

Minutes of Meeting - 4th September 2017

Aberdeen Concert Band

4th September 2017 - 6 pm

Northfield Church

Attendees: Eric Kidd, Raymond Penny, Frazer Stewart, Karen Stewart, Victoria Park, Lydnsey Bolton, James Singer, Muriel Burnett and Louise Findlay

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting

[24th March 2017](#)

Matters arising

Italy Trip

James: 17 band members signed up. Rayburn Travels put off a week or two. Need a date to see yes or no. Numbers by Monday 18th. We could look into alternatives that are cheaper if Italy does not go ahead.

Raymond: Numbers may be skewed as people payed for more people but may or may not be band members.

Have been trying to get internet banking set up and be able to check the numbers more accurately.

Frazer: It's a lot of money for the deposit and I know a lot of people that struggled. Will be fine over the cost of the year.

James: Don't use band funds as collateral against deposit because people might not come through.

Eric: Bon Accord band went to Shetland for a weekend and they took a hostel over.

Victoria: Announce the trip (put Italy off for a year) and let people save money for the deposit.

James: I don't think the cost for 2019 will be much different.

Leave it to the 18th and then see if the numbers if not and see if band went to reschedule for 2019 and can pay on a schedule for the deposit.

Topics

Drum Kit

Raymond: Been knocked back by small grants and have applied to the Bank of Scotland's charity section. I have gone for a medium grant of £12,000.

Changed the application to emphasise the teaching aspect of the band and cut backs to the council's music service and the fact we subsidise music tuition and loan instruments for free.

Victoria: Why not look into the Book of Scottish Charity Grants and how do we get on the blue tokens Tesco/ASDA charity scheme funding?

Raymond: What about crowdfunding?

Frazer: I know a lot of people that have made a lot of money from it.

Louise: There are a lot of different sites from Go Fund Me just asking for donations or others like Kickstarter where you offer rewards to backers as an incentive to give money.

James: Could you (Louise) do that?

Louise: Sure.

Eric: I've found a top of the range maple drum kit with all cymbals for £800. Everything you need.

James: The funds are there.

The Committee to agreed on drum kit.

Frazer: We can sell the old drum kit on Gumtree.

Victoria: We need more space to store them and a printer. Just the photocopying aspect and I can leave an old laptop so we don't need wireless connectivity.

Raymond: It will be cheaper to get an All In One printer.

We will buy a printer.

Insurance

James: There was a break in to the church and stole money from the flower fund so should we consider insurance? I found a company that specialise for bands. How much should we insure?

Raymond: We need to insure what's here not what's on loan.

James: £80-£100 thousand?

Victoria: When we clear out cupboard we can update inventory.

Eric: £40-50 thousand. No one has music insurance because it's so difficult. Premium will be high because of the break in.

Muriel: The Church will invest in new locks.

Eric: Just increase security and tell band members that they are responsible for their instruments at the AGM.

AGM

AGM at Mon 9th October - 6:30pm and run rehearsal till 9:30pm

Raymond: Accounts have been done on 31st March.

James: So why do we have AGM in October?

Raymond: It's in the Constitution.

Muriel: We can't change the Constitution till an AGM.

James: We will bring it up at the next AGM

Concerts

Victoria: We need to have a vice-chairman (3y) to shadow James. The position then rolls over. They will be the Concert Administrator.

We also need a list of the concerts we are doing.

James: We had a Fixer but enquiries generally went to James or Eric. The Vice-chair will be appointed at a AGM.

B&Q will have us on weekends at 12-2pm.

Raymond: 8-10 people playing Christmas Carols in Stonehaven on a Saturday or Sunday in Early December. They will pay and feed us.

Muriel: Women's Guild concert - Monday 20th - can use it as a run up for the Challenge Festival.

Section Leader

Victoria: The Section Leader organises all the music for its members not just hand it to me or Eric. They are responsible for telling Eric who's not there.

We should make a sheet of what Section Leader's are responsible for.

Library

Victoria: The music boxes were all chaotic after I left and I had to spend hours reorganising it.

James: The loose music was fine but the boxes shouldn't have been touched.

Victoria: Please no one is to touch the library.

Sunday 29th October - 1:30pm for clearing the room

Band Numbers

James: We have 55 band members 53 of which are registered.

Raymond: I am going to update the register.

Victoria: Everyone should tick a list every week to show who's attending practise or not.

Eric: Bon Accord have a big diary and people fill in absences ahead of time so the conductor knows who is going to be off.

James: Aileen usually does the spreadsheets for concert availability so we could ask her to do it.

Any other business

There was none

Time of next meeting

Will be decided at the AGM