



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 9 November 2020 7:30pm  
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** David Peck, Kevin Farrell
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Mark Jefferson, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Ashley Seaborne, Nick Gane, Calvin Goymer, Malcolm Lodge (Sec)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 12/10/20 were accepted by the Committee & signed by the Secretary as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- 3.1 **4.1 RB** spoke to Michelle at the APEX but in view of the current restrictions no decisions were taken regarding booking rehearsal dates.
- 3.2 **6.1 MJ** said he had had no response from Matt Dilley.
- 3.3 **6.3 RB** said he had spoken with Jan Seaborne and it was felt that both the Code of Conduct and The Safeguarding Policy review date could be moved to September 2021. **RB** added that Ian Cooper should do a risk assessment before the Choir resumes rehearsals.
- 3.4 **7.1** Regarding the steps on the staging the first step up from the floor is 13" and it was agreed that this is too high, the subsequent steps are 9" high which is about 1" more than the average staircase. **AS** pointed out that the cost to reduce the 9" steps would be immense but said as the Choir goes onto the stage from the sides that is where the modifications need to be done. **AS** said that he would measure up to see what was needed to be done. It was also pointed out that the rostrum that **MJ** uses for conducting was not safe enough and needed to be replaced/modified. **AS/RVdZ** to meet regarding the work to be carried out to improve the side rails. **AS/RVdZ**
- 4.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 4.1 The only suitable available date for a concert at the APEX in October/November 2021 at the APEX is Sunday 24 October. **IT** added that the Military Wives Choir agreed to that date but LIFT, the West Suffolk Hospital Choir were not sure they could do it. **IT** believed it would not be difficult to arrange for another choir to fill that date but hoped that LIFT would still be able to participate and proposed that the £500 deposit that the choir had passed to the APEX for the original booking should be moved to this date. The committee agreed to this. **AC** said he would contact the APEX about the deposit. **AC**
- 5.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 5.1 **RB** raised the subject of the email from Den Cartwright regarding the health of his wife Diane that may result in him being unable to continue with the Choir but most certainly resigning as the second tenor's section leader. After discussion it was agreed that the Choir through the committee should offer help to Den and Diane. **RB** said he would send a letter to Den. **RB**

5.2 **IT** said he had received an email from Gareth at Stapleford Granary during the meeting apologising for not making recent contact but confirming that he was now working on the Choir tracks and would get back to him when everything is complete.

6.0 **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 7 December 7:30pm Via ZOOM