



AoBBA

the association of
brass band adjudicators

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday 29th October 2025, Holiday Inn Express – East Midlands Airport – 2pm

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2pm with a minute's silence in memory of Duncan Beckley.
2. Apologies of absence – CK, DA

NG informed the Exec [REDACTED]

Action point – NG to write [REDACTED].

3. Declaration of conflict of interest - none declared.

4. Reports

4.1– Chair

4.2 - Secretary

There was on update to resignations and numbers of the membership as above

4.3 - Treasurer

4.4 - Development Programme Leader

MH recommended [REDACTED], which was approved.

Action point – NG to write [REDACTED]

4.5 - PRO

Action Point – NG to follow up with [REDACTED]

All other reports were accepted as read, with thanks.

5. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 2025 were accepted with no further matters rising.

6. AGM 2026

MH confirmed all bookings needed had been made. NG updated the Exec on guest speakers and those presenting. NG updated the Exec on the requirements for nominations for the Exec. [REDACTED]

11. Membership Fees Proposal

The membership had agreed to a £5 rise from Dec 2025 at the AGM in Jan 2025 but had asked for reasons for additional rises for following years. CK provided a proposal detailing reasons which the Exec unanimously agreed to and thanked CK in his absence for this.

Action Point – CK to present the proposal as part of his report at the AGM, which will need a vote of approval from the membership.

CK - The annual invoice to members will reflect the already agreed £5 rise in December 2025 (£35).

12. The use of verbal feedback in contests

██████████ had been read by the Exec ahead of the meeting. It was agreed to add this to strand 1 of the 3 yr strategy review.

Action Point – NG to write ██████████ thanking him for his proposal and informing him of the Exec's decision.

MH to add the proposal to the 3 yr review as agreed.

13 & 14. Kapitool and British Open update

BB informed the Exec he had continued to ██████████. Some discussion was had on this, largely ██████████. BB further informed the Exec that ██████████. An update will follow once ██████████. However, BB further informed the Exec that at this time ██████████. BB was thanked for his continuing efforts on this topic.

Action Point – BB will continue to ask ██████████ and will confirm provision for ██████████ after a meeting in Jan.

15. Update to mental well-being at contests

MH had liaised with TJ at Kapitool re mental well-being provision at concerts. TJ is keen to further this relationship.

Action point – SB to follow up.

16. Applications – NG

A discussion was had regarding the one applicant to the development programme. An agreement was eventually reached that ██████████

Action Point – NG will write [REDACTED]

MH will update the Exec at the next meeting. NG will retain the application and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

17. Correspondence – NG

There was brief discussion following some correspondence.

Action Point – A reminder will be given to all members at the AGM for the need for well-written summative paragraphs.

18. Date of next meeting

Following the formation of the new Exec after the AGM, the Secretary for 2026 will organise the dates for the Exec Comm meetings for the year.