

## **SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at the Okehampton Conservative Club Kempley Road Okehampton commencing at 1215 hours.**

**1/16 PRESENT:** Raymond Kingdon (Chairman), Brian Elliott (Secretary/Registrar), Keith Gibbs (Treasurer), John Croker (Minutes Secretary), Frances Calver (Trophy Officer), Executive Committee – Martin Cordy, Alan Gears, Gillian Rogers, Gilbert Taylor.

**Bands represented:** Bideford Town, Hartland Town, Holsworthy, Honiton, Okehampton Excelsior, Pendennis Brass, Phoenix Brass, Sidmouth Town, Soundhouse Brass, South Molton Town, St Dennis, Tiverton Town, Weston Brass.

**2/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE;** Sue Richards (President), John Woods (Vice-Chairman), Robin Teague (Exec. Committee member).

**3/16 BERT BUZZA.** The Chairman paid tribute to Bert who had died recently. He said that he was a lovely gentleman, a genuine brass band man, long serving member of St Austell Band and Cornwall Brass Band Association and a previous Secretary & Executive member of the SWBBA.

**4/16 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015** were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record . One correction 5/15 should read Arts Council not arts festival.

**5/15 REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.15.** prepared by the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and was adopted by the meeting unanimously after proposal by Sidmouth Town and Seconded by South Molton Town bands. Chairman thanked Brian Elliott for his report.

### **6/16 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.15.**

These were presented by the Treasurer Keith Gibbs. During his comments he said that 2015 did make a profit on some of the events but not as much as the previous year. The main loss was the Championship contest of £2200 mainly due to lack of band entries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running that a loss has been made on this contest with band entries going down or withdrawals on the day. When the bands are missing their supporters are not buying tickets or programmes.

Member band subscriptions are down from the previous year because invoices were sent out early and paid into 2014 accounts instead of 2015.

Expenditure on postage etc is down because of more use of e-mails.

President and Chairman were presented with badges of office. First time for the President. Secretary pointed out that Sue Richards wears hers to all official events she attends throughout the country. The Chairman's old badge of office was made in 1946.

Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his accounts which were adopted by the meeting Proposed by Bideford and seconded by Weston Brass. All in favour.

### **7/16 HONORARIA**

Executive Committee recommend that there is no increase. Proposed Hartland seconded by Soundhouse. All in favour.

### **8/16 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The Executive Committee recommend no increase for the year 2017. All in favour.

## **9/16 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016/2017**

The Executive Committee nominate the following named for election en-bloc.

President	Sue Richards
Chairman	Ray Kingdon
Vice-Chairman	John Woods
Secretary/Registrar	Brian Elliott
Treasurer	Keith Gibbs
Trophy Officer	Frances Calver
Minutes Secretary	John Croker

Executive Committee     Martin Cordy, Alan Gears, Gillian Rogers, Gilbert Taylor, Robin Teague.

Proposed by Tiverton and seconded by Bideford. All in favour.

Secretary announced that David Boorer has offered to come onto the Committee and will attend the first one later that day.

Secretary said that Anne Luxton had resigned from the Committee for personal reasons and paid tribute to her service during her time on the Committee.

## **10/16 HONORARY AUDITOR**

Arthur Rundle has agreed to continue for 1 more year.

Proposed by Bideford seconded by Hartland. All in agreement.

## **11/16 COUNCIL OF WEST OF ENGLAND BRASS BAND ASSOCIATIONS**

The Executive Committee nominate the following as delegates to the Council.

Brian Elliott, Ray Kingdon, John Woods.

Substitute Delegate to the Council – any member of the Executive Committee

Proposed Tiverton Seconded Hartland. All in favour.

## **12/16 ARTHUR BEDWELL MEMORIAL TRUST**

The executive recommend the following as Trustees.

Martin Cordy, John Croker, Gillian Rogers.

All in favour.

The meeting closed at 1230 hours.