

**Sunday 26 February 2023 – 10:00am
(held virtually on Zoom)**



2023 Executive Meeting Number 1

Present – Carrie Boax (President), Ann Murray (Vice President), Tom Allan (Secretary), Julie Nicoll (Treasurer), Grant Brown, Lesley Crumlish, Reece Gordon, Steven Gray, Danny Harrison, Brian Hutchison, Jim Milligan, Lorraine Quinn and Jim Wishart

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

In attendance – John Boax (Education Officer) and Daniel Beadle (minute taker)

Apologies – Elaine Roxburgh, Damian Martin (Northern Counties) and Nigel Martin (Press Officer)

1. Welcome

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

John welcomed Aileen, Gregor and Ryan, three of the NYBBS ambassadors who joined the meeting.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the seventh SBBA Executive meeting on 8 January 2023 were proposed as accurate by Jim Milligan and seconded by Jim Wishart.

Thank you to Ann and Tom for preparing these minutes.

3. Matters Arising

Malcolm Arnold Trust

The original score for, 'A Little Suite for Brass' has now been found. It was agreed that this could be lent to the Eton College library however NYBBS should remain owners and require access. Clarification to be sought around access to this score. NYBBS have a copy in the library.

European Brass Band Association (EBBA)

Preparations are well underway for the European Championships with Whitburn representing Scotland in the Championship section in Malmö, Sweden.

3 representatives from NYBBS have been recommended for the European Youth Band. Calum Blair, Mark Gammon and Gregor Koziel recommended by the tutors and musical directors from NYBBS. John is liaising with the 3 reps. and will support them with booking flights.

SBBA volunteer hours

All executive committee members and NYBBS ambassadors were reminded to log their volunteer hours. These should be shared with Elaine each month. These are essential for grant applications and to highlight how much the organisation relies on our volunteers. Julie highlighted at the AGM that there were approximately 3700 hours of SBBA volunteering last year.

Kapitol

Clarification to be sought from Kapitool regarding patronage going forward. Band number 1 on Saturday and Sunday at the Scottish Championships will play God Save the King.

4. Finance

Funding working group update

Volunteers are required to join the Finance working group.

Limited funding is available from Creative Scotland's YMI funding to help support SBBA's annual events like the Scottish Championships. New funding sources are required.

Treasurer's Report

Julie presented the latest income and expenditure statements.

Income has been received for the forthcoming Scottish Championships. Julie also highlighted the generous income received from bands to support their members to attend the NYBBS summer course.

There has been recent significant expenditure of Creative Scotland funding on development workshops at the learning festival and new instruments for start up projects.

A breakdown of expenditure will be prepared for the next meeting with Creative Scotland.

Creative Scotland funding update

The YMI funding for 2022–23 requires to be spent by the end of March. The application for 2023–24 is still to be approved. £90,000 has been requested and the outcome is due to be heard on 1 March.

Tom is attending Creative Scotland's 20th anniversary celebration at Johnstone Town Hall on 2 March.

Banking signatories update

Julie should finally be added to the Royal Bank of Scotland as a signatory in the next two weeks.

Communication has been received regarding the 200 club for NYBBS – trustees to discuss at their next meeting.

Events

Sub committee update

2023 Easter Course

Applications will close for the Easter course on 13 March. Anyone interested in attending should submit their application as soon as possible.

2023 AGM and Learning Festival

Feedback was received that there was no time for discussion during the AGM. John is going to collate the feedback forms and prepare a report that will be shared at the next executive meeting. Any further feedback regarding the AGM, learning festival and ideas for 2024 should be emailed to John (sbbaeducation@gmail.com).

Numbers attending the learning festival were low and as such it wasn't possible to run workshops in parallel. Workshops ran one after the other due to low numbers and therefore it wasn't possible to run the question and answer session at the end of the day as originally planned.

Members are encouraged to contact Tom and Carrie at any point during the year with any suggestions or challenges and don't need to wait until the AGM or alternatively can contact their Area Associations to raise with SBBA executive members.

2023 Scottish Championships

The programme is currently being proofed and the events team are meeting next week to finalise arrangements. Mark Good will be providing commentary on behalf of SBBA over Scottish Championships weekends.

Pre-draws have been made for sections 2, 3 and 4. No draws should be made public. Any breach will result in any re-draws.

Peter will be preparing all paperwork for adjudicators and 4B certificates and has organised medals and the framed banners. Peter has been liaising with the adjudicators regarding their travel and accommodation.

Further clarification to be sought from Kapitol regarding the policy on storage of adjudicators' mobile phones during the contests.

Following one of the NYBBS ambassadors being treated unfairly during the Scottish Open, members to be reminded of their conduct towards SBBA stewards and volunteers during the Scottish Championships. Bands are asked to respect their role in making sure the weekend goes smoothly.

2023 SBBA Youth and Ensembles Contests

The event on 25 March will take place at Bellshill Salvation Army Centre. All area associations have held their youth qualifiers. The event will start at 10am, adjudicated by Brett Baker and accompanied by Gina Baker.

Press release to be prepared to promote this event with timings of the day, who the entrants are and details of the workshop. Peter is organising medals once numbers are confirmed by Ann.

It was proposed that the entry fees are increased in 2024 as they haven't been increased for a significant amount of time.

There will be no senior solo contest in 2023 due to lack of applicants. This event to be promoted in the future. Any ideas on how to promote this event should be shared with Ann Murray – sbbavp@gmail.com

Communication

Social media and sub-committee

James' preparation is well underway for the Scottish Championships, preparing for the recordings and PowerPoint slides.

Bands are reminded that they should not be making recordings in Perth Concert Hall. There was a big uptake from bands to purchase the SBBA recordings from the Youth Championships and the Scottish Challenge. There was less uptake from the bands who performed at the Open.

Press and Publicity

Nigel has published the following stories on the [website](#) in February 2023:

1. Young instrumentalists in West of Scotland and Borders solo and ensemble contests
2. Whitburn Band's four signings ahead of Scottish Championships
3. SBBA concerns over proposed Midlothian instrumental music tuition cuts
4. Kingdom Brass goes Swiss for Scottish Championships
5. Over 50 bands head to Perth
6. City status means name change for Dunfermline
7. Trio of young Scots to join European Youth Brass Band
8. Ayrshire bands in Scottish Championships preview
9. Kay's assistant tutor role with Kirkton Youth Band
10. Creative music workshop for Aberdeenshire young people
11. Russell Gray to lead weekend conducting course
12. 'Old timer' returns to Dumfries Town Band
13. Royal Marines Band in musical exploration of the universe
14. Coalburn awards mark a year of dedication and growth
15. Edinburgh University band seeks new MD
16. Kirky previews test piece in Sunday afternoon concert

Nigel also worked on the following press releases:

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In addition Nigel has been worked on the typesetting of programme for Scottish Championships which is now at proofing stage. In addition, invoices have been issued for advertising space taken.

Correspondence

- Langholm Town – highlighting transports costs of attending the Scottish Championships
- Two area associations have been in touch regarding the number of guest players for contests in 2023. The Events committee have agreed that this will return to 4.
- Membership fee request from EBBA. This has been paid.
- cooperation band – request for financial assistance and 2 year notice to attend the Europeans Championships – Events committee to discuss.
- Kingdom Brass – request for split draw at the Scottish Open – Events committee to discuss.

- Donation received from Elinor Murray to SBBA and Granite City
- The son and daughter of the late Geoffrey Brand would like to set up a bursary scheme for NYBBS and NYBBGB – the trustees to discuss the distribution of this.
- Erratas for sections 1 and 2 received from Kapitol for the regionals pieces, although dated 26 January, wasn't shared with Tom until 22 February.
- S&N Percussion – timpani and tom toms query regarding Scottish Championships. Tom to clarify costs of additional tom toms from S&N percussion.

5. Education

Child Protection update

Re-registering of Child Protection Officer of member bands on a 3 year basis is currently ongoing. For queries, please contact – sbbacpo@gmail.com

Sub committee report

The sub-committee hasn't met yet following the AGM. Committee require to discuss exploring an annual BOPA for SBBA and a project that the Scottish Youth Orchestra is undertaking.

Education Officer's report – John Boax

Delivery has now been taken of the start-up instruments for St. Ronan's, Arbroath and cooperation band which will be delivered paperwork is complete.

Several young people have been contacted with a view to taking over the SBBA Speaks Podcast. Online meetings are planned for the next couple of weeks with an announcement at the Scottish weekend of the new candidates.

After a successful Learning Festival all of the people who delivered sessions have made their PowerPoint slides available to those who have requested them.

NYBBS 2023 applications are still coming in and queries are being answered from parents about various aspects of the summer and Easter courses.

The Youth Speaks Road show, which took place on 22nd January was a success with excellent sessions from Ross Knight, Isabel Dawes, Tabby Kerwin and David Hamilton.

The West of Scotland Solo and Ensemble Youth contest in Bellshill Salvation Army Centre was successful. Huge thanks to Lesley Crumlish and her team for organising the event. Chris Shanks and John have finalised the arrangements for the finals which will be held in the same venue on the last weekend on March. The South West of Scotland Youth Solo and Ensemble contest was held in the Creetown Bandroom on 11th February and saw an increase in young people taking part.

The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will give a short performance before the results of the 4th/4B section results at the Scottish

Thank you to Grant Brown and Debbie Ward from Clackmannan for supporting Stuart Black's session at the learning festival.

NYBBS Ambassadors

Ryan spoke about his experience as a shadow adjudicator at the Scottish Youth Festival of Brass. Aileen is also participating as a shadow adjudicator at the 3rd section Yorkshire Championships.

NYBBS Ambassadors involvement at the Scottish will be discussed by the Events committee.

Wellbeing

The wellbeing manual went live prior to the AGM.

Lesley will be SBBA's wellbeing point of contact over the Scottish Championships and there will be a quiet space at Perth Concert Hall.

6. Membership and registration

Sub committee

New database is now fully operational, meeting to be organised with the developer after the Scottish Championships.

Registration system development

1785 members currently registered. 95 new registrations and 102 cards cancelled.

All players are reminded to request their cards if they are guesting with another band at a contests (excluding Scottish and Nationals). The membership and registration committee to discuss how to promote this.

7. Area Associations Update

South West (Jim Milligan)

- Preparations are underway for the Scottish Championships with Alan Fernie and Stuart Black have been supporting Stranraer's preparations
- Solo contest went well in Creetown – thank you to Creetown Silver Band for hosting.

West of Scotland (Lesley Crumlish)

- Solo and ensemble contest has taken place, with fewer numbers than in the past. Ideas are being explored about how to encourage more entries.

East of Scotland (c/o Ann Murray)

- Ann has met with member bands in the East of Scotland and is supporting the association with setting up a virtual meeting with member bands on 26 March. An in-person EGM will follow on 16 April to re-form the association.
- It is encouraging to hear that there are positive moves forward with this association.

Fife Brass Band Festival (Anne McInnes)

- More entries are welcomed for the contest on Saturday 22 April.
- Visit to Lochgelly Centre to be organised to discuss requirements.

Fife (Danny Harrison)

- Annual accounts have been prepared and face to face committee meeting has been pencilled in.
- It wasn't possible to organise a youth solo competition this year. Danny to liaise with schools regarding best dates for this to take place for 2024.
- 30 September is the proposed date for the Fife Charities contest.

Northern Counties (Jim Wishart)

- Clackmannan District Band have now joined the association. Jim has visited their new premises.
- Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Carnoustie in January with 6 entries – review underway to improve for next year.
- AGM has been held with new representatives joining from Forfar, Turiff and Clackmannan.
- Sunday 28 May, Northern Counties contest, Gareth Bowman has been booked as the adjudicator.

Borders (Stuart Black)

- Condolences from the SBBA executive committee were passed on to all at Hawick Saxhorn Band following the sad passing of their trombone player.
- Youth Solo and Ensembles was adjudicated by Chris Bradley with 18 soloists and 6 ensembles. The majority of qualifiers will attend the finals in Bellshill.
- Bands are preparing for the Scottish Championships.
- 26 March – Borders Brass Workshop in Galashiels – Gary Curtin will conduct the A Band and Stephanie Kennedy will take the B Band
- 22 April – Galashiels in Concert with Russell Gray, 23 April regional workshop
- 27 May – join concert with Les Neish, 28 May – regional workshop
- Planning for spring concerts are also underway
- Saturday 4 November, Borders Entertainment Contest in Selkirk
- First rehearsal with new junior band at Hawick with new instruments received from SBBA start up scheme.
- St Ronans pbuzz group continues to go well

8. Premises

No updates.

9. AOCB

Life and Honorary Membership

The following people have received life membership since November 2022:

Angus Edmund – Newtongrange
Graham Fletcher – Newtongrange
Kenneth Crookston –Newtongrange
Andrew Holmes – Selkirk Silver
Stuart Kemp – Selkirk Silver
Colin Kemp – Selkirk Silver
Fiona Rodger – Bo'ness & Carriden
Karen McLeod– Bo'ness & Carriden
Sara Buchan – Bo'ness & Carriden
Karen Rarity – Bo'ness Carriden
Kathryn Martin – Kilmarnock Concert
Maureen Marzella – Broxburn & Livingston

John Stratford from Selkirk Silver has also been awarded with honorary membership.

Events sub committee to discuss presentation of 4 medals at forthcoming Scottish Championships.

SBBA Golf Challenge

A request has been received to see if this could be re-established. Liaison with Nigel Dunro required.

Conductors Course (Stuart Black and Russell Gray)

Both courses are fully booked with attendees from Japan and Italy.

NYBBS players have signed up to attend the Foundation Course.

Date of next meeting – TBC