



GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION
Gloucestershire Herefordshire Somerset Wiltshire
Worcestershire

Annual General Meeting

Drybrook Band Room 10am 25th April 2010

Present

Forest of Dean Brass (B Griffiths); Pillowell Silver (M Leopold, J Higgins); Berry Hill Silver (R Smith); Parkend (T Morris); Thornbury Castle (G Barnes); Lydbrook (R Morgan); Tewkesbury (H Walters); Cheltenham (R Folland); A.W. Parker (Drybrook) (D Harding); M Windsor (Treasurer); M James (Chariman); K Lythell

Apologies

R Stratford; H James (Webmaster); H Walters

Minutes of 2009 AGM

Accepted. All points covered in the following Agenda.

Matters Arising from 2009 Minutes

GBBA was now a member of the BFBB.

The new website was up and running.

Honorary Secretary's Report

It had been an interesting year following Bill Poulton standing down. D Harding thanked all those who had attended the contests and felt they had been a result of team work. He had received many favourable comments. Thanks were given to K Lythell for Contest Control. Thanks were also given to the Band Secretaries and the contestants for helping with the smooth running of the days.

He asked for the support of the GBBA Bands – that they attended at least one contest a year as they were run for the Association Members, although it was good to have Welsh Bands attending.

Hon Sec said he was happy to continue as Contest and Hon Secretary if the meeting wished, but he would like the Trophy Officer to take over collecting and cleaning the Trophies.

He also asked for Contest Secretaries to keep in touch and notify any change of address.

He gave his thanks to the Committee and stated that the contest now looked more professional on stage and had even made a profit.

Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to Dave Harding for all the work which had been done after the departure of Bill Poulton.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The books had been externally audited and copies of the Treasurer's Report handed out.

Thanks were given to bands who for the first time had all paid their subs before the AGM, and standing orders were working well.

Thornbury Castle Band asked to join.

Hon Treasurer proposed that **subs** stayed at £30. Accepted.

Money was being well spent on the Youth Brass. GYBB had acquitted themselves well at the National Youth Championships and it was pleasing to see 40 children take the stage. 120 children regularly attend the Blast Off weekends in three bands. £500 had been spent on the Training Band last year with an extra grant of £200 from the BFBB. £100 had already been received from Superact for this year and it was intended to apply again for the BFBB grant.

Robert Morgan proposed, Rob Folland seconded that a limit of £500 plus grants was again spent this year on the **Training Band** – the middle of the three County Bands.

Hon Secretary put it to the meeting that the purchase of **stand banners** would make the stage more professional and help bring it into the new era along with the flowers and stage banners which had recently been purchased. It would also help to see the music on the Forest Theatre Stage as the spotlights were very bright.

£600 for 30 banners was quoted. G Barnes suggested trying Fanfare North for a second quote.

Proposed R Morgan, seconded T Morris that the purchase went ahead providing the best quote was found.

Three **Honorariums** at £110 each were proposed by H Walters, seconded R Morgan.

The Chair thanked Mark Windsor for a superb year.

M Windsor said he was prepared to stand again.

Contest Secretary's Report

This had been included in the Secretary's Report.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster had sent a report and apologised for his absence.

He was keen to emphasise that parts of the site were for the bands to use and that engagements, vacancies and deps lists should be sent to Hugh James. It was emphasised that this was a **free** directory for member bands.

Election of Officers for 2010/2011

Before the Election, the Chairman stated that it had been a difficult year with Bill Poulton leaving and was a minefield when they had started but that the committee had pulled it all together. He thanked his committee and all those who had helped during the year.

Vice Chairman was asked to take the Chair for the election.

All the Committee were prepared to stand apart from Roy Smith who stood down. Minute Secretary was made a committee position.

The **committee** were re-elected, proposed T Morris, seconded R Morgan and H Walters.

Chairman	Mr Mike James
Vice Chairman	Mr Rob Folland
Hon Secretary	Mr David Harding
Minute Taker	Mrs Karin Lythell
Hon Treasurer	Mr Mark Windsor MBE
Contest Secretary	Mr David Harding
Member	Mr Robert Morgan MBE
Member	Mr Fred Pensom
Member	Mr Roger Stratford
Member	Mrs Helen Walters
Member	Mr Hadrian Walters

R Morgan volunteered to speak to Mrs Ruth Davies regarding the post of **Trophy Officer**.

The **Webmaster** Hugh James was prepared to continue.

2010 Test Piece & March Contest

Royal Forest of Dean College had been booked for Sunday 21st November 2010.

On the matter of Closed versus Open adjudication, D Harding voiced the thoughts of some ABBA members that Test pieces were better closed, but Entertainments were preferred to be open so that they could see what the audience were laughing at.

After discussion it was proposed by R Morgan that **Section D** would be **Open** Adjudication and **Sections A, B and C** would be **Closed**, seconded M Windsor.

The **adjudicators'** list was read and in order of preference it was agreed that the Hon Sec should approach:

Bob Childs

Stan Lippeatt

Graham O'Connor

Melvin White

Forest Brass were happy to provide **food** for the Contest, but Hon Sec asked that they try to enter at least one contest, not just make money from it.

Lydbrook volunteered to do the Entertainments Contest. Hon Sec told the meeting it was open to any band to do the catering if they wished.

Entry forms would be on the website by the end of next week.

If a band was not participating they were welcome to provide **Stewards** for the event. It was pointed out that some members of the committee had not been able to see any of the events for several years due to duties undertaken and that a few extra people could spread the load of a long day.

Thornbury Castle said they had enjoyed the Open event, but that for future notice if a band was new to the contest it would help to be told how to get off the stage.

Hon Treasurer asked that bands made it clear to supporters that it was a **ticket** only event.

Discussion followed on the Entertainment Contest and whether it should be open or closed. Meeting decided open was best. Possibilities of a split draw at Contest Secretaries discretion.

Any Other Business

CRB forms handed out by R Folland for those doing the Blast Off event in May.

West of England delegates were currently Rob Folland, Mike James, Dave Harding, with Robert Morgan as reserve. Dave Harding wished to stand down. K Lythell proposed by R Morgan, seconded D Harding.

2012 will be the **Diamond Jubilee of the GBBA** – at 75 years it is one of the oldest associations. R Morgan proposed that some special events were looked into, possibly Black Dyke or Grimethorpe giving a concert in Cheltenham Town Hall. D Harding suggested a massed band Big Blow. To be discussed by the new committee.

BFBB now had 230 band members and 40 youth bands. Subs were £100 per year which included information and free CRB checks for member bands. R Morgan (Chair of BFBB) informed the meeting that those bands with children 16 and under or with vulnerable adults should have CRB checks done. He also informed of **grants** up to £250 which were available for an event such as a concert and that there was £3000 in the kitty this year as only £1000 of last year's £2000 had been issued. Norman Jones (past Secretary of the BFBB) had left £63000 in his Will for BFBB to distribute as Trustees. Informal **applications** could be sent by July 1st, with letters being substantiated. It was expected that this money would all be spent within five years.

Date for the next Executive Meeting:

Sunday 4th July 10am Tewkesbury Band Room, Northway Lane, Tewkesbury Industrial Estate, Cotteswold Dairy, GL20 8JE