



AoBBA

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Minutes of the Exec Meeting Nov 2nd 2022 – Birmingham

The meeting was delayed in starting due to considerable traffic problems on the motorway network. This was a planned in-person meeting though [REDACTED] joined via zoom and WhatsApp and [REDACTED] via mobile phone call.

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 7.05pm with a moments silence in memory of former AoBBA member Nigel Boddice.
2. There were no apologies of absence. Attendees: SW (Chair), NG (Sec), CK (Treasurer), MH (TAPL), CB (PRO) BB (VC), MW, JW, SG-B.
3. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Officer Reports

Officers were thanked for their reports. There were some updates since report submission.

4.1 PRO – CB showed a video featuring [REDACTED] in the style agreed at the previous meeting. This was considered an excellent addition to AoBBA's outreach and CB was thanked for the production. These interviews will be conducted once a month, to be included on the new website and linked to the home page and members' profiles. It was suggested that to encourage and help to achieve AoBBA's diversity strategy, the next interviews should feature members from across AoBBA's range of experiences. CB will continue to produce these, once a month.

4.2 Trainee Adjudicator Programme Leader - MH updated his report to reflect [REDACTED] had not responded to any forms of communication. NG will write a formal letter asking [REDACTED] to make to contact. Should no contact be forthcoming, [REDACTED] will be removed from the programme. [REDACTED] has stopped his participation, by mutual consent. MH also updated on plans to present at NYBB. SW to offer the same to NYBBS and CB to NYBBW. NG will offer similar to SCYB.

5. Website Development

BB lead the agenda item on the new website development update. A list of 'snagging' items was discussed and produced. MH/BB to contact DP. The planned launch date is 10th Nov. BB and MH were thanked for their work. It was agreed that this will be a major contribution to ensuring AoBBA's continued relevance to banding and general public. MW was thanked for his work in producing videos for the homepage of the website too and SW will pass these on, on the Exec's behalf. BB/MH to pass on thanks to MP too.

6. Branded Merchandise

SG-B lead the agenda item on branded merchandise. It was agreed that items discussed should be produced and ready to distribute to members at the AGM. SG-B will liaise with CK on costing and numbers.

7. Members' Handbook

MH lead the agenda item and updated the Exec on the progress. Those who contributed were thanked, as was MH for leading this. The Handbook is ready for launch at the AGM and will be reviewed annually. It will be available to all members on the new website.

8. AGM 2023

This will happen on Sunday 22nd Jan 2023 at 10.30am. The venue will be in the Manchester area that has good travel links. NG to arrange location. CPD will take the form of the introduction of the website (BB/MH), Members' Handbook (MH), launch of plans for 25th Year Anniversary AGM 2024 (NG), adjudicating at a solo contest (SW) and adjudicating a march/hymn tune contest (CK). Refreshments will be provided and members encouraged to lunch together for networking after CPD has concluded, but will not be compulsory or provided. NG to send out all paperwork as per previous years.

9. AGM 2024

NG updated the Exec on initial plans for the 25th Year Anniversary AGM. It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 20th Jan 2024 in the Manchester area, considering good travel links. The AGM and CPD will take place during the afternoon and a celebratory meal, with guest speakers, with all members formally invited. NG will continue investigations.

10. BBE Conference

BB reported that while it was a good thing to be seen at the conference, there was very little footfall due to the placing of AoBBA's trade stand. Pull-up banners and leaflets had been produced and the Exec were very pleased with the result. It was considered there may be some further small improvements to our trade stand for future engagements. SW/BB/CK to source tablecloth. A screen or screens displaying the new website will be added to future events at no cost (representatives to use their own equipment). NG has the items ready to take to BBS Conference. CB reported BBW are not ready to launch their conference yet. MH/CK are leading online seminar for BBE Nov 22nd. BB was thanked for his attendance and representing AoBBA at the conference.

11. Diversity Strategy

A far-reaching discussion was held regarding how best AoBBA can achieve its goal of: "AoBBA actively encourages application for membership solely based on the quality and experience of musicianship and without any bias or prejudice. We are a diverse and inclusive body of people and strive to achieve reflection of the banding community." This statement will be added to leaflets and the website. CB will produce PR material for online as an ad for new applications, including the above statement. CB will continue with videos

as discussed in 4.1. The need for an additional officer post with responsibilities solely for diversity was discussed and agreed not required at the present time.

12. Correspondence

RT is relinquishing membership at the end of the year. BR has not been able to be contacted to update his membership profile for the new website. BB to follow up. MR was contacted regarding BBE advertisement for applications to adjudicate at Youth Champs. He has not replied after initial conversation. MGL has not followed up after past discussions as minuted at previous exec meetings. NG will contact TA to ask his interest in adjudicating. SW to follow up with KM.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm