



SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Postponed from March 2020)
HELD ONLINE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
at 7pm ON SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Executive Committee

Ray Kingdon	Chairman
John Woods	Vice-Chairman
Gill Rogers	General Secretary and rep for Weston Brass
Keith Anderson	Treasurer and rep for Redruth Band
Fran Calver	Trophy Officer
Keith Edwards	Executive Member and rep for Appledore Band
Keith Gibbs	Executive Member and rep for Bideford Band, also Hon Life Member
Jackie James	Executive Member
Gil Taylor	Executive Member and rep for South Molton Band
Robin Teague	Executive Member

Bands represented:

Camborne
Crediton
Northlew
Pendennis
Sidmouth
South West Comms
St Dennis
Tiverton
Totnes
Weymouth

Ray Kingdon (Chairman) welcomed everybody to the meeting

1. Apologies for absence

John Croker – Retiring Executive Member and retiring Minute Secretary
Torbay Brass

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th March 2019

Accepted as a true record by those present.

3. Report for the Year ending 31st December 2019

Sent via email to all bands before the meeting and prepared by Secretary Gill Rogers on behalf of the executive Committee and adopted by those present. John Woods (Vice-Chair) thanked the Secretary for her work during the year.

4. Accounts for year ending 31st December 2019

Sent via email to all bands before the meeting and prepared by Treasurer Keith Anderson on behalf of the Executive Committee. Graham Pollard (Sidmouth Band) asked what the travelling expenses were for. It was explained that it covered the fuel costs of Executive Committee members to attend meetings and events, and also those of adjudicators and workshop tutors. The 2019 Annual Championships in November made a loss – this could partly have been due to Wychavon Contest being held on the same day and bands choosing to support that event instead of SWBBA. There have been prior years when the dates have clashed - in 2020 this would not have been the case. John Woods thanked the Treasurer for his work during the year. The accounts were adopted by those present.

5. Honorariums to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

To stay the same at:

Chair - £140

Treasurer - £400

Secretary - £370

£100 each to SWBBA Event Organisers (Annual Championships, Exmouth Festival and Workshops).

These will now be paid for the Financial Year to 31/12/2019. All in favour.

6. Annual Subscriptions

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all events organised by SWBBA have been cancelled this year. As a consequence, it was decided that subscriptions will be carried over to 2021 for all member bands who have actually paid, and a concerted effort to collect 2021 subscriptions from others on the membership database. All in favour.

7. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

No nominations from member bands had been received for any of the posts. Minute Secretary, John Croker, has now stepped down, leaving a vacancy. The existing committee and officers were unanimously re-elected en bloc as follows:

President – Sue Richards

Chairman – Ray Kingdon

Vice-Chairman – John Woods

Secretary – Gill Rogers

Treasurer – Keith Anderson

Trophy Officer – Fran Calver

Minute Secretary – vacancy filled by Jackie James

Executive Committee Members – Keith Edwards, Gil Taylor, Robin Teague

New committee members are needed. Anyone who is considering joining the Committee will be very welcome to sit in at a meeting to see what we do before committing. We can co-opt members mid-term if required.

8. Council of West of England Brass Band Associations

The executive Committee recommended that the following are appointed as delegates to the Council: Ray Kingdon, John Woods and Gil Taylor, plus any other delegate appointed by the Executive Committee as substitute. All in favour.

John Woods (WEBBA Chairman) reported on the recent WEBBA AGM. Some changes in representation and further anticipated thus the need for volunteers to step forward to become involved with the planning and delivery of this prestigious event. Financial, Web & media/marketing and planning tasks could be good training for anyone associated with bands and studying for this type of skill set. John also explained why a Code of Conduct was introduced for the 2020 Regional championships and recommended that all Band secretary's bring to attention of every player prior to the next contest as the need for this to

be created was as a result of a small minority/incidents where volunteer stewards had been unfortunately subject to verbal abuse.

9. Arthur Bedwell Memorial Trust

The Executive Committee recommended that the elected Trustees be Gill Rogers and Gil Taylor. Following the resignation of John Croker, a third Trustee will be appointed from the Executive Committee at the next meeting in November. All in favour.

10. Possible Online Solo & Ensemble Contest

Apart from the Mid-Winter Workshop which took place before the lockdown, all other SWBBA events have been cancelled this year, so the idea of staging an online Solo & Ensemble Contest was suggested (similar to various other events staged during the pandemic by other organisations). Representatives of bands present at the meeting were asked to go back to their bands to gauge possible uptake, reporting their findings back to the Executive Committee by mid-November. Bands not represented at the meeting will be emailed. A decision will then be taken as to whether it will be viable, and research further the practicalities, but there seemed to be general approval from the floor.

John Woods commented that the Executive had debated during 2019 the possibility of a Solo & Quarter contest (location to be determined) although were conscious of other similar events promoted by member bands. Before implementing this the Executive committee needed reassurance from member bands that it would be supported with sufficient entries

11. Any Other Business

None

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15pm.