



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Thursday 27 August 2020 6:30pm  
30d St Andrews Street Bury St Edmunds

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence:

1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Andrew Conquest, Mark Jefferson, Nick Gane, Ivor Thulborn, Kevin Farrell, Calvin Goymer, Ashley Seaborne & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).

2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 12/08/20 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3.0 **Matters Arising:** None

### 4.0 Appointment of the Music Team:

**Appointment of Music Team:** The appointment of the Music Team of **Mark Jefferson, Calvin Goymer, Simon Shirm** and **Paul Davis** was unanimously agreed by the Committee. Proposed by **IT** and seconded by **AC**.

5.0 **Appointment of Librarian and Website Coordinator:** David Peck (proposed **ML** Seconded **NG**) and Kevin Farrell (proposed **AS** Seconded **IT**) were both invited to continue their respective roles.

### 6.0 To Discuss Members Replies on Committee Proposals:

6.1 **RB** said he had had 47 replies with 40 positive replies and 7 against to rehearsing in the APEX and also recording one piece of music in **RB's** garden. If the rehearsals were to go ahead there would be no music allowed. **MJ** agreed to give notice in good time what the choir would be singing. **MJ** said the conversation he had had with Michelle regarding the possibility of rehearsing at the APEX needed to be followed up and **ML** said he would do this. It was agreed that October would be the earliest to start any type of rehearsal. The committee agreed that the members who hadn't replied to the emails should be contacted by telephone to get their responses. **RB** to organise.

**ML/RB**

6.2 The recording in **RB's** garden was agreed for the Saturday 12 September with the 19 September being set as a fall-back date if the weather intervenes. The recording will consist of the 4 sections singing on their own. No copies or tablets to be used. It was agreed that the start time would be 11:00am with the top tenors, second tenors 12.00 noon, baritones 1:00pm and basses 2:00pm. **MJ** said he would check with Phil Robson the sound engineer that the dates were acceptable. **MJ** said the Choir would be singing What Would I do Without my Music.

**MJ**

6.3 Emails to go out to everyone after the phone contacts have been made explaining the next steps to start singing again.

6.4 **MJ** said he would try to do a video blog most weeks probably about 10-15 minutes long.

**MJ**

7.0 **Any Other Business:**

7.1 **RB** having circulated the committee a few days before the meeting said he had bought a digital radio for the retiring Concert Manager (Ian Robertson) and also proposed that he be given Life Membership of the Choir to recognise his work for the Choir.

Ian Robertson joined the meeting later where **RB** on behalf of the committee thanked him for his sterling work for the choir and said he would be formally presented with his radio and Life Membership Certificate when circumstances allow.

Ian thanked everyone and said he enjoyed doing the role but felt the time was right to step down and was sure Ashley would do a good job. He added he would still be around to help occasionally if needed and said he would continue collecting the choir statistics.

7.2 If the Austria trip fails to go ahead next June **all** the monies will be refunded.

**RB**

7.3 **AC** asked if the Choir would be prepared to sing carols on the village green in Felsham in December. The committee agreed to this in principal and will ask the members nearer to the time depending on the circumstances.

**RB/IT**

7.4 It was agreed that the next meeting would be via ZOOM and the following meeting would be on Thursday 8 October at Felsham Village Hall.

**ALL**

8.0 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Thursday 17 September 7:30pm via ZOOM