



- 1.1 **RB** opened the meeting by welcoming Ashley Seaborne , potential successor to **IR**
Apologies for Absence: Andrew Conquest
- 1.2 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Ivor Thulborn, Nick Gane, Mark Jefferson, Kevin Farrell, David Peck, Calvin Goymer, Ashley Seaborne (invited) & Malcolm Lodge (Sec.)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of last meeting:** **IT** pointed out that 11.1 is incorrect, Tina is the school contact not the school caretaker. This was changed and the minutes of the meeting held on 25/11/19 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising: (Please refer to the previous minutes for the items in brackets).**
- 3.1 (4.21) **RVdZ** said he had spoken to Viv and she had found a programme called DAM which would full fill all the needs required to store the Choir's archive material. He said he would get costs once **DC** had compiled his backlog of material. **RVdZ**
- 4.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 4.1 **MJ** reported that during the Christmas break Matt Dilley the sound engineer who had agreed to do the choir recording contacted him to say he wouldn't be able to do it on 25th. Matt then came back on 30th December with a solution. He had found an excellent sound engineer (Gareth), who will step in to do the recording. The CD recording committee agreed to this format. The committee felt that everyone is geared up to the 25th January and agreed it should go ahead. The day at the Apex will start at 9:00 am and finish at 5:00 pm and not 7:00 pm as first thought. **MJ** said that it would probably not be possible to record all of the songs to the standard required in that timescale. **MJ** said he would like to finish the recordings at the Granary with a rehearsal a month for two to three months allowing the recording to be of good quality. These days would be planned after the recording at the APEX. **MJ** asked the committee to get in touch with Matt to arrange Thursday recording dates. **IT** and **RB** said they would do this. **IT/RB**
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT**
- 5.1 **IT** explained he had only recently been made aware that as well as the £15 per head charge per person for the buffet in the APEX after the recording a cost of £112 per hour plus VAT would also be required. After some discussion the committee felt that the after party would probably run for around 4 hours the cost of £500 was not acceptable. There was a majority vote of 4 to 2 to not proceed with the after party. Members to be made aware of the decision by **RB** during notices at the next rehearsal. **RB**
- 5.2 **IT** proposed that the choir should have a launch party after the recording was complete. He hoped Classic Femme and Quaf would be able to perform at this. The committee unanimously agreed to this proposal. Date to be confirmed once the recording has been completed. **RVdZ** to speak to Simon Shirm and **NG** to speak to Gill Garside regarding availability.

- 5.3 Smart casual for the recording.
- 5.4 **IT** said that Calvin Goymer would be unavailable to act as accompanist at the concerts on 6th and 27th of June this year. **IT** asked **MJ** if he would be ok with Ros Pitcher playing for these 2 concerts and he said yes. Ros will play at the choir rehearsal on 30th January as **CG** is unavailable.

6.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR**

- 6.1 The hall in Horringer has been booked for SFYS and the deposit played for Saturday 29th February.
- 6.2 The non musical content will be vetted before the day due to some unacceptable material used at last years event.
- 6.3 The Choir Annual Dinner will be on Friday 14th February at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club. The cost will be £30 for 3 courses including tea or coffee, or £26 if only 2 courses are requested. A single red rose will be supplied to each lady.

7.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**

- 7.1 **RB** asked **MJ** if he could record the remaining rehearsals before the recording so that they could be put onto the website for those members who are away. **MJ** said he would do that.
- 7.2 **RB** said Ros Pitcher would play at rehearsals every last Thursday in the month starting with 30th January as stated in 5.4.
- 7.3 **RB** said he had asked Ian Cooper to do a Health and Safety role as he had experience in this and Ian agreed. He has obtained information from a former colleague and **RB** said he would circulate this to the committee asap.
- 7.4 Further information regarding the Austrian Tour would shortly be available.

8.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: RVdZ - No Report**

9.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**

ML read out the report in **AC's** absence.

- 9.1 SEMVC committee meeting 06 January 2020
Treasurer's report
As of 5th January, our total funds are £58,989.29 and Euro 174.4
Of our funds held a net £14,965 relates to the Austria tour.
Payments received of £44,565 less amounts paid to the tour operator of £29,600.

Funds are £44,024 plus the euro balance.

- 9.1 Since my last report (and reflected in the above)

- 1 I have recovered the Gift Aid tax refund of £2439 including a small amount of interest. It includes gift aid on the gift in memory of Roger Gray of £500. The refund compares with £2207 recovered last year. Next year's refund is likely to be lower as both our subscriptions and donations will be less.
- 2 Carols and chips raised a gross £702 including raffle contribution of £197. I am awaiting the bill for the grub so the net surplus for choir funds is likely to be around £200
- 3 The choir's insurance premium of £254 has been paid (for the calendar year 2020) (no change from last year)
- 4 Barker Gotelee's legal fees were agreed at £1200 and have been paid
- 5 We have received the choir's fee of £160 for the XMAS market (and the music team have been paid)
- 6 Subscriptions received to date (including £288 re January to date) are £ 6704 in aggregate. This compares with a total of £8,786 last year. After allowing for subs due for the remainder of the financial year then we are likely to see an out-turn of c£8,100 - about £700 down on last year.

With regard to Austria the total to be paid by members is £59,956, therefore £15,391 is outstanding. Two members have only paid the initial deposit and I am chasing them.

Andrew Conquest
Honorary Treasurer

10.0 **Secretary's Report: ML**

10.1 Renewal letters sent to Friends

11.0 **Membership Secretary's Report: NG**

11.1 **NG** asked the committee why the choir doesn't rehearse on Maundy Thursday. No one had a definitive answer but it was decided to leave it as is.

11.2 Folder returned from Jack Skinner

12.0 **Librarian's Report: DP**

12.1 Mansfield MVC have offered £10 per set of music that SEMVC have passed to them. The committee felt it should be considerably more. **DP** to talk with Lynden Lowe at MMVC.

13.0 **WE Site: KF**

13.1 No unwanted activity on the Face Book page.

14.0 **Any Other Business:**

14.1 **IT** said that Tom Chaplin, Tina's son, is now the official caretaker of Howard Primary and the choir's contact regarding use of the hall.

14.2 **MJ** asked **NG** to email the membership asking them not to come into the hall until 7:15 at the next rehearsal as he and David Sadler would be recording some training material.

NG

15.0 **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 10th February 2020 7:30 pm Three Kings Fornham All Saints