



AOBBA

the association of
brass band adjudicators

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Association of Brass Band Adjudicators

This was held at Delta Marriot Hotel, Manchester Airport on

Sunday 22nd January 2022

1. The meeting started at 10.30am with a welcome from the Chair
2. A minute's silence was held in memory of those within the banding community, especially former AOBBA member Nigel Boddice, who have passed away within the last year.
3. Apologies for absence:
Gary Davies, Michael Fowles, Morten Hansen, Howard Evans, Paul Holland, Paul Norley, Simone Rebello, Alan Dugiod, Stephanie Binns, Mark Wilkinson, Derek Renshaw, Tony Swainson, Richard Marshall, Chris Wormald, Gavin Saynor, Steve Hartley, Mal Brownbill, John Winterflood, Gordon Higginbottom, C. Brian Buckley, Alan Bourne, Alan Fernie, Alan Ramsey, Alwyn Green, Barry Thompson, Adam Cooke, Brian Rostron, Stephen Cairns, Joe Cook, Jon Phippen, Rob Wiffen, Nigel Seaman, Nicholas Childs, Jon Doyle, Colin Hardy, David Ashworth, Steve Pritchard-Jones, Stephen Cobb, Anne Crookston, Rob Burnett, Dave Lea, Leigh Baker, Michael Ball, Steve Sykes, Stephen Tighe, Melvin White, Tom Davoren, Cliff Parker, Michael Alcorn, Ben Richeton, Dave Roberts, David Hirst, Duncan Wilson, Sam Fisher, Andrea Price (53)

Members who have resigned since the last AGM:

Ian Brownbill, Lt. Col. Graham Jones (2)

Non replies: Allan Holdsworth, Andrew Duncan, Chris Houlding, Craig Roberts, David Read, Ewan Easton, Jim Davies, Phillip Littlemore, Richard Jones, Stephen Roberts (10)

4. Membership in attendance at the meeting:
Nicholas Garman, Martin Heartfield, Derek Broadbent, Alan Widdop, Brett Baker, Jack Capstaff, Alan Morrison, Matthew Whitfield, Andrew Warriner, Helen

Douthwaite, Matthew Brown, Sheona Wade, Christopher Bond, Bob Childs, Chris King, Gordon Eddison, John Ward, Stan Lippeat, David Lancaster, James Holt, Colum O'Shea, Sarah Groake-Booth, Roger Webster, Stuart Grey, Philip Harper, Matthew Ryan, Nick Sanders, Duncan Beckley, James Jones, John Roberts (30)

5. The minutes of the AGM 2022 were agreed as a true record.

6. Annual Reports

6.1 Chairperson – accepted with thanks with no questions arising.

6.2 Secretary – accepted with thanks with no questions arising.

6.3 Treasurer – accepted with thanks; there was one question about subscription balance.

6.4 Public Relations Officer – accepted with thanks; there were no questions arising.

6.5 Trainee Adjudicator Programme Leader – accepted with thanks; there were no questions arising.

7. Election of Officers – the officers remain the same for 2023 as for 2022.

8. Election of Executive Members – Thanks was given to Mark Wilkinson and Sarah Groarke-Booth for their service on the committee. Elected for 2023 – 2025 was; Bob Childs, Helen Douthwaite-Teesdale and Stan Lippeat.

9. Election of Auditors - Derek Broadbent and Alan Widdop to remain as auditors for 2023.

10. Annual Subscription Review - this agreed to be kept at £30 for 2024.

11. Proposal re Mobile Phone Policy

Discussion surrounded how best to reassure all parties in a closed adjudication contest that no communication could be achieved via participants and adjudicators through the means of mobile phones. It was restated that this is not an issue of mistrust or unprofessionalism on the part of AoBBA members but rather wanting to avoid any possible misplaced accusations.

It was agreed that at all Kapitol contests, a cash box would be provided by the contest organisers and adjudicators will place their turned off mobile phone and network enabled smartwatch in the cash box. This will then be locked and the key kept by the contest controller and the locked box to be kept by the adjudicator.

At other contests, it is still advised to offer the phone to the contest controller but at the very least, to turn it off in front of contest officials.

NG will draft a policy for all members that can be sent to contest controllers on acceptance of adjudication. This will be presented at the next executive meeting.

11. A.O.B.

There was brief discussion surrounding the need to adhere to the PAC and to ensure that the basics of playing as described in 2.1 are foremost in the minds of adjudicators.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am with CPD starting at 11.45am.