



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Thursday 17 September 2020 7:30pm
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Andrew Conquest, Ashley Seaborne, Nick Gane & David Peck
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Mark Jefferson, Ivor Thulborn, Kevin Farrell & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 27/08/20 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- 6.1 **ML** asked the committee what their thoughts were concerning restarting rehearsals at the APEX given the recent updated Covid-19 advice from the Government, All the committee agreed that starting rehearsals at this time was not possible. **ML** said he would contact Michelle at the APEX to let her know the decision. **ML**
- 4.0 **RB** said that Ros Pitcher should have been added to the Music Team Appointment at the last meeting. The committee agreed this was an oversight and duly added Ros to the team.
- 4.0 **To Discuss Progress on Getting the Choir Back Together:**
- 4.1 There was a lot of discussion on this but with the recent tightening by the Government of the amount of people allowed to be together the outcome was that there is no chance of any kind of rehearsal starting until restrictions are lifted. The feedback from the members was mainly disappointment but with the understanding that the committee had no choice but to put rehearsals on hold.
- 4.2 **MJ** suggested that perhaps the weekly blogs that he is doing could be put on the website so that other choirs could access them if they wanted to. **RVdZ** to ask Viv if she could do this. **RVdZ**
- 4.3 **KF** said he would contact Chris Parsons as it seems there are a number of members who didn't get the full email from Chris containing the music for the virtual recording of Jerusalem. **KF**
- 5.0 **Choir's Mailing Address:**
- 5.1 **IT** pointed out that the contact address for the Choir hadn't been changed since **MJ** had moved to a different teaching post. **IT** proposed that the secretary's name and email address should be the one on the website. This was agreed by all of the committee.
- 5.2 **MJ** asked **ML** if he would forward the Friends mailing list. **ML**

6.0 **Any Other Business:**

6.1 **RB** said Melody Music were hoping to take a group to Austria in March, 2 months before the Choir's Tour is due this will be followed with close interest by the committee. The committee agreed that we would need to know by the end of February if the tour could go ahead and if not the mechanism for refunds would need to start.

RB

6.2 Safeguarding policy needs updating because of Covid-19 **RB** said he would contact Ian Cooper. When the choir resumes **RB** felt we would need a sub-section written into the policy. It was pointed out that the government guidelines would probably be sufficient otherwise we could be continually changing it.

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RB said restrictions are likely to be with us for a long while and **RVdZ** added that singing indoors is very high risk and **MJ** agreed saying it might even be suspended.

6.3 **IT** said he had been asked if quiz nights could be changed from Wednesday to Thursday the same day as rehearsal nights. He said this will start in October and the first one will be on Thursday 8 October.

6.4 Fred Spoon is moving to Scotland and Tina at Howard Primary is missing the choir. Ivor said he would contribute to one of **MJ's** forthcoming virtual logs and it would be based on the history of the Choir.

IT

7.0 **Next Meeting:**

Monday 12 October 7:30pm hosted by **IT** on ZOOM