



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 7:30 pm  
Three Kings Fornham All Saints

- 1.1 **Apologies for Absence: David Peck & Kevin Farrell**
- 1.2 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Mark Jefferson, Nick Gane & Malcolm Lodge (Sec.)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 23/09/19 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 **(4.3) IR** asked if Mansfield MVC had paid for any of the music they had received from SEMVC. **RB** said they hadn't been given a firm cost and would ask for a donation. **RB**
- 3.2 **(5.3)** Riff Raff have declined to sing church concerts but could hopefully play at the choir's dinner dance in February 2020. **RVdZ** said he could ask Simon Shirm if his group Quoff would play at future concerts. The committee agreed to this. **RVdZ**
- 3.3 **(6.7)** No meeting of the sub-committee for the recording has been held but will be asap. It was agreed there would be a meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Three Kings. **RB** said he would contact the people concerned for the meeting. **RB**
- 3.4 **(4.2)** Ros Pitcher will play at the rehearsal on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and then once a month payment to be at deputy accompanist rate. **RB/AC**
- 4.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 4.1 **MJ** apologised to **IR** and the choir for holding a note to long in one of the songs. **MJ** felt that the choir didn't sing to their potential in the Clare Concert although he added the second half was better than the first. **RVdZ** said it was very cold in the church which didn't help the singing. **MJ** said he may move people around at rehearsals in the future.
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT**
- 5.1 **IT** apologised for the standard of the food at the afterglow in Clare. The committee agreed it was very poor and based on this the choir would not use the Swan again. **IT** asked the committee if he could claim £30 for expenses as he had paid this money back to people who did not get any food. The committee agreed to this as well as **AC** sending a letter to the Swan to register the choirs disappointment of the poor quality of food supplied for the £250 that was paid in advance.
- 5.2 As the programme for the concert at St Mary's Church is long "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" has been withdrawn.
- 5.3 The concert date proposed to raise funds for Howard Primary has yet to be confirmed, but it will be on a rehearsal night hopefully in February 2020. **IT**
- 5.4 Gemma Alexander will sing with the choir at the concert in Church of Holy Innocents in Great Barton on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 . The afterglow will hopefully be at Thurston Rugby Club. TBC **IT**
- 5.5 Gilly Morgan mezzo soprano will join the concert at St Peter's Church Felsham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The afterglow will be in the village hall. Programme to be confirmed. **IT**

5.6 Joint concert with Braintree MVC will be at St Peter's Church in Sudbury on Sunday May 3rd

5.7 Date for "Sing For Your Supper" will be discussed at the next meeting when the section leaders are present.

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

6.1 Unfortunately using chairs on the stage in Clare Church for the concert wasn't practical.

6.2 The choir has been approached to sing at the Suffolk Show once again this will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Two sessions as in previous years, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The committee agreed to this.

**ALL**

7.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**

7.1 **RB, MJ, IT and Jan Seaborne** working on a reply to be forwarded to the Charity Commission following the incident in June.

7.2 Agreement is needed on the Code of Conduct **RB** to circulate updated version to the committee for agreement before circulating the choir. The original has been removed from the website.

**RB**

7.3 Safeguarding Policy has Tim Freathy as Lead and Sylvia Wilson as Deputy.

7.4 Ian Cooper has agreed to be Health and safety Officer for the choir.

7.5 Graham Poole has asked for more social functions to be organised. The committee agreed to Graham being asked if he would like to organise an event.

**RB**

8.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: RVdZ**

8.1 **RVdZ** suggested Simon Shirm with his band Quoff might be interested in using the Apex after the choir recording. **IR** added that the Octet might also be interested.

**RVdZ  
IR**

9.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**

9.1 Held in Current account £24562.78 of which £10,450 relates to net proceeds re the Austria Tour being income in advance less a deposit of £14,800 paid to the travel agent.

Also we hold £29458 on deposit and Euro9.40 in a current account and euro165 in cash.

Since last reporting, Bob Emery's memorial concert raised a net £845 after the usual payments of £160 to the music team resulting in a donation to cancer research of £800.

We received income from the Claire concert of £300 as agreed and paid £20 for flowers etc. and £160 to the music team

The tax refund for gift aid has been calculated as 25% of £9231 i.e. £2,308 on which interest will also be received. Last year we recovered £2207. We will ask Mrs Finch, who donated £500 in memory of Roger Gray, if she would be able to gift aid the donation. I need her contact details to do so (provided by Nick Gane at the meeting)

Subs received up to 20 October total £4480. David Davies – a new member has started paying subscriptions!

10.0 **Secretary's Report: ML No Report**

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

11.1 **NG** said he had another 500 business cards printed.

11.2 A new sheet for every member to sign and keep reminding them that they are responsible for their music and in the event of leaving must return all of the music back to the choir.

12.0 **Librarian's Report: DP Absent – No Report**

13.0 **Web Site: KF Absent**

13.1 **RVdZ** recommended to have the maintenance of the website in-house as to update it would be £700. Committee agreed to Viv looking at it next year.

14.0 **Any Other Business:**

14.1 **ML** suggested that the section leaders should be invited for the next meeting with a 7:00 pm start. The committee agreed to this,

14.2 **IT** said he would like to organise a theatre trip to London and also The Thursford Spectacular both for 2020

15.0 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November Three Kings Fornham All Saints 7:00 pm with Section Leaders.