



SOUTH WEST BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ONLINE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
at 7.30pm on Monday 19TH April 2021**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Executive Committee

Sue Richards	President
Ray Kingdon	Chairman
John Woods	Vice-Chairman
Gill Rogers	General Secretary and rep for Weston Brass
Fran Calver	Trophy Officer
Keith Edwards	Executive Member and rep for Appledore Band
Jackie James	Minute Secretary
Gil Taylor	Executive Member and rep for South Molton Band
Robin Teague	Executive Member
Tracey Phillips	Executive Member

Bands represented:

Bugle Silver Band
CREDITON
Sidmouth
Soundhouse (Plymouth)
St Dennis
Lanner and District
Bideford
Brixham Town Band

Also present: Sharon Durham
Martin Pearce
Dawn Toms
Kevin Gibbons
Paul Hendrie

Ray Kingdon (Chairman) welcomed everybody to the meeting. Brian Elliot sends his regards and wishing us all the best for the future.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Keith Anderson, St Austell Band (Anna Minear), Totnes Band, Tiverton Band and Torbay Band.
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 18th October 2020.**
Accepted as a true record by those present.

3. Report for the Year ending 31st December 2020.

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. Raymond Kingdon (Chair) thanked the Secretary for her work during the year.

4. Accounts for year ending 31st December 2020.

Sent via email to all bands before the meeting figures submitted by Keith Anderson and presented by Secretary Gill Rogers on behalf of the Executive Committee. John Woods stated that whilst 2020 saw minimal activity and that the entries for Torquay 2019 were low, the loss over 2 years was small and contained but we remain in a good financial position. Anticipated lower subscription income in 2021 likely to be compensated by lower overheads. The accounts were adopted by those present.

5. Honorariums to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

To stay the same proposed by Robin Teague and seconded by Gil Taylor.

Chair - £140

Treasurer - £400

Secretary - £370

£100 each to SWBBA Event Organisers (Annual Championships, Exmouth Festival and Workshops. John Woods stated that all officers were still ensuring routine activities continued even though we were not organising events at this time.

These will now be paid for the Financial Year to 31/12/2020. All in favour.

6. Annual Subscriptions

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all subscriptions paid in 2020 will be carried over to 2021. All remaining outstanding subscriptions to be hastened initially by Gill Rogers. Proposed by Robin Teague and seconded by Philip King. All in favour. It was also noted that all bands need to inform the secretary when their point of contact changes.

7. Treasurer Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Keith Anderson, we were seeking a new treasurer and we welcome Kevin Gibbons to our Executive Committee. Kevin has had vast experience with various charities and other organisations. All in favour. Welcome Kevin.

8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

No nominations from member bands had been received for any of the posts. The existing committee and officers were unanimously elected en bloc as follows:

President – Sue Richards

Chairman – Ray Kingdon

Vice-Chairman – John Woods

Secretary – Gill Rogers

Treasurer – Kevin Gibbons

Trophy Officer – Fran Calver

Minute Secretary – Jackie James.

Executive Committee Members – Keith Edwards, Gil Taylor, Robin Teague, Tracey Phillips, Keith Anderson.

Philip King (Brixham Band) wanted to give his thanks to the committee members for all their hard work and that it is appreciated. His offer of support was gratefully received.

9. Council of West of England Brass Band Associations

The Executive Committee recommended that the following continue 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.

10. Arthur Bedwell Memorial Trust

The Executive Committee recommended that the elected Trustees be Gill Rogers, Gil Taylor and Kevin Gibbons. John Woods reminded the meeting that when adding Kevin Gibbons to the mandate John Croker would need to be removed. All in favour.

11. Any Other Business

- Online Solo & Ensemble Contest

John Woods spoke on behalf of Gill, Jackie and Tracey reporting that the uptake for the contest had taken all by surprise. There were in total 185 entries across the classes though perhaps not surprisingly there had not been many ensemble entries. Steve Sykes was now in receipt of all recordings and music and has reported that he is on schedule for completion. It was emphasised that timelines out at the onset of this event would be adhered to.

The results will be showcased on Facebook (8/9 May 21) preceded by an interview between John Woods and Steve Sykes. The format would be an introduction to each of the classes followed by the results. Written comments would be returned to entrants after this time.

Gratitude was expressed to Trevada music (Leonard Adams) who had generously donated prizes. Due to the number of entries in the younger classes, additional prizes had been generated to take the form of on-line lessons for most promising players. John Woods stated that a financial summary would be made available for the Executive Committee and stressed that based on initial calculations the Association would not lose money.

Looking forward John hoped that this would be mark in the sand for future events, on a personal note he mentioned that in his ideal world it would be a physical venue event but conceded that the online approach was a cost effective and possibly more relaxed method of holding such events.

He concluded by giving his thanks to the small team for their hard work.

- Sue Richards

Sue expressed how nice was to see everyone and thanked all for their hard work.

- Covid Guidance

General discussion on government roadmap and the impact upon bands ability to regroup/rehearse and when that may be possible. BBE have published template Risk assessments to support preparations.

- Area Championships 2022

Tracey Phillips asked if there were any known plans for Kapitol Promotions to relax the rules for the first year back with particular consideration to the borrowing of players recognising that some bands may not yet be back to full strength following such a lengthy enforced time off. John Woods responded that questions such as these could be submitted via himself or Sue Oldfield (WEBBA Secretary) to be raised during the July WEBBA meeting and potentially subsequently at the Kapitol Forum meeting (date yet not known) where the 8 regions meet with Kapitol Promotions to discuss such matters.

- Special Project Financial Assistance

John Woods reminded those present that grants were again available from Arts Council England under Gfa programme for specific small projects up to £15000 in a 6 week process. Larger amounts subject to a more detailed submission timetable Further details and the application process were available through their website.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20pm.