

SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 26th March 2017 at the Okehampton Conservative Club commencing at 1150 hours

1/17 PRESENT: Raymond Kingdon (Chairman), John Woods (Vice-Chairman), Brian Elliott (Secretary/Registrar), Keith Gibbs (Treasurer), John Croker (Minutes Secretary), Frances Calver (Trophy Officer), Executive Committee – Alan Gears, Gilbert Taylor, Robin Teague

Bands represented: Appledore, Bideford Town, Bodmin, Holsworthy, Honiton, Okehampton Excelsior, Soundhouse Plymouth, South Molton Town, Tiverton Town.

2/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Sue Richards (President), Gillian Rogers (Committee member), Bands: Exeter Railway, Sidmouth Town, Weston Brass.

3/17 OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN

Ray Kingdon opened the meeting by stating that SWBBA was in for a big change this year. He thanked retiring Secretary Brian Elliott for all he had done over the years especially over the last few years with his health and also the health of his wife Joyce. He had also been a great friend. He also thanked Keith Gibbs the retiring Treasurer for his services over many years with the support of his wife Sheila. Alan Gears is also retiring from the Committee and the Chairman thanked him for his commitment over the years. Alan would love to stay on the Committee but his wife is seriously ill.

4/17 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 3rd April 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5/17 REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.16 prepared by the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee was adopted by the meeting unanimously after proposal by Bodmin and seconded by Tiverton. Chairman thanked the Secretary for a very well constructed report as usual.

6/17 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.16

These were presented by the Treasurer Keith Gibbs.

He reported that there was a larger profit on the Exmouth Festival compared to 2015 but less profit on the winter Brass workshop. Comparisons with 2015 Honorariums remained the same, printing

and stationary was down slightly but postage went up. Administration and travel expenses were up slightly. The large increase in website expenses was because we changed and modernised our website provider and set up a new re-vamped website. Although a loss on the Torquay contest this was considerably less than last year. Presentations were made to the retiring Secretary and Treasurer and a luncheon was held to celebrate the Association's 70th anniversary. There was an excess of expenditure over income of £478-12 pence.

Keith Anderson our financial advisor looked at the books and signed them off.

Chairman thanked the Treasurer for the accounts which were adopted by the meeting after proposal by Bodmin and seconded by Tiverton.

7/17 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Executive Committee recommend no increase for the year 2018. Adopted by meeting unanimously after proposal by Okehampton and seconded by Tiverton.

8/17 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017/2018

President	Sue Richards
Chairman	Ray Kingdon
Vice-Chairman	John Woods
Secretary	Simon James
Treasurer	Doreen Daw
Trophy Officer	Frances Calver
Minutes Secretary	John Croker

Executive Committee Keith Edwards, Keith Gibbs, Gillian Rogers, Gilbert Taylor, Robin Teague.

All the above were individually proposed and seconded with unanimous agreement from the meeting.

John Woods stated that we all recognise that changes will be made and various jobs will be delegated.

9/17 HONORARY AUDITOR

Sadly the Association's honorary Auditor Arthur Rundle had passed away, in view of that the Executive Committee recommend that paragraph 4c of the constitution be deleted. Our financial advisor Keith Anderson is also in favour of this. The accounts only need to be checked by a competent person. Meeting agreed unanimously.

10/17 COUNCIL OF WEST OF ENGLAND BRASS BAND ASSOCIATIONS.

The Executive Committee recommends that the delegates to the council will be Ray Kingdon, John Woods and 1 other delegate appointed by the Exec. Committee. Substitute delegate to the council – any member of the Executive Committee. Meeting accepted unanimously.

11/17 ARTHUR BEDWELL MEMORIAL TRUST

The Executive Committee recommend that the elected Trustees should be John Croker, Gillian Rogers and Gilbert Taylor (appointed at AGM). Proposed and seconded and adopted unanimously by the meeting.

12/17 Letter from the President Sue Richards. Recommending that Brian Elliott be made a Life Vice-President and Keith Gibbs be made an Honorary Life member. Agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Meeting closed at 1230 hours.