



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12 August 2020 7:00 pm
30d St Andrews Street Bury St Edmunds

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** David Peck & Nick Gane
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Robertson, Andrew Conquest, Mark Jefferson, Nick Gane, Ivor Thulborn, Kevin Farrell, Calvin Goymer, Ashley Seaborne (invited) & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 29/07/20 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 4.0 **To Discuss Lockdown Musical Ideas: All**
MJ referred to the ideas sheet that he had circulated to the committee.
- Option 1**
MJ suggested the second virtual choir project could be One day Like This. As the work for the backing tracks would take at least a week he would need an answer on this soon if it was to go ahead. The committee agreed to this.
- Option 2**
Using **RB's** garden to record one song, possibly What Would I do Without My Music **MJ** said he could organise the sound system through Phil Robson and the recording would be done a section at a time with an hour allocated for each section.
- Option 3**
A conductor's weekly video diary perhaps taking a different piece of music from the repertoire each week and giving some background to it as well as the musical side. **MJ** said he was hopeful that **Nck Gane** would volunteer one week to explain his very unique style of how to learn lyrics. **MJ** added that he had been working on an arrangement of Windmills of Your Mind with Glenn Warriner and hoped to put this on the first video diary.
- Option 4**
MJ asked that a weekly quiz could be done on Zoom. **IT, AS and ML** agreed to do this. **IT** volunteered to do the first one in September.
- Option 5**
MJ said a Zoom meeting between Chris Parsons, Debbie Farrell and **MJ** was being organised by **KF** regarding the virtual recording project of Jerusalem that the committee had agreed to do with Bury St Edmunds Friendly Orchestra and Friends.

Option 6

The APEX are ok to have a maximum of 30 people in the auditorium. The cost would be based on the studio hire although the whole auditorium would be available to use. The cost would be £40 per hour plus VAT. **MJ's** idea would be to have 2 separate balanced choirs alternating each week for a rehearsal. The committee felt the cost would be acceptable and agreed that every member should be asked if they would like to do this **RVdZ** felt that he wouldn't feel comfortable asking members to sing in the APEX but the committee agreed the members were entitled to make their own decisions if this option was adopted.

Option 7

MJ asked **RB** if a choir newsletter containing all these ideas could be put together and circulated before the AGM. **RB** said he was confident he could do this with the help of Judy Robertson. It was agreed that an email be sent to the members asap explaining that the committee had been meeting recently and to outline the ideas that had been discussed and highlighting that there would be a newsletter available on the website before the AGM giving more details and asking for their views.

RB

5.0 **Any Other Business:**

5.1 The possibility of a choir barbecue was raised and **RVdZ** said he would speak to Tim with an aim for Sunday 13 September. The committee felt the social distancing could be carried out for this event to happen.

RVdZ

5.2 **IT** said the walk around Brancaster beach on Wednesday 19 August was going ahead and he has the maximum number of 30 people including himself going.

IT

5.3 All concerts either cancelled or postponed until further notice but the choir has been asked to sing at Trinity College in Cambridge in **December 2021**. Men2Sing want the choir to sing with them in 2021 no dates as yet obviously.

IT

5.4 **RVdZ** said that Dave Peck was still in hospital the committee hoped he would soon be home.

5.5 **RB** asked **ML** to send out reminders to the members about the AGM on Zoom and explaining the access code would be supplied by James Black before the meeting. The committee's answers to the two questions they had received are also to be sent at the same time.

ML/NG

6.0 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Thursday 27 August 6:30pm 30d St Andrews Street Bury St Edmunds