

# AGM of Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra

## 22 February, 2014

**Present:** Alan Donald; Bar Purser; Chris Manvel; David Kellas; Dougie Strachan; Duncan Bullivant; Iain Roden; Ilona Morison; Janice Taylor; Jo Cumine; John Hockett; Judith Bullivant; Katarina Lenz; Kate MacArthur; Laura Grisi; Maggie Manvell. Meg Rosher; Nic Bullivant; Tony Breen.

**Apologies:** Arthur Silvestre; Catriona Bullivant; Hugh Morison; Iain Bullivant; Maryon Gardiner; Sam Nicolson; Wendy Riva.

**Minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved.**

### **Chairman's report:**

- Constitution: Agreed at the last AGM but there were a couple of minor amendments incorporated.
- Last year there were two sessions, and one concert which was at Sabhal Mor Ostaig. For the first time an entire multi-movement work was performed: the Karelia Suite.
- Rick Taylor's time with SLO ended in August leaving us temporarily without a conductor. The orchestra is grateful for the time he spent with us and thanks should be formally sent to him. (See Treasurer's Report below.)
- Iain Roden is the new conductor and the orchestra is very pleased that he is performing this role.
- SLO now has a Facebook Page, with 37 members and had 73 visitors in the first month.
- SLO also has a new website which has had many hits, some from around the world. Chairman requested *that everyone check the website for dates, sectional rehearsals, refreshments, etc.*
- New members were welcomed: Satsuki (flute), Katarina (clarinet/saxophone) and Iain (conductor).
- Last spring there were 40 members; in the autumn 25, and 40 on the list for the current term..
- *Everyone is requested to return last session's music and complete a membership form.*
- **We are very short of violins.**
  - *Everyone to, please, encourage new violinist members.*
  - *People with school children could approach heads of school music depts. to inform and encourage children about the orchestra.*
  - *It was agreed to put an advert in WHFP*
  - *It was also agreed to put up posters around the area.*
  - *Jenny of schools orchestra to be asked to encourage children into SLO if appropriate.*

### **Open Day:**

There had been an idea of holding an 'open day' to give people a taster. Originally planned to be a whole day, this is still undecided.

### **Video recording:**

Someone has offered to make a video of the next concert. Most present agreed this would be a good idea. At the same time up-to-date photos could be put on the website.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- We have enough money to advertise.
- Some subs are still due from this term and last. They barely cover the cost of the hall so it's important to pay them.
- It was suggested that subs (currently £10 adults / £5 kids) might be increased to £15 adults, £5 kids as there may be a need to buy some new percussions instruments. A vote was taken and the increase was agreed by a large majority. [Post meeting note. This is the first increase since 2000.]
- There is less money in the account this session, as there was no concert last session.
- Card and gifts to be presented to Rick in thanks for his work.

### **Amendment to constitution:**

Musical Director/conductor and leader of the orchestra to be included on committee.

### **Committee:**

Judith is standing down for family reasons.

Bar Purser proposed, seconded and elected as new member.

### **Future repertoire:**

All are invited to suggest items. Please e-mail via website, or use Facebook page. This needs to be done well ahead to allow for sourcing / printing music. Iain suggested the Winter session could be light - might be around a theme, e.g. 'dance', and Spring session something more 'meaty'.

For future agendas an item should always be 'election of committee'.

The present committee are: Bar Purser, Chris Manvell, Ilona Morison, John Hockett, Iain Roden, Sam Nicolson, and Wendy Riva.

**Finally, the chairman repeated the request to reaturn music from last term and the Haydn Symphony 104.**