



Minutes of Tutbury Band Annual General Meeting
Tutbury Institute, October 8th 2009

1 - Election of Officers:

Chairperson (Kevin – Musical Director is constitutionally also Chairperson)
Secretary – Richard re-elected
Treasurer – Graeme re-elected

2 – Finances

Graeme reported the financial report

3 – Minutes of last AGM

The minutes were summarised and confirmed as an accurate representation of last years AGM

4 – Other Band Roles

Kevin outlined a number of formal roles that would be useful to fill with volunteers to assist with the running of the band. These included such ideas as having someone to look into fund raising, marketing and band social events etc. Sarah Leverington volunteered to take on the role of organising social events.

Another important role that is needed in the band is someone to take on the general organising of the trailer. This is not assuming one person would be expected to tow the trailer everywhere (we have a number of volunteers with tow-bars) but it would be useful to have someone to take general charge. This role was not filled at the meeting.

5 – Junior Band

The issue we have had over the increasing cost of practicing at Richard Wakefield School has been solved – we have moved to Belvedere Junior School at a cost of £22 per week. Paul Higgs (Headmaster) and particularly Rex (Caretaker) have been very supportive and it is nice to have avoided the additional costs we were facing.

6 – Strathpeffer

The plans for our second visit to Strathpeffer are generally going well. Accommodation is in hand, along with concert arrangements.

Richard can help with getting percussion on to the coach.

7 – Christmas Concert

A theme of A Traditional Christmas was proposed

8 – Auditions

The auditions process was discussed. The suggestion was made that rather than hold formal auditions for people to join Senior Band from Junior Band we would encourage players who express an interest to come along and sit in for a few weeks to see how they get on – Kevin will then make the ultimate decision based on how they get along.

9 – Gazebo replacement

Richard made the observation that our current set of Gazebos have served the band for a number of years and are starting to show signs of age – we also suffered some damage this year due to the high winds at Hatton. Richard has done some research on different types of Gazebo.

We have had a very generous donation of £1,000 from Eon (Radcliffe On Soar Power Station) to put towards a new gazebo or gazebos – they are very interested in having some mention of them on the side.

It was agreed that a separate small group should look into the options over the next few months with a view to have replacements for next years main concert season.

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10 – Attendance and Uniform

Attendance has been relatively good through the year at practices and concerts. It was highlighted how useful it is to know who should be at each concert in advance, and this process generally has been working.

Uniform was discussed again – with the issue of players wearing non-standard items or stretching the rules (such as blouses without collars, dark jeans rather than trousers) being the biggest concern. It was agreed that the message on uniform should be reinforced for next year. There was a suggestion that the band could appoint someone to be responsible for reminding players who are not in correct uniform at concerts what the expected standards are.

The idea of having band jackets was also raised. Although we all recognise that jackets give a band a certain identity and look very smart, the potential expense to a band the size of Tutbury Band would be considerable. It was decided to stick to the current uniform for another year.

11 – CD Recording

Tutbury Band successfully recorded a CD this year, and it has been available for sale at concerts (thanks to Patsy Watson for looking after this). We should also take some up to Strathpeffer.

12 – CRB Checks for Kevin/Richard etc

It was suggested that Kevin and Richard as a minimum should have a CRB check. Paul Rundle agreed to look into how best to do this. NOTE: Paul gave CRB forms to Richard and Kevin, but we didn't complete them. Richard has since had a CRB check through Burton District Scouts.

13 – Concert Fees

It was agreed to keep the concert fees the same for next year. These are (generally) £250 for Senior Band or £170 for Junior Band. Some groups have paid less than the £250, and some (CWAGMS) have paid slightly more.