

Temporary AGM Driffield Silver Band 19 Jan 21

As you will be aware, it's around this time of year that we hold the DSB AGM. Obviously, we are not in a position to get everyone together to do this at the moment or into the foreseeable future, nor is a zoom meeting felt to be appropriate to hold such a meeting. The Band committee is still functioning in the back ground and we are going to suggest the following.

All of the committee have agreed to remain in post in their roles until a formal/normal AGM can be held. If anyone has any objections to any of the committee staying in post please contact any member of the committee outlining your objection, this will be discussed via a special committee zoom meeting.

Currently there are no new matters that need urgent attention by the membership, the band has secured the new rehearsal venue and have enough funds to maintain this for quite a while. Due to Covid, it is proposed to add a change to Para 3 of the band rules as shown in the enclosed attachment, if anyone has any objections to this change please contact me to discuss.

Regarding trophies. Could holders of trophies return them to the MD at the earliest opportunity once rehearsals recommence.

Treating this as a temporary AGM, I am going to include reports from the committee in the spirit of an AGM. Please take the time to have a read them through. The treasurers report has a copy of the income and expenditure tab but the full report is included separately.

Mal Kellett.

Chairman.

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Chairman's Remarks.

What a strange year DSB has had. We started off with a very healthy playing membership full of enthusiasm for the coming year with some very good jobs

already in the diary and then Covid arrived. Rehearsals not allowed. Jobs being cancelled, players rightly being quite concerned with things much closer to home and this all continues to this date. We have the added worry of a new strain of Covid to think about. Throughout all this turmoil, the committee have been watching the guidance from the Government, BBE and DCMS looking for ways to restart rehearsing safely in line with the Village Hall requirements. We managed it for 3 weeks commencing 11th of September, members drifting back in greater numbers. Thank you to all the players that were able to attend and to those players shielding, it's totally understood your frustration about not being able to attend, everyone else supports your decision to keep your risk as low as possible.

The MD has never lost sight of the importance of the musical needs of the band and after so much time off players would need to re-group as a band. This began with a very limited programme and indeed the second time we were about to re-commence rehearsals in January there were extra restrictions saying printed music could not be handed out directly from store and we would need to get around that. In the coming months we may need to become more reliant on digital copy that players print off themselves. It's difficult to plan for everything as you will appreciate.

I would like to thank all the committee and the membership for their understanding with the stop start plans we were trying to get around and hope that you will continue to help the committee and the MD to restart again when the time is right. It's difficult at the moment to communicate with everyone to get the right message across to all, we need to be up to date with the Government guidelines, we need to know if players would turn out or if indeed movement is allowed from their area to the rehearsal area, we need to know what the other restrictions are for everyone, then we have the village hall restrictions to build in to our plans, so there's a lot going on.

On a more pleasant note, I think that we were very lucky to have moved our HQ when we did. The village hall management have been very accommodating with the band, financially it's been great for us because our room rent has been frozen and they haven't minded being pestered about access to the store area and questions about the possibility of returning to rehearsals every time the news from No 10, BBE and DCMS changed.

Funding was last year's goal before Covid set in, thanks go to Simon Miller who, after some discussion about whether DSB ought to start a crowd funding page

which was being promoted among many brass bands, launched a crowd funding page on behalf of DSB. Initially we thought we shouldn't given that we are reasonably financially healthy, then watching how other bands were raising funds we felt we were going to miss the boat. The initial page raised £110 of a target of £1000, then we realised that if we missed our target all the pledged monies would be returned to the person or group who pledged it. After contacting the organisers, we were allowed to change the funding type to 'keep what is pledged' and got an extension into the bargain. We also got a direct £50 donation from Bridlington Lions which came about by asking them to support the page.

At the time this report goes out to the membership the Crowd Fund page should still be live and it would be nice if all members could support Simon's efforts by really pushing the Crowd Fund page both to your Facebook friends and also local groups in your area, for example I will target Nafferton Facebook group and also the Driffield Masons via one of their members. It would be great to see it be successful.

It was nice that we managed to get a mini-Carol Concert in during December at Lavender Court Home in Nafferton and some really positive coverage ref the Crowd Funding by Driffield and Wolds Weekly. I have managed to get a photo of the Carol Concert printed (numbers were low due to maintaining the rule of 6) and Kathryn is going to frame it for display in the home.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone again, instruments in hand, once circumstances allow.

MD's remarks.

What a great start to the year 2020, Moving in to our new bandroom and having every chair filled. Although I wasn't there much in February and March it was very much appreciated to have Peter Kench stand in and help develop the band. My thanks also goes to the Driffield 4 for their continued contributions over the last couple of years and they will be greatly missed. On a positive note, we do have 4/5 new players wanting to come and join our band which is something to look forward too. Obviously due to the pandemic rehearsals have been few and far between and our online video was poorly attended but we managed to get one out there! Many thanks to Rob D for the video edits. I'll be honest with you, it has been very difficult to keep everyone's motivation going within DSB but I am very

grateful to all those that have contributed over the past year. Unfortunately, I can't see use returning to rehearsals until March but I would like to try and do another socially distance video, more to be announced soon. Fingers crossed we'll be back to entertaining our community once again soon.

Treasurers Report

Driffield Silver Band

Profit & Loss Account

Year Ending 31/12/2020



Driffield Silver Band

Income

CD's		
Fees		
Concerts	£	611.57
Raffles		
Donations	£	523.27
Others Refunds	£	215.53
Interest - Res Acc	£	7.29
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Sub Total	£	1,357.66

Reconciliation		
	2019	2020
	£	£
Balance	12,701.04	11,955.31
+	£	£
Income	3,248.29	1,357.66
	£	£
- Exp	3,994.02	3,685.64
+		
Unpres		
	£	£
TOTAL	11,955.31	9,627.33
	£	£
Cash	107.46	45.86
	£	£
Curr	7,885.36	3,114.03
	£	£
Deposit	3,962.49	6,467.44
	£	£
TOTAL	11,955.31	9,627.33

Expenditure

Music		
Expenses	£	1,469.51
Fees	£	69.00
Instruments	£	123.77
Stationery	£	95.48
Gifts	£	60.00
Repairs		
Uniform	£	567.88

Room Hire	£	1,300.00
Sub Total	£	3,685.64

Profit/Loss	-£	2,327.98
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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/18

Cash & Deposit Balance B/f	£	11,955.31
Profit/Loss	-£	2,327.98
	£	9,627.33

Cash in hand	£	45.86
Bank Account - Current	£	3,114.03
Bank Account - Deposit	£	6,467.44
Unpresented Cheques	£	-
	£	9,627.33

Bank Account - C. Stead Fund

Balance B/f		2671.13
Donations		
Gifts & money out	£	
Interest	£	2.34
C. Stead Bank Acc Balance	£	2,673.47

Bank Account - Paypal Current Account

Balance B/f		£41.60
Paypal transfers		
Paypal Current Acc Balance	£	41.60

Secretary's Report

In spite of the problems created by the Virus, bookings have remained positive with our regulars-Hornsea, Filey etc seeking provisional dates in the summer season. It would be helpful to our Bandmaster if members could check the availability section on the website and prioritise these dates in diaries so we get the new session off to a bright and prompt start as soon as the conditions permit.

Our licence to involve our younger members in rehearsals and performances has expired. Advice from County Hall is to wait until the virus problem is resolved before making a further application for renewal, as the licence only runs for a year at a time. Should we apply now, as the rehearsals etc are not permitted, some of the time covered would, in effect, be wasted. We have the forms ready to go the moment we get clearance.

As we have changes in membership we must remember to keep our DBS/CRB cover up to date. This is an important part of our Child Protection Policy, alongside chaperoning in order to complement the social distancing.

In view of our non existent income, we contacted our printer supplier who readily agreed to suspend all charges until our income stream should be restored. They are happy for us to continue to use the printer in the meantime.

We continue to store the lion's share of the Band's vast music library at our house to which the librarian has ready access.