

Crystal Palace Band

Minutes of Annual General MGM Meeting – Wednesday 13 April 2016

Tom Whittaker opened the meeting at 8.15pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Present: Brian Cowlin, Bob Barnes, Luke Thompson, Margaret Larkin, John White, David Storey, Alison Charlesworth, David Charlesworth, Adam Payn, Ben Ward, Mark Dan, Ben Dowsett, Dianne Barker, Martin Garnett, Helen Reilly, Graeme Cornish, Dave Howell, Richard Lovett, Mike Gray, Tom Whittaker, Roger Morton, Rachel Bleach, Catherine Tinker, Roger Bleach, Maya Haugland, Isobel Cox, Carol Maher, Graeme Cornish, Mo Badri, Kim Golson, Dominic Herbert, Laura Channell, Danny Wakefield.

Apologies: Martin Garnett, Ben Dowsett, Nicci Maher, Chris Maher.

Approval of Minutes of last AGM

The following amendments to be noted with regards to the 2015 AGM minutes:

- Child Protection - Statement says "Policy is recommendation only" Bob suggested that this was not said and requested that it was struck from the record. This was agreed by the meeting.
- The following statement was requested to be struck from the record - Bob suggested that we approve the policy and roll it out and review in a couple of months. This was agreed.

Reports from Committee Members

Property – Ben Ward

- It was his first year in the role but felt that some progress had been made.
- There is due to be a review of all instruments currently owned by the band and it is hoped that some of the older instruments will be sold later this year.
- Brass for Africa have been contacted in reference to passing on some of our older instruments to Africa
- Ben thanked the committee and band for all their support in looking after all the equipment.
- Dave asked if some of the older, usable, bigger brass instruments could be donated / sold to schools in the area. This was agreed.
- Roger Bleach asked if there were any priority in replacing instruments. Ben is going to put a plan in place this year after the instrument review.

Librarian - Richard Lovett

- Same yearly spend on music this year as previous years.
- Richard reminded people that if you do take your pad / music away to remember to get it to rehearsals to ensure your part can be covered in your absence.
- Music has been looked after well this year by the band and Richard offered his thanks for this.
- PB and main band are sharing music and this is working well.
- Tom thanked Richard for his work.

Treasurer – David Charlesworth

- Key message is that we made a surplus of £948 which was more than last year.
- Removing Skegness from the accounts (as this only happened last year) then our income went up by 10%, with subs and competition prize money.
- Concert revenue for both bands is down.
- We spent less on instruments, transport and equipment across both bands this year.
- We have a healthy reserve of £20,000 in the account.
- David proposed to keep subs at the same level this year. This was agreed by the group.

Secretary - Rachel Bleach

- Rachel added Whit Friday to the list of contests taken part in.
- There were no questions on her report.
- Rachel thanked Cath for her support in her role as Assistant Secretary..

Progress Band - Dave Howell

- Dave thanked the progress band and main band committee for everything done this year.
- Thanks to everyone who plays in the progress band for all their effort and commitment.
- The progress band members are having a good time and feel more integrated into the whole organisation.

Musical Director - Mike Gray

- The band has done really well this year in contests, with some real positivity within the band.
- Dave has been a tower of strength this year to Mike. Danny has also been a great support in conducting the band when Mike hasn't been available.
- Mike asked the band not to get complacent and to always apply yourselves to the music we play.
- Thanks for a great year and lets look forward to another one.

Chairman's Report – Tom Whittaker

- It's been a fantastic year and a pleasure to be the Band's Chairman.
- Main highlight was the gala concert and everyone put on a fantastic performance.
- Main band has been successful in competitions – it's been great to win some trophies!
- Thanks to all the people who every week set up and pack up, including those helping with the percussion, Adam doing the tea and Dianne who opens up and locks up. All the committee members, Danny, Dave and Mike for leading the rehearsals.
- Thanks to all band members for their continued commitment.

Election of New Band Committee

No new nominations were received and all current committee members happy to stand again.

- Adam proposed Tom as Chairman, David and Cath seconded. Tom Whittaker unanimously voted in.
- Roger Morton proposed Ben as property master. Richard seconded. Ben Ward unanimously voted in.
- Roger Morton nominated Richard as Librarian, Graeme seconded. Richard Lovett unanimously voted in.
- Ex officio – No interest this year.
- Publicity Officer – Tom Whittaker proposed Nicci, Ben seconded. Nicci Maher unanimously voted in.
- Treasurer – Tom Whittaker nominated David C. Rachel seconded. David Charlesworth unanimously voted in.
- Secretary – David proposed Rachel, Carol seconded. Rachel Bleach unanimously voted in.
- Assistant Secretary - Rachel nominated Cath, Dianne seconded. Cath Tinker unanimously voted in.
- Progress band representative – Bob nominated by the progress band. Tom Whittaker seconded. Bob Barnes unanimously voted in.
- Webmaster ex-officio role will stay with Roger. Roger Morton unanimously voted in.

Any Other Business

National Finals Contest, Cheltenham

- Tom, David and Rachel are currently looking at booking suitable accommodation.
- Graeme recommended a hotel called The Cheltenham.
- Richard asked if we could hire a coach for the trip to Cheltenham as it was a special occasion. Tom said that the costs and feasibility of this would be looked into.
- Carol asked if we all could make our own way down there and then have a local coach to take us to the contest on the day. It was agreed this would make more sense.
- Adam and Richard wanted to know if anyone had any ideas about fundraising for Stevenage to pay for a coach and accommodation for when we are down in Stevenage.
- Tom asked if people had ideas about reducing the cost that people email the committee with their ideas.

Whit Friday

- Roger Bleach said enjoyed all the contests this year, with Whit Friday being the most enjoyable, despite not being very successful. Roger recommended that we do this contest again when possible.
- Ben suggested that we could put together a scratch band this year with players from other bands and go up and play. Ben said he was happy to organize this.

Child protection policy

- Tom advised the band that the new a child protection policy was now available on the website. He suggested that band members make themselves familiar with it.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm