

**Sunday 14 August 2022 – 10:30am
(held virtually on Zoom)**



Executive Meeting Number 4

Present – Carrie Boax (President), Ann Murray (Vice President), Tom Allan (Secretary), Julie Nicoll (Treasurer), Lesley Crumlish, Steven Gray, Danny Harrison, Jim Milligan and Jim Wishart

Association representatives – Stuart Black (Borders), Gregor Koziel (NYBBS) Anne McInnes (Fife Brass Band Festival) and Peter Fraser (West of Scotland)

In attendance – John Boax (Education Officer), Nigel Martin (Press Officer) and Daniel Beadle (minute taker)

Apologies – Murray White and Damian Martin (Northern Counties)

1. Welcome

Carrie welcomed everyone to the fourth SBBA Executive meeting of this session.

Gregor Koziel was welcomed as one of the new 14 young ambassadors from NYBBS and attended the executive meeting on their behalf.

2. Previous Minutes

The venue for the Fife Charities Brass Band Association contest was clarified as being Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline rather than St Anne's.

Otherwise, the minutes from the third SBBA Executive meeting on 19 June 2022 were proposed as accurate by Danny Harrison and seconded by Jim Wishart.

3. Matters Arising

SBBA volunteer hours

A reminder was given to executive members to log all volunteer hours to Elaine, especially those who attended the NYBBS summer course.

The North of Ireland Bands Association (NIBA) request

Following consultation with Kapitool, the request from the NIBA has been declined. As the contest is the National Championships of Great Britain, Northern Ireland is not part of Great Britain and therefore any bands in Northern Ireland wouldn't be eligible to qualify for Kapitool's National Championships.

4. Finance

Treasurer's Report

Julie presented the latest income and expenditure statements. The main activity over the summer has been through the NYBBs summer course. Some invoices from the venue, conductors and tutors are still to be received and paid.

SBBA will keep a close eye on the raising costs of events some of which may not be predicted.

Creative Scotland funding update

A meeting took place on 28 July to discuss evaluation and reporting. Paul Wood and Morag McDonald attended. Creative Scotland has asked for SBBA to think of more diverse ways to promote and evaluate our work funded by Creative Scotland.

There were two actions from this meeting:

- Apply to Scottish Music Centre for funding for continuous professional development (CPD). Paul Wood will support us with this funding application.

- Participate in BOP consulting's evaluation. SBBA have been selected as one of the eight organisations that Creative Scotland fund to participate in the audit. Creative Scotland has identified SBBA is a good to strong organisation that offers a service that offers provisions for all ages and sees young people move through projects as they get older.

There is strong evidence to support this BOP evaluation, with various videos available from this year's NYBBS summer course and with other past projects such as the SBBA Speaks podcast.

The deadline for the 2023-24 funding application is 1 October 2023. Creative Scotland has intimated that not as much funding might not be available as was awarded for this current financial year.

Creative Scotland has also launched a new funding stream. Young people can apply to this potentially for NYBBS course fees. Funding for SBBA executive members may be available from this pot for their CPD. The sub committees will also look into this funding pot and Tom will circulate information to all bands once available.

Banking signatories update

The application has been put on hold due to a glitch in the Royal Bank of Scotland's system. It is hoped that this will be resolved soon.

The application to the Co-operative Bank is still in process and is waiting to be opened. This account will ring fence money to support NYBBS.

Funding working group update

This working group hasn't met since the last meeting. A meeting will be planned before the next executive meeting.

5. Communication

Social media and sub-committee

Julie met with Besson recently to discuss how we are going to promote SBBA's relationship with Besson. Branding to be received from Besson so that all promotion is consistent at the Scottish Open. This will be shared with Nigel and James McG to ensure all programmes, videos etc. use the same branding. A calendar of activities to be drawn up with Besson to agree on when the Scottish Open will be promoted.

The sub-committee hasn't met since the last meeting. A meeting will be planned before the next executive meeting. The sub-committee will also discuss any development requests for the website.

Press and Publicity

Nigel has published the following stories on the [website](#) in June, July and August 2022:

Website stories:

1. Johnstone Band's summer serenade on Make Music Day UK
2. Coalburn Band's presentation evening
3. Death of the cooperation band's Craig Anderson
4. New categories in Brass Sounds Inverclyde slow melody contest
5. WoS entertainment contest deadline looms
6. Jimmy Graham's lengthy service at Whitburn
7. Bands needed for City of Perth jubilee celebration
8. Royal Conservatoire programme for budding music teachers
9. Open Day opportunity for budding NYBBS players
10. John Wallace receives Her Majesty's Medal for Music
11. Young achievements celebrated at Riverside Youth awards evening
12. Date and venue fixed for next year's GB Youth Championships
13. Line-up of bands for WoS contest
14. Online musical tribute to Scottish cornet legend
15. Russell Gray takes Coalburn players through his rehearsal technique
16. Inaugural band camp for St Ronan's brass and percussion players
17. Just Music job vacancy
18. NYBBS 2022 preview feature
19. First NYBBS rehearsals under way
20. NYBBS principal players take their seats
21. Perthshire hills are alive with the sound of (brass) music
22. Group photographs taken at NYBBS
23. NYBBS solo competitions
24. Dalmellington to feature on Sounds of Brass radio
25. Buckhaven & Methil brass extravaganza
26. NYBBS concert programmes announced
27. NYBBS Got Talent!
28. NYBBS students return home
29. Award winners revealed at NYBBS concerts
30. Scottish Youth Championships entries now open
31. NYBBS concerts review by Stuart Black

Press releases issued:

1. Open Day opportunity for budding NYBBS players
2. Line-up of bands for WoS contest
3. NYBBS summer school preview
4. NYBBS principal players chosen
5. NYBBS concerts finale
6. NYBBS course week comes to an end

7. Scottish Youth Championships entries now open
8. NYBBS concerts review by Stuart Black

In addition:

- Prepared local press releases using the distribution lists for NYBBS players, based on information supplied by Julie Nicoll. These press releases include the names of NYBBS members who live in the region. At least 8 local newspapers included stories about NYBBS in their publications.
- Spent a day with Peter Fraser in Glasgow to be trained up in the backroom operation of the website
- Issue 20 individual press releases with photographs to provincial newspapers local to NYBBS players.

Correspondence

- Ulf Rosenberg (EBBA) and Kenny Crookston (BBE) thanking SBBA for their feedback on the organisation of the European Brass Band Championships
- Alex Parker and Clair Donnelly (BBE) have been in touch requesting that the National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain to be held on Saturday 25 March and asked for SBBA's support to promote this event. Solo Scottish and Ensembles, unfortunately, clash with the Youth Championships and has been booked for the next 4 years. BBE have shared the dates of the National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain up until 2030 and ask SBBA to considering moving the Solo Scottish and Ensembles. It was agreed that at this time, the dates booked in March for the next 4 year will remain in place due to the busy schedule of bands and long standing events like the Scottish Concert Band Festival.
- Tom to circulate entry forms for the Fife Charities Brass Band Association (FCBA) contest on Saturday 8 October.

Post meeting note – entry forms for the FCBA were circulated to band secretaries on Sunday 14 August.

6. Education

Child Protection update

Caroline is currently renewing any members who PVG clearances are over 3 years old.

The golden rules of child protection were issued to the pastoral staff by Tom at NYBBS.

Sub-committee report

This working group hasn't met since the last meeting. A meeting will be planned before the next executive meeting.

Education Officer's report

NYBBS has been John's focus over the last few months. John was very proud of all band members, the brilliant tutors, house staff and fellow conductors at the summer course.

NYBBS summer course planning was extensive this year with the biggest sign up for several years. I kept in contact with Alan Fernie and Ian Porthouse regarding numbers and make up of their bands right up to the start of the course. This year saw our first "Open" day where young students signed up to come and visit the course for a day to see what NYBBS is all about. John helped resurrect the Trinity Awards

scheme at NYBBS with Carole Ednie delivering the “Discover” award scheme to the NYBBS Children’s band.

The NYBBS ambassadors will be a great source of feedback to help further improve NYBBS for future years. Thank you to Siobhan Crumlish for representing NYBBS at the SBBA executive meetings work she has done in this role and is still part of the team of 14 ambassadors.

Clackmannan Band now have their instruments from the start up band funding. Gala and Hawick are to receive instruments soon as Band Supplies are due a delivery soon. Updates and photos from each band will be required for YMI reporting. John is also supporting Arbroath with a new application.

Regular meetings continue with Laura Carter and Iona MacVicar for The SBBA Speaks! Podcast. Laura attended the NYBBS concerts for items for the next Podcast. Iona and Laura are organising the Youth Speaks Roadshow and I continue to work closely with them on all aspects of the event.

John has organised 2 sessions for the 2023 Learning Festival. I am continuing to work on more sessions.

A report from Edinburgh University Band is pending their trip to Whit Friday marches and the use of the hired marching drums funded by SBBA.

The SFoB Youth Championships application form is also now available. Nigel has written an article for the SBBA website – <https://www.sbba.org.uk/news/6336/entries-now-invited-for-this-year-s-sfob-youth-championships>

Wellbeing

Another workshop is to be organised in October. Lesley is also considering organising a workshop for the 2023 AGM.

It was discussed inviting Tabby Kerwin to participate in a SBBA Speaks podcast and to have an input at NYBBS courses and the Scottish Festival of Brass events.

7. Membership and registration

Registration system development

Tom is going to pilot using the new system at the West of Scotland contest on 27 August.

There are currently 1,818 registered players.

Sub committee update

A meeting will take place before the next executive meeting.

8. Events

Sub committee update

A formal meeting of the sub committee will take place before the executive meeting.

2022 Summer NYBBS Course

The team did a great job in delivering the summer course. So much positive feedback received from NYBBS students and their parents who attended the course.

Thank you to SBBA executive members for attending the concert and involved in the set up and running of the concert.

Carrie has met with the three musical directors. Plans for the next two years for NYBBS have been discussed and would like to get tutors etc in place now rather than an annual rolling basis. Themes for the programme as has been discussed for next year's concert. Funding and concerts venues need to be considered.

Dates have been confirmed with Strathallan for the courses up until 2025.

2022 Scottish Festival of Brass

- Saturday 12 November Scottish Challenge – own choice test piece
- Saturday 26 November Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships (AM) – Percussion
Scottish Open (PM) – own choice test piece
- Sunday 27 November Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships

Entry forms for Youth Championships have been distributed (see above).

The pre-results concert will feature the group of principals from the NYBBS Summer Course. Workshops with Les Neish, Helen and Glyn Williams are arranged for the Scottish Festival of Brass. Venue for workshops will require to be sourced for this.

More entries are encouraged for the Scottish Challenge and Scottish Open. Entry forms are available:

Challenge: <https://www.sbba.org.uk/download.php?id=6904>

Open: <https://www.sbba.org.uk/download.php?id=6903>

2023 AGM

Will take place on Sunday 29 January at Falkirk Stadium.

Activities on the day will include:

- Formal Meeting
- Workshops
- Lunch
- NYBBS Principals Concert

2023 Scottish Championships

11 and 12 March – Perth Concert Hall

Sections 2, 3 and 1 – Saturday 11 March

Sections 4, 4B and Championships – Sunday 12 March

2023 Solo and Ensemble Competition

Although the youth competition is well established, there were various discussions around the adult competition. The number of entrants is variable with last minute entries being received. The costs of running the adult section on a separate day need to be carefully balanced.

9. Area Associations Update

Ann would like to meet with the regional representatives to pull together details of all of the regional qualifiers for the solo and ensemble finals.

South West (Jim Milligan)

- Stranraer are busy preparing and fundraising for the Nationals. Annan and Creewtown are busy too, Dumfries are recruiting for new members. Sanquhar are active too. Leadhills are active too.
- John Boax to contact Jim regarding organising the solo and ensemble contest.

West of Scotland (Lesley Crumlish)

- Information for the contest was issued to all bands on Saturday 13 August for the contest on Saturday 27 August.
- Feedback to be gathered from bands after the contest to ask for ideas on what other events the association could organise in the future.
- The Solo and Ensemble Competition is planned to take place on 4 February 2023 – venue to be booked.

East of Scotland

- Ann Murray will liaise with bands to organise their qualifier for their solo and ensemble qualifier. Any member bands that have the capacity to help with the running of this, please get in touch with Ann.

Fife (Danny Harrison)

- FCBA contest taking place on Saturday 8 October at Queen Anne High School.
- Dunfermline are holding open rehearsals to encourage recruitment.
- Lochgelly and Kingdom have been performing in St Andrews near the bandstand, which is currently being upgraded.
- Further discussions to be had with John Wallace about the StAMP project.
- Full committee meeting to be held in the near future.

Fife Brass Band Festival (Anne McInnes)

- Fife Brass Band Festival taking place on Saturday 22 April in Lochgelly Centre
- Adjudicator to be booked.

Northern Counties (Jim Wishart)

- Committee meeting due to take place to set dates for the solos qualifier and open contest.
- Dundee, Arbroath, Forfar, Perthshire and Brass Central Strathearn have been performing at engagements.
- Strathearn holding a recruitment day on 1 September at Morrison's Academy.
- Bon-Accord Silver Band have a concert on 11 September at Midstocket Parish Church.

Borders (Stuart Black)

- Committee met on 14 August
- Borders bands have been busy performing at their local common ridings.
- Positive feedback from members performing at NYBBS with some attending for the first time.
- St Ronan's organised a 3 day band camp, 35-40 kids attended with a concert at the end. SBBA supported this with a workshop grant.
- Gala Town Band have a joint concert with Whitburn concert on 24 September.
- There is a workshop for the Border Youth Band on 25 September. This is help to prepare for the Youth Championships – also supported by SBBA.
- The Borders Scratch Band are in concert on 30 September.

- Innerleithen Youth Brass Band Contest taking place on Saturday 1 October - <https://www.sbba.org.uk/events?event=170>
- Borders Contest at Hawick High School on Saturday 5 November – entry forms have been emailed to band secretaries.

Bands are encouraged to get in touch with their area associations if they are planning a recruitment or workshop to see if funding is available.

10. Premises

No update on the premises. 2 potential premises could be becoming available in the near future for SBBA to explore.

11. AOCB

SBBA would like to pass on their good luck wishes to all competing bands taking part in Cheltenham. It is a huge commitment to participate at the National Championships.

The membership and registration and sub-committee will liaise with Nigel about publicising the change in criteria for life medal membership eligibility.

SBBA would like to pass on their congratulations to Tredegar Band for their recent concert at the Albert Hall. There has been great media interest following the concert which will hope promotion of brass bands across the country.

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2022/aug/09/prom-30-tredegar-band-bbcnow-bancroft-gaving-higgins-review>

Date of next meeting – Sunday 2 October