



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 8:00 pm  
Three Kings Fornham All Saints

- 1.1 **Apologies for Absence:** Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest & Kevin Farrell
- 1.2 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Nick Gane, David Peck, Calvin Goymer, Mark Jefferson, Andrew Mackenzie, Den Cartwright, Ed Wilson, Justin Ballam and Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 17/06/19 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 4.0 **Section Leaders' Reports:**
- 4.1 **Andrew Mackenzie (Basses):** Nothing to report.
- 4.2 **Den Cartwright (Second Tenors):**
- 4.21 No issues to report.
- 4.22 Barclay Dutson not attended this calendar year mainly due to not being able to drive at night. Unfortunately he is a long way from other choir members so sharing a lift to choir is not practical. He is still a paying member but not sure if this will continue.
- 4.23 Average attendance for rehearsals is 9 and 8 for concerts.
- 4.3 **Ed Wilson (Top Tenors):**
- 4.31 No issues to report.
- 4.32 7 tenors signed up for the Austrian Tour.
- 4.33 Could have a new top tenor joining the choir.
- 4.4 **Justin Ballam (Baritones).**
- 4.41 **JB** raised the issue of talking especially at shared concerts when the choir is not performing. The committee agreed this can be a problem **RB** said he would have this highlighted in the next newsletter and raise it at "Notices" when necessary. **RB**
- 5.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 5.1 **MJ** opened by agreeing with **JB** about the talking at concerts but added getting on and off stage in an orderly manner was also a problem.
- 5.2 Not as many concerts this year but the choir will be very busy after the summer break. With 3 concerts before Christmas plus working on songs for the recording in January there won't be time to bring any more new music into rehearsals. **MJ** added he would like to complete True Colors.

- 5.3 **MJ** said the choir was lucky to have such good musicians as **Calvin Goymer** and **Simon Shirm** and they were a pleasure for him to work with. **MJ** added he would like to involve them more regarding choice of repertoire.
- 5.4 The concert in Stowmarket with the Jubilee Ladies Choir was good and **MJ** congratulated **CG** for his excellent piano playing for both choirs. **EW** added that his granddaughters were at the concert and were impressed with the cut offs at the end of songs sung by SEMVC.
- 5.5 **CG** asked when Ros Pitcher was coming to another rehearsal. **RB** and **MJ** said she would be playing at the last rehearsal (18th July) and she would play once a month at rehearsals during term times. **MJ/RB**
- 6.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT** (report in his absence)
- 6.1 Since our last committee meeting Rob, Ashley Seaborne and I have met with Debbie from Honington Military Wives Choir. The proposal is for a concert with them and LIFT on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- 6.2 Choir photo postponed because of **CG's** unavailability; could try and rearrange for September if the committee agree with a suggestion of the altar steps in St Mary's. Not sure if this is possible or we could wait until next year. **ALL**
- 6.3 **Choir Recording:** APEX January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020
- 6.4 **Concert Venues & Dates 2020:**
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| Howard Primary School    | February(TBC)   |
| Felsham                  | March(TBC)  |
| Austrian Tour            | April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Sudbury                  | Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May with Braintree MVC                                     |
| Rattlesden               | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| St John's B.S.E.         | Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June with Mansfield MVC                                   |
| Elmswell                 | Thursday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Ickworth Church          | Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September (afternoon)                                       |
| South Woodham Ferrers    | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October with Men2Sing                                     |
| APEX                     | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November<br>(with LIFT and Honington Military Wives Choir) |
| Christmas Fayre B.S.E.'s | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November  |
- 7.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR** Nothing to report
- 8.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**
- 8.1 Copies of A Roman War Song are to be offered to Mansfield MVC for a donation. This was withdrawn from SEMVC's repertoire some time ago and MJ confirmed is no longer required for SEMVC. **RB/DP**
- 9.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: RVdZ**
- 9.1 **RVdZ** passed a Word Cloud poster that he had compiled to encourage new members. The contents display how singing can be good for your mental and physical health. The idea would be that these posters, with the help of the membership, could be displayed in doctors' surgeries. **RVdZ** to arrange for some laminated copies to be available. **ALL**

- 9.2 Another idea to encourage new members was an open rehearsal once a month. This was welcomed by the committee although detail to advertise it wasn't discussed. **ALL**
- 10.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC** (report in his absence)
- 10.1 Culford School have paid for the hire of the staging.
- 10.2 Received £300 from Jubilee Ladies Choir for the recent concert in Stowmarket.
- 11.0 **Secretary's Report: ML**
- 11.1 Howard Primary School booked for the autumn term starting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- 11.2 **RB/IR** requested that "Friends of the Choir" be emailed asap regarding joining the choir for the Austrian Tour in April 2020. **ML** said he would do it straight after the meeting and would give them the cost for the trip and details for paying deposits. **ML**
- 12.0 **Membership Secretary's Report:** Nothing to Report.
- 13.0 **Librarians Report: DP**
- 13.1 **DP** said he had received the 100 copies of We'll Rise Again
- 13.2 **DP** asked if any choir members could possibly sing with the congregation at Lidgate Church for the Harvest Festival in October and also the Christmas Concert. **RB** said he would put it into the Choir Newsletter. **RB**
- 14.0 **Website: KF** (Absent) No Report
- 15.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 15.1 **RB, IT, IR & MJ** to meet at King Edward VI school in Bury St Edmunds on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to discuss Bob Emery's Memorial Concert. **RB/IT**  
**IR/MJ**
- 15.2 **RVdZ** to ask Viv to remove the following from the website:  
"CD's are available from Churchgate Books" **RVdZ**
- 15.3 There was a short discussion about Choir Members' welfare and the need to have someone and something written in place. **MJ** offered to write a Safeguarding Policy for the choir. This was welcomed and agreed by the committee. **MJ**
- 15.4 **RB** to contact Tim Freathy to ask if he would host the Choir Barbecue. **RB**
- 16.0 **Date of Next Meeting(Committee Only):**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 7:30 pm Three Kings, Fornham All Saints **ALL**