

Minutes 2026

Wakeylele Ukulele Band

Minutes of 3rd Annual General Meeting

6.30pm Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Apologies - R Hancock - C Davidson - R Potts. 25 Members Present.

1. Chairs Opening Statement

Chair gave his opening remarks, thanking the committee for their hard work throughout 2025, with special thanks going to Richard for providing the group with an exceptional website. He also thanked members for standing by the committee through difficult times.

Members helping with the running of the group in an unofficial capacity were also acknowledged.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed as a true record by Dave Flatters.

Seconded by Mike Sidebottom.

3. Financial Report for 2025

The treasurer offered the meeting a full financial report and stated the final balance for the 2025 season as £812.14p.

4. Member Suggestions Affecting the Constitution.

(Deputies - Musical Interpreter - Additional Charity in event of dissolution)

Deputies for all members of the committee. - Rejected by the membership.

Add position of Musical Interpreter. - Rejected by the membership.

Add additional charity to dissolution process. - Rejected by membership.

5. Appointment of Officers

The chair asked the treasurer for nominations submitted by members, for posts on the committee, it was stated there was one suggestion received from P Barr, that the entire committee be re-elected for another year. All committee members agreed to stand.

The following members were elected:

Chair - Elected J Fisher - Proposed by D flatters - Seconded M Carr.

Treasurer - Elected M Walker - Proposed by D Burgess - Seconded by D Blackburn.

Media / IT Co-Ordinator - Elected - R Hancock - Proposed by P Tunstall - Seconded by D Flatters.

Social Secretary - Elected - B Haigh - Proposed by M Carr - Seconded by

M Sidebottom.

Members Representative - Elected C Hayward-Poole - Proposed by P Newton

- Seconded by M Haigh.

Charity Co-Ordinator - Elected R Potts - Proposed by S Hollings - Seconded by P Newton.

AGM ENDS 7.15pm

Minutes of Regular Meeting 3rd February 2026

Apologies - R Hancock - C Davidson - R Potts. 25 Members Present.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed as a true record by M Haigh - Seconded By P Barr.

2. Member Suggestion - New Roles MD's (4).

A full discussion ensued, members thought it would be counter productive to have a set number of identified leaders. It was eventually agreed that C Hayward-Poole and P Newton would remain as main leaders with backup leaders being M Carr and M Daisey. Tuesday leaders would remain as it is presently, but any Tuesday leader that would like to progress to a gig leader should make this apparent to

the member representative who would make the appropriate arrangements for progression.

3. Member Suggestion - Gig Song lists (Set song lists changed regularly)

It was agreed that song selection should be the leaders responsibility and set lists

were not required.

It was agreed that Wakeylele themed songs i.e. Side by Side (ish) etc, are removed from the song catalogue.

4. Member Suggestion - "There are too many new songs being suggested". After discussion it was resolved to leave the process as it is.

5. Members Suggestion - "A bi-monthly night of uncatalogued music"

Members unanimously agreed that this was an enjoyable session held primarily by Melvyn and it should take place on a bi-monthly basis.

6. Member Suggestion - Supported Charities 2026 (Do we add other charities) It was agreed that the main charity was YAA, however, members were in agreement that if funds were generated by holding gigs at other events, they could be distributed to other charities, Wakefield Hospice was a suggested charity and will be considered when funds are available. Confirmation of the charity to be supported would be by membership vote at a Tuesday session prior to the donation being made.

7. Gig Calendar 2026

The chair provided a printout of the gig calendar for members to discuss, this showed all planned gigs, dates, days and venues. The summer break was agreed as from July 25th returning on September 15th. The Christmas break was agreed from December 18th returning January 12th 2027.

It was noted that 2 gigs fell within the summer break, the chair asked if members wanted to keep these gigs. It was resolved that a decision would be taken around June to allow YAA plenty

of notice as to our intentions. Some members thought there would be an element of the membership who would want to retain the gigs.

It was agreed that the Tuesday night practise session at Walton Club on the 17th March would be cancelled as this was the same day as the St Patrick's day Whitakers Gig in Ossett.

8.Social Calendar 2026

The social secretary asked members if they were happy with the present venue for social events this being The Spring. It was unanimous that The Spring was a much loved venue and members were happy for our events to be held there. It was resolved that the social secretary contact The Spring and make two meal bookings, one for the summer and one for Christmas.

9.Asset Register and Subs for 2026

It was resolved that subs for 2026 remain at £3.

The treasurer gave the membership a list of assets and asked members to identify should they have any equipment not on the list.

10.Expenditure Suggestions

It was agreed that remote head microphones should be purchased for the leaders.

It was agreed that a Velum covered tambourine be purchased for our percussion section.

11.AOB

It was suggested from the floor that next year the agenda for the AGM be published prior to the meeting so members can consider its content. The committee agreed to try to make this possible.

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Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 4th February 2025 @7pm in the Walton Sports &

Social Club.

Attended by 32 Members:-

P.Agnew, P.Barr, M.Bennett, R.Bennett, D.Blackburn, T.Bradby, D.Broadbent, D.Burgess, M.Daisey, C.D avison

J.Davies, R.Davies, J.Fisher, D.Flatters, B.Haigh, M.Haigh, R.Hancock, S.Hollings, G.Horan, P.Joule, M.M orris,

S.Morris, P.Newton, E.Orr, C.HeywoodPoole, J.Sargent, L.Sargent, M.Sidebottom, T.Srivastava, V.Strin ger, G.

Thompson, M.Walker.

1. M. Walker proposed Joe Fisher be Chairman. Seconded by C. Heywood-Poole.

It was resolved Joe Fisher be elected as Chairman.

2. The Chairman welcomed members and received apologies from 4 members: - M. Carr, R. Potts, S.

Taylor, J. Wrigglesworth

3. The Chairman received nominations for 5 Committee members.

It was resolved Margaret Walker be elected as Treasurer.

Proposed by D. Flatters seconded by L. Sargent.

It was resolved Richard Hancock be elected as Media Coordinator

Proposed by D. Burgess seconded by M. Morris

It was resolved Richard Potts be elected as Charity Co Ordinator with YAA

Proposed P. Newton and seconded by M. Haigh

It was resolved Beryl Haigh be elected as Social Secretary

Proposed by M. Walker seconded by M. Haigh

It was resolved Geoff Thompson be elected as Band Representative

Proposed by S. Hollings Seconded by D. Flatters

The Chairman informed the meeting that a committee meeting will be held asap to support new members and to outline what their role involves.

David Broadbent will continue as Musical Director until the summer break.

4. Members were informed we currently have 3 signatories to the accounts M. Walker R. Hancock

and D. Broadbent.

It was resolved that the Chairman Joe Fisher will become a signatory to the accounts.

5. A financial Statement was tabled by the Treasurer for the Year 2024

Currently we have 36 members on our list and our Membership folder and WhatsApp list and email

list have all been updated.

The Treasurer recommended subs stay at £3 and this was agreed.

The Chairman closed the AGM @ 7:25pm

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING held at 7:30pm 4

th February 2025

(Venue, Attendance and Apologies same as for AGM)

1. The Chairman confirmed the following calendar of dates: -

No meeting on 22nd April (Easter) or 27th May (Spring Bank Hol)

Finnish for summer break 22nd July and start again on 9th September

We have booked a member's lunch at the Spring Community Café on 7th July.

(Guests welcome but will have to pay)

2. A discussion was held about expenditure.

There are no agreed policies in place about spending and the Treasurer emphasised a receipt must be presented if members want reimbursing and all spending and payments must be approved by the committee.

It was also suggested the Band should have an Asset Register.

This was agreed and will be actioned by the Chairman and Musical Director asap

3. Members had requested there be another social media platform set up.

This was debated and the Media Coordinator advised against it.

It was resolved that we would continue as we do now with business matters coming out to members via E mail on a Sunday and the What's App will be for social matters.

4. A lively discussion was held to suggest a way forward for the musical leadership of the Band once David Broadbent steps down in the summer.

Everyone appreciates it will be a difficult act to follow David and he has offered to help us.

David pointed out the need and manner in which future gigs are acquired needs attention. He offered to draw up a framework for guidance

It was suggested the Band need an A5 colourful flyer that Members can distribute to prospective customers.

Members put forward some good ideas e.g. having themed nights and having a rota for someone to draw up a song list (from our catalogue) and lead a session.

Further meetings will be arranged to facilitate these matters and Members were encouraged to keep talking and put their ideas forward. A meeting for the Committee will be arranged by the

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

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