

CWA AGM 24th May 2023

Present: Sonia, Paul T, Catrina, Tanya, Ian, Sam R, Lorna, Jo, Sam, Simon

Apologies: Al Harding, Jenny

Committee: Sonia Interim Chair

Paul T Treasurer

Tanya Secretary

13 Trustees listed on the Charity Commission website

1. Jo K: Training Band – all going well, core group playing well and attending regularly and currently 2 YCB members are helping out.
Several new players from the school groups led by Sonia, 4 also attend on and off, currently trying to get them in regularly. Several (approx. 4) parents assisting each week, either playing or helping players, this is helping with playing more complex pieces for the more advanced players. Currently have 4 flutes, 4 trumpets, 2 french horns but no clarinet players.
2. Sonia: Schools 3rd term –
Broadwood, there are 6 clarinetists, hoping they will come along to the training band soon. This is an after school club. Sonia has been asked recently if she will continue the lessons again next year.
Corsham Regis, there are 31 players and all instruments are played there. Some of these players now come along to training band however some find the music difficult to read. The group performed for BBC Radio Wiltshire recently which the children all loved. The school are very supportive of the group run during school on Friday afternoon.
Hoping to have children from both schools attend the concert in July this will hopefully encourage them to come along to training band.
3. YCB: Sonia – there are currently 13 adults that help in playing in the main band and 27 younger members play. There are currently no trombone players so need to get these to progress from the training band.
Current numbers in total across the bands is 117 and possibly more. Each week there are 117 regular players which means we are able to perform well as it is a good mix of instruments. It is felt that in the next few years this will be the best band that CWA has had as many players are of a good standard at a young age.
4. Paul T: Treasurers report – Paul T went through the treasury report submitted by Tim Prees for 2022 end of year.
Income - donations 1250.00, concerts 1824.98, subs 3370.00 Total £6444.98
Outgoings – Rent Pound Arts 3231.70, Insurance 828.10, Instrument Repair 162.50, Concert hire 436.50, Printing 315.55, Web page 216.00 Total £5190.35
5. Policies: We now have a Safe Guarding Policy, Privacy Policy and Social Media Policy in place and these are all on the CWA website for everyone to be able to access. These policies need to be in place so we are in a position to make a National Lottery bid.
6. CWA trip next year: options for this include – Jarjeau where we have been invited, Cornwall, Scotland or Oslo. These places CWA have links with. We will aim to have a trip

either next February half term or the Easter holidays for a similar length of time as the last trip. A letter will be sent to parents to find out opinions of where perhaps this trip could be to. Sonia feels there is enough time to organise the trip by February next year if we go to places we have contacts then this will help with the organisation. If it is Jarjeau then Peter will be able to help with the set up as he speaks the language. Having a tour is also a draw for people to join the band which is a real positive to help increase numbers.

7. We now have a trailer that Julie has managed to get hold of for the band. This will prove very useful for getting everything necessary to venues.
8. Could there perhaps be a training band tour where they go to practice and play together but not necessarily perform. This may also encourage more members to come along if there is the opportunity to travel with the band.
9. AGM needs to be in April in future for the finance reporting.