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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hauraki Regimental Band and the Thames Citizens Band (inc) held in the Drill Hall Thames on 19th December 1939 at 7.45 p.m.  
Present:- Messrs W.B.McDonald (President) D.Edwards, F. Hill, G.Edwards, E.Werner, K.Brownlee, H.G.Brownlee, D.Donnelly, P.Mortimer, F.Clark, C.Lidington, F.Rowe, C.Oakley, and E.O.Brownlee (Secretary)  
Apologies were received from Messrs A.Williams and E.Williams.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report, dealing with Attendance, Contest, Finance, and General Matters, and the Balance Sheet were read.

Moved by E.Werner

Secd. by P.Mortimer That the Report and Balance Sheet be received  
Carried.

Moved by C.Lidington

Secd. by D. Donnelly That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted  
Carried.

Officers were then nominated and elected as follows:-

President :- W.B.McDonald P.Mortimer-H.G.Brownlee

Conductor :- C. Lidington H.Brownlee-W.B.McDonald

Deputy

Bandmaster :- A.Williams H.Brownlee-C.Lidington

Band

Sergeant :- H.G.Brownlee P.Mortimer-D.Donnelly

Band

Corporal :- G. Edwards C.Lidington-K.Brownlee

Lance Corporals

& Librarians:- D.edwards and E.Werner

Secretary &

Treasurer :- E.O.Brownlee W.McDonald -C.Lidington

Minute

Secretary :- C.Oakley C.Lidington-G.Edwards

Drum-Major :- Left in abeyance

Committee :- Officers and Messrs C.Oakley, F.G.Hill, F.Clark, P. Mortimer and E.Werner

Delegates to-

Unites Services:-Messrs W.B.McDonald, H.Brownlee and E.Werner

Auditors :- Messrs W.B.McDonald and R.M.Rhodes

Outward Correspondence as read was approved on the motion of K.Brownlee Seconded E.Werner

Inward Correspondence was read and dealt with as under:-

1. South Auckland Bands Assn re Contest entry.

Moved by K.Brownlee

Seconded by D.Donnelly That the entry of the Band be confirmed  
Carried.  
Received

2. N.Z.Bands AAssn Xmas Greetings

3. Area Officers No 2 Area re Band Instruments

Moved by C.Lidington

Secd. by F.G.Hill That the letter be received and the Officer advised that the Trustees were not prepared to lend or sell the Band Instruments.  
Carried.

4. A.E.Sutcliffe resignation from the Band.

Mr Lidington said the Band would be a decided loser if Mr Sutcliffe left. He put in a quite a lot of work looking after the Hall, Music and instruments and the Band could ill afford to lose him.

Mr H. Brownlee endorsed Mr Lidington's remarks and explained an advance of 22 made to Mr Sutcliffe.

The general opinion was that the Band would suffer a severe loss, and on the motion of W.McDonald Seconded by C.Lidington it was decided to leave the resignation in abeyance meanwhile.

5. C.Lidington applying for leave of absence.

Several members spoke eulogising the Conductors services and in

the Motion of W.B.McDonald Seconded C.Oakley it was decided to grant the request and pay the full salary during the leave. Regret was also expressed at the Conductor's illness.

The account of the Norwich Union Insurance Co 218-0-6 on the instruments was passed for payment on the motion of H.Brownlee Seconded D.Donnelly.

The pro tem arrangements made by the Borough Commissioner with Messrs Begg & Co were reported on by the Band Committee and it was unanimously decided to endorse his actions.

Moved by W.B.McDonald Secd. by C.Lidington That a payment of £10 be made immediately to Begg & Co through Mr Burk. carried.

The question of approaching the County for a subsidy was discussed Moved by C.Lidington

Seconded by E.Brownlee That a performance be given on the Coast after Xmas and then the question further discussed. carried.

Mr Donnelly enquired if anything was being done to bring young members into the Band.

Mr Lidington said he was teaching two boys and he understood others were interested but there were now so many counter attractions that boys were not so keen.

The Xmas vacation was discussed and it was decided to resume practice on January 9th 1940.

Mr Mortimer suggested that a social evening be held periodically each one putting in his contribution towards the expenses.

The suggestion met with the approval of the members and it was referred to the Committee to further discuss.

The allocation of Mr McDonald's medal was discussed and it was unanimously decided on the motion of H.Brownlee Seconded by D.Donnelly to award the medal to A.E.Sutcliffe.

Mr McDonald returned thanks for his re-election as President, and after wishing the Conductor a speedy return to health extended the Season's Greetings to those present.

Mr Lidington said he would like to thank the members for their appreciation of his services, and for their co-operation. After paying a tribute to the work of Messrs H. and E.Brownlee he assured the President that the Band reciprocated his Xmas Greetings

Confirmed.

*H.B. Brownlee 16/12/40*

Chairman.