



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes Of Committee Meeting

Monday 15th April 2019 7:30 pm
Three Kings Fornham All Saints

- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream(Chair), Barry Cole, Andrew Conquest, Ivor Thulborn, Ian Robertson, Nick Gane, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge(Sec.)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**
Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 11/03/1 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record after a minor change to **3.2.**
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:(Please refer to the previous minutes for the items in brackets.)**
- 3.1 **(3.3)RB** said that his contact Margaret Charlesworth could contact Jo Churchill the local MP to see if she would be interested in becoming a Vice President of the choir. After some discussion the committee were not convinced that Ms Churchill would be able to promote the choir given her political obligations. The committee decided not to pursue this any further at this time. **ALL**
- 3.2 **(3.4)RB** said that the 25th January 2020 had been confirmed for the next choir recording. **IR** said Richard Leveritt's son who works for the BBC as a sound engineer has a friend who could be interested in helping with the recording.
- 3.3 **(5.2)RB** confirmed that Paul Davis is now the Choir's Deputy Conductor.
- 3.4 **(4.2)MJ** responded to criticism by the Second Tenor's of One Day Like This being too loud at times by saying that depending on the venue it needed to be strong or it would lose its impact.
- 3.5 **(6.3)IT** explained that if Les Canards Sauvages decide to go to Ickworth Park for lunch before they travel to Kedington they will have to pay for entry to the park as it is a National Trust property. Radio West Suffolk will play some of **LCS**'s music on the Saturday of the St Peter's Concert
- 3.6 **(4.3)SFYS** will be on Friday 17th May at Horringer Village Hall.
- 4.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 4.1 **MJ** said that the Isle of Man Tour went very well and felt the choir made a good impression with the audiences. He also said that Paul Davis did an amazing job on the tour.
- 4.2 The MAGPAS helicopter will be landing at Downham Prep School on Wednesday 24th April at 9:30 am. The plan is for the school choir and SEMVC to sing after landing. The helicopter will be at the school for one hour. **MJ** explained that although it is short notice to the choir if enough members are willing to make the journey it could be good publicity for the choir as Anglia TV will be present. There is also a possibility of doing a fund raising concert in the future for MAGPAS. **MJ**
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT**
- 5.1 Les Canards Sauvages are 27 in number and are all being hosted. **LCS** have requested that they do their programme all together. It was agreed that **SEMVC** will do the first half of the concert and **LCS** do the second half. Afterglow is at Bury Rugby Club.
- 5.2 There will be a short sing at the Bury Beer and Cider Festival.

- 5.3 **IT** and **IR** have checked out the viability of Felsham Village Hall as requested by **AC**. They believe it will be ok although a little small. A concert date of Saturday 5th October 2019 has been agreed.
- 5.4 Concert in Clare still requires a confirmed date. **IT**
- 5.5 Concerts with the Honington Military Wives and LIFT the hospital choir are to be arranged for 2020. **IT**
- 5.6 Bob Emery has requested a memorial concert at King Edward VI school.
- 6.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR**
- 6.1 **IR** was very pleased with the positive feedback from the Isle of Man Tour regarding organisation, hotels etc.
- 7.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**
- 7.1 James Black had asked if the song(They Rise Again)that was sung by Mansfield MMVC at the afterglow in Southwell could be looked at by **MJ**. The committee agreed it sounded an impressive piece. **MJ** asked **RB** to purchase a copy. **RB**
- 7.2 Concert music has been passed to Ros Pitcher, reserve accompanist and it was agreed that she should be invited to attend a rehearsal during the next term. **RB/MJ**
- 8.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: BC**
- 8.2 During the Isle of Man Tour it was suggested by one of the choirs hosts that SEMVC could return in 2021 for their bi-annual Male Voice Choir Competition. There is prize money involved and SEMVC were informed they would stand a good chance of winning the competition. **MJ** and the committee agreed it could be a possibility but would have to put it to the Choir Members. It was agreed to add it to the agenda for this years AGM. **MJ** suggested that if there is agreement on this the choir should do a competition in 2020. This was agreed by all of the committee. **ALL**
- 9.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**
- 9.1 **AC** produced a short report as he is working on the year accounts for the AGM in May. Internal receipts for May 2018-April 2019 came to £11,721.52 with outgoing for the same period amounting to £10,867.00. Full report to be available next month. **AC**
- 10.0 **Secretary's Report: ML**
- 10.1 **AGM** Thursday 23rd May 7:00 pm. **ML** said he would compose an email for **NG** to send to the members confirming date of the AGM and the procedure for standing for the committee for the forthcoming year. **ML**
- 14.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 14.2 **IT** said that Thurrock MVC had recently disbanded and had passed all their music to Leigh Orpheus MVC who in turn had passed some of the music to SEMVC. It is music that the choir have but will help SEMVC to keep spare copies rather than purchase new ones.
- 15.0 **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 20th May 7:30 pm Three Kings Fornham All Saints

