



- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Ivor Thulborn
1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Andrew Conquest, Mark Jefferson, Nick Gane, David Peck, Ashley Seaborne (invited) & Malcolm Lodge (sec)

- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 06/01/20 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** None

- 4.0 **CD Budget Approval:**

- 4.1 **RB** explained that the CD budget would probably be around 10% higher than the original costings of £7000 although he added that this would still be lower than the money that has been set aside for recording.

It is likely that 4 – 6 hours are required to finish the recording. This will mean either 2 – 3 rehearsals or possibly a half day at Stapleford Granary.

RB will arrange a meeting with the sound engineer at the Granary week beginning the 17/02/20 to establish when the Choir can finish the recording.

RVdZ and **MJ** will join him for the meeting.

RB

- 5.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**

- 5.1 SEMVC committee meeting 10 February 2020

Treasurer's report:

As of 10 January, our total funds are £41760 and Euro 174.4

Regarding the Austria tour the above balance is after paying £54,003 to the tour operator. This represents the final payment after adjustments for a cancellation charge for Ed and Sylvia Wilson and for those not taking the full tour. We may have to pay a further £400 (a discrepancy regarding the cancellation charge for ED and Sylvia - we have paid £400 but the invoice states £400 each.) We are due to receive from choristers a further £4778 and to pay refunds of a further £726 (some have already been paid). The final reckoning should see a tour surplus of £3678 available to fund the final night dinner for example.

Since my last report (and reflected in the above)

- 1 We have received £100 as a donation from the beer festival organisers of The Apex event at which we sang
- 2 We have received £1760 in respect of the dinner (Ian also holds a number of cheques)
- 3 We have received friends' donations – organised by Malcolm- of £220
- 4 We have received stage hire fees of £80
- 5 I have paid the school £600 for the hire for this current term
- 6 We have paid a total of £3033 in respect of the recording (details below)

Reference the recording

The original rough estimate of costs produced by the recording subcommittee identified a budget of c£7000 including £900 for the post recording meal. A summary with actual to date is attached. Of concern is that we are likely to exceed this estimate considerably due to extra musician costs (rehearsals and more recording time at the Granary) and more technician time (original budget did not provide for further recording time at The Granary).

SEMVC. – Recording Costs	Quotes/estimates	Actual
Hire of apex		
Venue		1000
Piano tuning		100
Piano Hire		215
VAT		263
Total	1250	1587
Musicians		
Apex recording	1400	1400
'band rehearsal'	0	?
Rehearsal with choir	0	55
Gill Garside warm up (£30?)	0	
Recording		
Matt Dilley at the Apex	1800	
(replaced with Gareth) inc VAT		
Further sessions at The Granary	?? extra or included??	
Graphic design	500	
Digital Distribution	c£55 plus revenue split	
CDs (assume 1000)	1320	
Other – meal for choristers	900	
Grand Total	7170	3033

Andrew Conquest
Honorary Treasurer

6.0 Music Team Report: MJ

- 6.1 MJ said he was very pleased with the way everyone worked on the recording day at the APEX in January. He added that he was disappointed and frustrated that he had been unable to make contact with Matt Dilley regarding the extra recording sessions that are required to ensure the choir achieves a quality recording. With the proposed meeting as noted in 4.1 in a weeks time hopefully dates can be agreed on to finish the recording.
- 6.2 MJ said he had listened to a track by Coldplay called When I Need a Friend and would like to add it to the CD. MJ played this to the Committee who agreed it was a good song. MJ proposed that it could also be the title of the CD as the title and the words of the song epitomised the choir. The Committee agreed to this although there were thoughts from some that there could be a copyright issue.

- 7.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: ML** supplied a report in **IT's** absence
- 7.1 Possible charity concert at Trinity College Cambridge on Sunday 6th December 2020 for EACH. The Choir would receive a donation of £200. Could the committee confirm if they would like to participate.
The committee were in agreement in principal but felt they needed to know what type of music the choir would be expected to sing and what format the concert would be. **ML** said he would get back to Alan Moggridge the organiser of the event and ask for more information. **ML**
- 7.2 Contacted by Ian Blowers from Christdown MVC in Gloucestershire regarding a possible concert. They are on tour in Suffolk from September 17th - 20th and would like a concert. **IT** felt that as its just after the summer break and there is a concert the following week and also two in Bury St Edmunds before Christmas we should decline. After discussion the Committee agreed not to pursue this. **IT** to speak to his contact. **IT**
- 7.3 London Welsh MVC have a concert at the APEX on the same night as SEMVC's concert with Mansfield MVC. Should we try to move to a venue out of town or stay at St John's? After discussion the Committee agreed for the concert to go ahead as planned at St John's.
- 7.4 The Choir may be asked to sing in St Edmundsbury Cathedral as part of its 1000 year celebration on Saturday 11th July. Details to follow. **IT**
- 8.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR**
- 8.1 Sing For Your Supper now has 15 acts for the evening. Village Hall will be available from 6:00 pm for setting up.
- 9.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**
- 9.1 **RB** said he would know the hotels the choir would be staying in during the Austria Tour by the end of the week. It is likely that two coaches will be used rather than a large one which would allow more room for cases.
- 10.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: RVdZ**
- 10.1 The video of Bridge Over Troubled Water taken at the APEX has been put onto the Choir website and also on the Facebook page where it has had over 900 hits.
- 11.0 **Secretary's Report: ML**
- 11.1 **ML** advised the committee that from next term the school would require payment in advance for the hire of the school hall. As there are occasional weeks when the hall is not required adjustments for payment are made before the invoice is received. **IR** said that as the school is struggling financially any overpayment could be given to the school funds. **MJ** proposed that the overpayments could be put towards helping disadvantaged children at the school. The committee agreed to this although **ML** said the choir would probably have to be re-invoiced so that the extra money went to the disadvantaged fund. **ML** said he would speak to his contact at the school to discuss how any donations could be passed on. **ML**
- 12.0 **Nick Gane: Membership Secretary**
- 12.1 Nothing to report

13.0 **Librarian's Report: DP**

13.1 100 copies of We Will Rise Again ready to circulate to the choir **MJ** said to do this after the Austrian Tour.

DP

14.0 **Web Site: KF**

14.1 Activity on Facebook quiet but suggested that as Sing For Your Supper is coming up it would be good to get some information on the site.

15.0 **Any Other Business: None**

16.0 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 16th March **7:00 pm** Three Kings Fornham All Saints