

Aberdeen Concert Band Minutes - 16th April

Northfield Church

16th April 2018 - 6pm

Attendees: Eric Kidd, Frazer Stewart, Karen Stewart, Raymond Penny, James Singer, Muriel Burnett, Frank Burnett, Victoria Park

Apologies: Lynsey Bolton

Previous Minutes

15th January 2018

Treasury

Raymond: We're slightly better off than last year because we've claimed back four years gift aid (£3186.) We can also claim gift-aid from collections.

James: Have we got Rainbow sponsorship in there?

Raymond: Yes, it shows up in sponsorship in July 2017.

James: No, that's last year. I'll catch that up. We also need to approve accounts with the band so we can have an AGM at the beginning of the tax year.

Eleanor proposed. Frazer seconded.

Muriel: Has everyone paid?

Raymond: Yes. I've got a spreadsheet at home of who is paid up or not. Right now, there could be those that haven't. But going on, I'll know. I'll put on the board who has paid 2018 fees and anyone who disagrees and come and see me.

It isn't that hard to pay fees four times a year

Raymond: I give a receipt to anyone who pays with a cheque

Concerts

James: Valerie Flook emailed me to ask if we could do a concert with a choir.

Eric: Isn't it with a recorder group? We could do that in the November session. I've been asked by Richard to do another one with Bon Accord.

Frazer: Is the program different?

Eric: Probably shake it up a bit. Either Queen's Cross or Midstocket. Probably not do a rehearsal on the Monday before.

James: It could be an incentive. Show up on the Wednesday and they don't have to go to rehearsal on Monday. Christmas time I'll start on July. It'll take Inspire that long.

Eric: It will probably be Queen's Cross. Because they'd give us a free night. Otherwise, it's £600.

Advertising for Concerts

Muriel: Guild secretaries usually do the advertising but they've finished for the year. £20 for long ad rags.

Eric: Bon Accord get they're ads in the free What's On section so they might have a contact.

Frazer: I'm in the editorial for an Aberdeen magazine

James: Do you want me to price up an ad?

Victoria: If you do it last minutes it will be cheap. You could do a joint-ad between the both of them?

James: If you've got the contacts go ahead.

The Trip

Raymond: Do we want to try the trip again but not so far?

Eric: We could do an exchange with the Midlothian Community Band?

James: What does that entail

Eric: Book into a Premier Inn, do rehearsals and combined concert. One half each and a combined piece. Buxton and Cheltenham are great

James: We could do that for one day and see how it goes and then try others.

Victoria: When did the band start?

James: Think it's 2003 or 2005.

Moving Drums Around for Concert

James: It's getting a bit hard. Someone who does that for Orchestra was willing to do a cash deal. I'm not there for Tillydrone Gala, can you do that Raymond?

Raymond: I can't make it.

Eric: Yeah

James: When we need the timpanis we'll have to hire a van.

Eric: We could ask the band and see if they know anybody.

Raymond: I was going to write a letter to Arnold Clark to see if they would sponsor us to transport us.

Frazer: Could we purchase drum skins?

Eric: You'd only use them one a year as you've got to completely disassemble the kit. It's better to buy them closer to the time we'd need them (etc. tours)

Sponsorship

James: Need to put up banner for Rainbow Taxis as it has been noted and is part of the deal.

AOB

James: A bowling night out on the beach. Or dodgems. Or another meal out.

Frazer: What about a 15th anniversary?

James: If we find out exactly when we started.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th August - 6pm