

SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary General meeting held on Sunday 3rd April 2016 at the Okehampton Conservative Club commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT: Raymond Kingdon (Chairman), Brian Elliott (Secretary/registration), Keith Gibbs (Treasurer), John Croker (Minutes Secretary), Frances Calver (Trophy Officer), Executive Committee – Martin Cordy, Alan Gears, Gill 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.

Apologies: Sue Richards (President), John Woods (Vice-Chairman), Robin Teague (Exec. Committee member)

The Secretary Brian Elliott explained to the meeting that as the Association was a Limited Company it was necessary to abide by certain rules, and because at last year's AGM we did not have a quorum the Association were unable to substantiate any decisions that may have been taken, so legal advice had been sought. Advised that Rule 5d of the Constitution could be deleted. At the same time it has been decided to make certain other amendments to the constitution for consideration and adoption at this meeting.

Para 2 (a) Membership is open to Brass Bands in the South West of England and application will be on a form specially provided for the purpose and submitted to the next Executive Committee Meeting of the Association for consideration and adoption. (Executive Committee substituted for general meeting)

Para 3 (c) The Executive Committee will comprise Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer, Trophy Officer, Minute Secretary and members elected by nomination of member bands at the Annual general meeting, with power to co-opt as necessary. (Removed from this rule, 4 members taken out. Now can have as many as required.)

Paragraph 5 (d) Deleted as explained above.

Paragraph 8 (b) Any member band which has not competed in the National Championships will be graded by the Executive Committee. (Change from General meeting to Executive Committee.)

Paragraph 9 (a) Contests organised by the Association will be guided by the Rules of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, varied as appropriate by decision of the Executive Committee. (Change to Executive Committee from Association.)

Paragraph 9 (b) Non-member bands will be allowed to compete in Association Contests on payment of an enhanced entry fee as decided by the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 10 Any amendments or alterations to this Constitution must have been submitted in writing and be approved at an Extra-Ordinary General meeting of the Association. (Change from AGM)

Proposed Bideford Town, seconded Weston Brass, the amendments be adopted.

Amendments proposed by Bideford Town Seconded by Weston Brass. All in favour.