuss future of the band / noise abatement training, afternoon session - rehearsal, evening - social.
* David, Cath, Laura and Bob to have a look at organising this.
* Mim’s mum has suggested a rehearsal venue in Penge with breakrooms etc.
* Another suggestion is to go to Wychcroft House near Redhill, Surrey.
* To be launched at the AGM.

**Corona Virus**

* Rachel has been in contact with the Area contest controller to see what arrangements may be put in place due to the virus. She was advised that they would follow government advice and, if necessary, will let us know if the contest is to be cancelled.
* The band will be following government advice around band rehearsals and band gigs.

**Wychavon Festival of Brass**

* The band would like to enter this contest on 31st October.
* Heather to chase band availability.
* The band theme for this contest is to be decided but a London theme has been suggested.
* The contest starts at around 11 and runs throughout the day. The aim would be to stay overnight.
* Ben to look at possible accommodation and dinner arrangements for the Saturday evening.

**Any other business**

**Remembrance Sunday**

* Mike to contact the Belmont organiser to confirm that the band will not be available to play this year.
* David and Mike to confirm this information in writing.
* Anne and Mike will also not be available on Remembrance Sunday this year so we will need a conductor and trombone player

**Online Training for 6B**

* Alison has suggested doing some online training for the organisers of 6B brass. Bob requested a budget of up to £100 to do this training. The committee agreed this.

**PB Use of Main Band Horn**

* Ben asked if the main band were okay with Alison C using the main band horn until it was needed by the main band. The committee agreed this was okay.

**Area Contest, Stevenage**

* Ben said he would circulate his contest notes to the band.
* It was noted that this week’s extra contest rehearsal would be at the Museum on Friday and that next Friday, 13th would be at St Michael’s Church in Beckenham.

**New Registrations**

* Rachel confirmed that she has now registered 5 new players – Mike Cook, Richard Edney, Peter Forbes, Pawel Gortych and Hywel Jones to play at the contest.

**Date for the next meeting** –to be agreed via a Doodle poll after the AGM.