



AoBBA

the association of
brass band adjudicators

Minutes of the Exec Meeting March 23rd 2023 – via Zoom

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 5.45pm and welcomed the new members of the Executive to their first meeting.
2. Apologies of Absence: MH – and subsequently, JW. In Attendance: SW (Chair), BB (VC), CK (Treasurer), CB (PRO), NG (Secretary), SL, BC, HD-T (members).
3. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
4. Officer Reports

Officers were thanked for their reports. There was one update to the TAPL report:

4.5 – ██████████ assignment failed, due to incorrect paperwork submission.

5 AGM

5.1 – Review of AGM 2023

It was agreed that the venue and overall organisation of the day worked well. SW will follow up with MW about producing an edited video of CPD, to be uploaded to the website for members not in attendance to view.

5.2 – AGM 2023

It was agreed that the costs for the proposed evening event of next year were prohibitive. Instead, NG will ask the venue to cost for a hot buffet lunch during the Sunday AGM.

A wide ranging discussion was held on CPD ideas. ██████████

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It is hoped that this will ensure a) a productive day for all attending, b) encourage a larger number of members to attend and c) celebrate AoBBA's 25 year anniversary.

NG will work with Exec members who kindly volunteered to help organise various elements of the day.

6. Branded Merchandise

[REDACTED], at the next Exec.

7 & 8

BB and NG fed back about representing AoBBA at SBBA and BBE events. It was agreed that it was good practise for AoBBA to continue to represent itself at various conferences and events.

9. Continuing CPD

SW led a discussion that explored the possibilities of offering CPD throughout the year, not just at the AGM. [REDACTED]

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10. Presentation when adjudicating

SW reported that several regional committees had been disappointed by the lack of professional attire of members during recent contests.

NG will write to all members to remind them of the need to be professional in all aspects - including stage management when speaking to an audience.

11. Midlands Areas Championship Section 2023

Following AoBBA's public statement:

It was agreed that LB be given a verbal warning (in the form of an email). NG was asked to write to SR asking him if he wished to reconsider his resignation.

One member had expressed disappointment in AoBBA's public statement that an apology was publicly given as a whole, rather than individual. It was agreed that the Association will continue to support all its members collegiately.

NG will report back to the Exec on this at the next meeting.

12. Area Test Piece Review

Discussion was held regarding the recent pieces used for the area contest. It was agreed that although useful, it was not AoBBA's place to directly comment on the pieces used but rather if there had been difficulty adjudicating performances because of the pieces. BC (as a Music Panel member) and CB (as a composer of a fairly recently used test piece) explained how difficult it was to decide pieces suitable for use.

13. Conflict of Interest

It was agreed that the current Constitution stating adjudicators must not adjudicate a band they have been involved with within 3 months and it is the adjudicators responsibility to make the contest controller aware of any possible conflict of interest is correct. It was also

agreed that it is ultimately the contest organiser's decision as to whom they invite and that it is assumed that having been made aware of any conflict of interest, the invitation would be rescinded, if they felt it necessary to do so.

14. Applications.

MP turned down, CR accepted onto the trainee scheme.

15. Correspondence

DH and GE - see above. CC -it was agreed that due to a number of factors, the idea of producing one set format of an adjudication sheet across contests was impractical.

16. The date of the next Executive Meeting will be Wednesday 5th July at 5.45pm via Zoom.

17. There being no further AOB, SW closed the meeting at 7.15pm.