



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 23rd September 2019 7:30 pm
Three Kings Fornham All Saints

- 1.1 **Apologies for Absence:** None
- 1.2 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Ivor Thulborn, Nick Gane, David Peck, Andrew Conquest, Kevin Farrell, Mark Jefferson, and Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 3.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 15/07/19 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 4.0 **Matters Arising: (Please refer to the previous minutes for the items in brackets).**
- 4.1 **(4.41)RB** said he had forgotten to put in the Newsletter concerns raised by Justin Ballam regarding talking at shared concerts by the choir when not performing, He said he would put it into the next one and in the mean time would circulate an email. **MJ** said he would remind the choir during rehearsals as well. **RB/MJ**
- 4.2 **(5.6)RB,MJ** agreed that Ros Pitcher should play at rehearsals once a month beginning in October, **RB** said he would contact her. **RB**
- 4.3 **(8.1)**Copies of The Roman War Song have been collected by Lynden Lowe on behalf of Mansfield MVC along with copies of other redundant music from the SEMVC repertoire.
- 4.4 **(9.1)IT** asked if the posters that were proposed to go into Doctor and Dental Surgeries were ready, **RvdZ** said he would bring them so that committee members could get them put into surgeries. **RVDeZ**
- 4.5 **(13.3)DP** asked if choir members had been invited to sing with the congregation at Lidgate Church for the Harvest Festival in October **RB** apologised that he hadn't put it into the recent Newsletter but said he would announce it during Notices at rehearsals. **RB**
- 5.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 5.1 **MJ** reported that he was pleased with the choir's performance at Bob Emery's Memorial service and had special mention for the second tenors whom he thought were excellent.
- 6.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT**
- 6.1 **IT** said that a total of **£1025** was raised for Cancer Research at Bob Emery's Memorial Concert although there were some expenses to be taken from that amount.
- 6.2 The next concert is at Clare on 12th October and Gemma Alexander who is singing at the concert will come to the choir rehearsal on 3rd October to rehearse the joint numbers Fix You and The Rose with the choir. She may come on 10th as well but this is not confirmed. After rehearsal on the 3rd she will go through her solo numbers with Mark so it is important that everyone leaves the rehearsal punctually. **RB** to announce at Notices on the 3rd October. **RB**
- 6.3 Carols and Chips has been booked at the Bury Rugby Club for Thursday 19th December.
- 6.4 At the request of Braintree MVC the joint concert has been moved from Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 3rd May 2020 still in the evening. This needs to be changed on the website. **IT**
- 6.5 Felsham concert confirmed for Saturday March 28th 2020

- 6.6 A concert for Ken Sawyer's grandson who sadly has cancer, will be at Great Barton Church early in 2020. Hopefully February/March subject to the church being available. **IT**
- 6.7 **IT** said as King Edward School seemed to be a good venue to sing in he would ask what the hire cost was for future reference. **IT**
- 7.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR**
- 7.1 As the use of seats worked well at last Saturday's concert **IR** suggested this should be adopted at Clare as it is another shared concert. **DP** confirmed that there were seats available at the church. **IR/DP**
- 8.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**
- 8.1 **RB** has the **ATOL** Certificate for the choir tour to Austria.
- 8.2 Conduct Committee comprises Jules Mills (Lead), Justin Ballam, Jonathan Davies, Richard Leveritt and Diane Farthing.
- 8.3 Appeals Committee comprises James Black (Lead), Colin Burrows, Mike Thomas, Nigel Farthing, **RB** said he was hopeful that Wendy Pott would also join. **RB**
- 8.4 Templates for reporting incidents to be uploaded onto the choir website and also the letter to the Charity Commission. **RB/MJ**
- 9.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: RVdZ**
- 9.1 Updating the information board.
- 9.2 Frustration over the host provider's slow reaction to the website, the maintenance contract has expired and they show no sense of urgency to do things. The suggestion is to develop a site of our own for next year. **IT/RB** said they had discussed this and felt that this could be the way to go.
- 10.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**
- 10.1 Current Account stands at £15,799 but includes money that has been received for the Austrian Tour in April 2020. Deposit Account amounts to £29,458 and there are 174 euros.
- 10.2 Members' subscriptions are in line to cover running costs but they may need to be looked at before next year's AGM.
- 10.3 Half of the money put aside for recording training songs has been used.
- 10.4 No income from the barbecue as members had paid Tim directly.
- 11.0 **Secretary's Report: ML**
- 11.1 **ML** reported that he received an email from Ash Seaborne requesting a description of the Concert Manager's duties and that he had been told there were descriptions for all of the committee positions. **ML** spoke to previous secretaries of the choir who remembered some vague references to this but no one had any information. **ML** said he had looked at everything that had been passed to him but found no reference to "job" descriptions. **IR** said he would be able to explain to Ash (who is expected to take on the role of Concert Manager next year) what is required. **IR**
- 12.0 **Librarian's Report: DP**
- 12.1 **DP** in possession of 100 copies of We'll Rise Again
- 13.0 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 21st October Three Kings Fornham All Saints 7:30 pm

