

**BAND ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.,
General Meeting – Sunday 1st March 2009
Stenning Band Hall, Birrong**

Meeting opened at 11.05am. Chairperson – Jeffrey Markham, President

Agenda Item 1 Attendance: as per attendance sheets.

Agenda Item 2 Apologies: as per attendance sheets.

Agenda Item 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion: That Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th September 2008 be accepted.

Moved to be accepted: Carolyn Gould Seconded Brendan Millard Carried.

Agenda Item 4 Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from last minutes

Agenda Item 5 Secretary's Report

Nil to report

Agenda Item 6 Treasurer's Report

Ross Griffith spoke about the profit and loss up to February 2009. Current YTD loss is -\$3661.39 compared to loss of -\$3956.55 in the previous year. P&L was also presented broken down into categories. Ross predicted an estimate of about \$6K year end. Spoke that the Nationals will help with the accounts for this year. Ross explained that there are about to be a large number of expenses associated with the Nationals about to be paid. In turn quite a number of registration payments will be expected in. \$9000 secretary's honorarium has been slightly increased due to the increased workload which was a request that went through the management committee. Phil Mead questioned whether this decision should have gone through a general committee meeting. Rule 15.5 of the Rules of IncorporationCarolyn suggested that a special resolution be actioned in order to resolve this. Jeff Markham to look through the rules and if it should have been passed through the general meeting then a special meeting will be called to rectify this.

Nationals budget – Ross advised that the total of the entry fees was approx \$27K. Budgeted for \$45K. Sponsorships were more than expected. Expenses have been gone through to bring costs down as much as possible. Ross predicts that the Band Association should be in the red at the end of the competition.

Phil Mead questioned a couple of entries which included a negative amount in travel for the Nationals. This is because of sponsorship offsetting airfare for adjudicators. Also tha

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and accounts be accepted.

Moved to be accepted: Ross Griffiths Seconded Brendan Millard Carried.

Agenda Item 7 Reports

BOB: As per attached report

2009 State Solo Championships: As per attached report.

Question was raised about what classifies a 'slow melody'. There is no straight definition. Brendan Millard suggested that the music sub-committee be contacted to produce a guideline as to what constitutes a slow melody and the jazz solo events.

Carolyn Gould questioned about the families of the trophy events and what guidelines they put in place when trophies and funds are donated. Lisa Butcher's family would be contacted about this. There are other families that would have difficulty in contacting them to advise of changes. Some Wind Solo events will be amalgamated due to lack of entrants.

Contest:

Music: All test pieces for championships have been selected and published to all members. Thanks to the members of the music sub-committee for their efforts.

Liaison: Nil to report

Publicity: Nil to report

Website: Don Callaghan is currently updating sections of the website. The website is the primary information source to band members. David Kimption is currently building a new website. Will go live once completed and tested.

Sponsorship: BOB, St Mary's sponsorship to cease, possible that MBF might step into that role. Sponsorship information and applications have been uploaded to the website for ease of access.

Workshop: Wollongong/Nowra will be holding a workshop in July – more tailored to brass but will be open to all bands. Armidale will also be holding a workshop in June/July. Percussion workshop to again be held at the State Solo Championships.

Cultural Grants: RG grants received for \$17,000. \$10,000 of this needs to be paid to bands who handed in applications. Blue Mountains Youth was awarded \$10,000 from an application directly to the Cultural Grant council. Next edition of the Music Stand will contain a survey for bands to complete about what activities they have been involved in over the course of the year. Don Callaghan also spoke about Volunteers Grant run by Commonwealth Government. Application submitted and \$2300 received for office equipment. More investigation will be taken with next year's grant.

Library: Nance Stenning will no longer be managing the librarian role with immediate effect. KM accepted librarian role. Library will be moved to Band Association office. Committee would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Nance for her role as librarian over the years.

Drill Advisory: Nothing to report

Registrar: IM 25 brass bands 729 members, 22 concert bands 856 members. 10 school bands. 2288 total members. Information up to date as of 28/2/09. IM advised approximately 5 more bands to register.

NBCA: National conference meeting date in June may be amended. Will be advised should there be a change in dates. The newly advised march list has been updated on the NBCA website.

2009 Nationals. As per attached report.

Agenda Item 8 Other reports

Metropolitan Branch: Phil Mead AGM to be held 5/3. Solo event schedule has been released as well as YMOY for the branch.

Hunter Branch. Report attached.

Young Musician of the Year: Nomination forms and schedule have been distributed.

No other reports

Agenda Item 9 General Business:

Benefits Program: Approach business if they would participate in a program of offering benefits and discounts to band members with the Band Associations suppliers. There are roughly about 5

businesses participating in some format. This will be more actively promoted once the benefits program is more defined.

New Sub-Committees: Jeff Markham working to establish a new sub-committee New England and South Coast. Will call for a chair for both sub-committees. BM questioned about who can be a member of a sub-committee JM advised that the sub-committee can be made up of anyone who is a member of the band association not necessarily a delegate.

Brendan Millard: Will be sending through a notice to Don Callaghan to distribute to bands about contribution to the Music Stand. He will also forward deadline dates for editions.

Phil Mead advised that Jack Greaves is in hospital quite ill.

Graham Lloyd lost some of his family in the Victorian Bushfires, as well asEric Anderson....

No Special Resolutions to be put to the floor

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.37pm