

**Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra**  
**Minutes of SLO Committee Meeting**  
**25 Jan 2014**

**Present:**

Wendy Riva, Sam Nicolson, Ian Roden, Ilona Morison, Chris Manvell, John Hucket.

**Apologies:**

Judith Bullivant

**Minutes Secretary:**

Maggie Manvell.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss items to be taken forward to the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**1. Items to be taken forward to the SLO AGM**

- Request that constitution is amended to include the 'leader of the orchestra' as a committee member as follows.  
Para. 6. Sentence 2 to read:  
"The Musical Director and Leader of the orchestra may attend committee meetings and vote on issues brought to the committee."
  - That the term for membership be made 3 years, but with possibility of re-election for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years.
  - It was felt that the existing period was satisfactory so the item will not be passed to the AGM.
  - Discussion to take place re idea of an 'open day' which could be a whole day, a half day, or maybe not appropriate at this time. Agreed.
  - Introduce idea of possible extra rehearsals.
  - Ask everyone present to recommend the SLO Facebook page (see below) to all their (local) friends.
- 2. Advertising needed for new recruits** whether or not there is an open day.
- 3.** It was suggested that the High School music departments in Portree and Plockton be asked if any of the pupils might benefit from joining the orchestra.
- 4.** Iain Roden observed that numbers of players is less of a problem than timekeeping differences between sections. How might this be remedied?
- 5.** It was suggested that music college students may like to help fill gaps for concerts.
- 6.** It was agreed that we should have a Facebook Page. Ilona agreed to set one up. [Action IM.]
- 7.** Wendy Riva offered a solo violin item. Accepted subject to time being available.
- 8.** It was pointed out that the orchestra would benefit from some sectional rehearsals, which might start at 9.30.
- 9.** It was decided that an extra rehearsal be fitted in on 8th March. Hall availability to be checked out. [Action CM.]