Helensburgh Orchestral Society Committee Meeting 14.9.26, 18:15.

1. **Present:** Stephen Caira, Judith France, Jack Tarr, Christine Sinclair, Scott Arroll.

Apologies: Goetz Bucher, Matthew Hack, Janine MacFarlane, Frankie Hamner.

2. **Minutes of previous minutes** agreed.

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Matters arising: Conductor see item 5 below.

Website SA& JT have had a meeting and improvements & updates to the website are in progress. MH has also offered to help.

3. **Proposed purchases:**
   - new conductor's stand £150, agreed, as current two stands are damaged. ACTION JF to purchase. JT expressed reservations about the security of a new stand - to be labelled. Checked there is room under the stage with timps.
   - Timpanist stool: postpone purchase until we have a regular timpanist.

4. **Ticket sales/publicity:**
   Discussion of importance of increasing ticket sales and previous publicity expenses.
   SA amending new boards with info for November concert.
   JF raised the idea of small paper flyers for members to hand out to friends etc.
   CS highlighted the importance of choosing the correct music.

5. **Conductor:**
   SC spoke to MB after the meeting - he is able to conduct HOS for only this concert.
   ACTION CS to check whether Alan Craig can conduct the 20th March 2027 concert.
   ACTION JF to email Derrick Morgan and formally ask him to commit to the 2027 Play Day.
   Informal Concert - agreed date of Monday 24 May 2027 (rehs April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 17) , having considered D Bruce concert. Conductor & programme TBC.

6. **AOB**
   JT raised the importance of ensuring extras are booked asap.
   Section leaders are responsible -ACTION CS will check with Anne Binnie re celeste.
   Percussion - SC to oversee. JF said David Brown had already said Heather is willing to play. Confirmed this evening, Heather + 2.

Meeting closed 19:00.
Next meeting Monday tbc.

Judith France, Secretary. ***14.9.26***