

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

26th October 2008

Meeting opened at 10.10 am

Roll Call: L Govan – Ballarat Municipal, I Lofts – Beaufort Municipal, D Hague – Bendigo Brass, S McKee – Boroondara Youth, I Douglas – Croydon Citizens, A Grigoropoulos – Darebin/Northern Brass, D Edmonds – Diamond Valley, P Wiltshire – Eaglehawk Citizens, M Walker - Hawthorn, L Johnston – Life Member, B Milne – Hyde Street Youth, C Bowman – Kew Band, G Davis – Latrobe City, H Gray – Nhill-Dimboola, I Best - Oakleigh, L Gallacher – Shepparton High School, J Lofts – St Arnaud Citizens, K Sudholz – Stonnington City, W Dyason – Warracknabeal & District, J Kelly – Whitehorse Brass, R Solum – Whitehorse Junior Brass

Apologies: R Boon – Cranbourne Lions Concert, C Bowden – Geelong Memorial, A Davey – Greater Bendigo, M Stapleton – Moonee Valley, D Hay – Moonee Valley Brass Junior, H Davies – Sale City, A Wilson – Sunshine Community, E Wilcock – Thompsons Foundry, F Baldwin – Traralgon Band, M Davies – Warrnambool

New Delegate: David Edmonds (Diamond Valley)

Moved Helen Gray- Seconded Sue McKee.

CARRIED

Reading and Confirmation of previous minutes

President apologized for his absence from last meeting – in New Zealand

It is noted that a number of people were incorrectly included as attending the last delegates meeting. List subsequently amended

Moved P Wiltshire, seconded S McKee that the minutes be accepted with the above amendments.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re-Affirm better signage for attendance at Essendon Delegates Venue.

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved Katherine Sudholz seconded Ian Best that the minutes be adopted

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Inward- Margret Howell (Creswick) Band - Congratulations on the Delegates decision to drop the “D” Grade Test Piece for Ballarat.
Comment from President regarding the choice of Music for “D” Grade; comment was made at the Music Advisory Board and advice will be considered when selecting music in 2009. Many of the “D” Grade bands continued on with the challenge of playing “Music for a Festival” and did well with the test piece.

- Outward- Nil outward correspondence.

Report from Executive Council

Attached.

President noted that minutes of all meetings will be published on VBL Website. President noted competition convened in Castlemaine in mid-October. Seven Bands competed and it proved to be a very worthwhile and entertaining day's program. President attended the 80th Anniversary of Hyde Street Youth Band; a great evening was had by all.

Moved by Chris Bowman.

Report from Standing Committees of the VBL

Music Advisory Board – C Bowman.

Attached

Comment was made regarding the current make-up of the MAB and the possibility of enhancing the current membership with specialist/special interest personnel to add diversity to the group.

Drill Advisory Board – J Kelly.

Verbal Report

Noted increase in membership of DAB. Discussed the QBA set of amended marching rules; working toward a standard set of rules across Australia. Drum Majors workshop being convened at Box Hill in December. Consideration is also being given to convene another workshop in early 2009 prior to Nationals Contest.

Finance Committee

Has not convened since previous Delegates meeting

Other reports

VSYBB

Ben Milne – Verbal Report

Performed at MIFB; the performance was streamed “on-line” across the Internet. Planning under way for a week long Band Camp in January 2009 in Bright.

From the Floor – Report on Melbourne Youth Music; Wilf Dyason

Reduction in funding from Government has placed significant pressure on the various MYM groups. The MYM Committee has had to make some hard decisions including the following. Decided to maintain the MYO however, several of the string groups, chorale group and John Antill Youth Band have been forced to disband.

From the floor H Gray and I Douglas supported the comments made by W Dyason. The issue seems that Government does not recognize music as a legitimate recreation form. Sport appears to be a high funding priority within the Government's Youth, Sport and Recreation policy and music receives little or no consideration.

Financial Report

Attached

Moved financial Report be Accepted A Grigoropoulos , Seconded P Wiltshire
CARRIED

Proposed that current fees and levies be maintained for 2009 and that the player levy for 2009 be invoiced based on the 2008 band player lists as at the 31st October 2008.

Moved P Wiltshire, seconded I Best

CARRIED

General Business

President -

President opened discussion on a proposal to alter the funding model for Bands to consolidate the Registrations and Levies paid by bands into a consolidated Invoice. It was noted that player levies and Annual Affiliation fees had not been discussed or finalized as there has not been a meeting of the Finance Committee.

From the floor –

P Wiltshire discussed consolidating invoice based on membership from previous year.

J Kelly asked how many bands redeem the levy specifically from their members –

No Bands present at meeting undertake this specific activity.

Decision

The Executive Council to formulate an options paper defining alternatives to rationalize the levies system for band's annual payments. It was noted that no option will necessarily meet all needs and that possibly a staged introduction of a new funding system may be required.

From the floor -

R Solum advised that the 2009 Calendar of events will soon be published and that anyone wishing to add information to the calendar should contact the VBL office ASAP.

From the floor -

J Kelly advised that the RSL are interested in hearing from personnel playing Bugles for 11/11/2008. Interested personnel should contact VBL office for details.

Meeting closed at 1200 hrs.

Next Meeting 22nd March 2009 – including AGM at Moonee Valley Band Room.