



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 7:30 pm  
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Mark Jefferson & Calvin Goymer
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Ashley Seaborne, Nick Gane, Kevin Farrell, Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of the last meetings:** Minutes of the meetings held on 04/01/21 & 11/01/21 were accepted by the Committee & signed by the Secretary as true and correct records.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** From 04/01/21
- (4.1) **AS** requested that as **MJ** was not at the meeting the subject of improving the sound should be put on the agenda for the next meeting this was agreed. **MJ**
- (4.2) **IT** said that Gareth had failed to return his calls. It was proposed that **IT** tried again and also ask for a copy of the recording so that if necessary it could be edited by someone else. **IT**
- 4.0 **Music Team:** No Report
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary:** **IT** No Report **ALL**
- 6.0 **Concert Manager:** **AS**
- 6.1 **AS** said that he wanted to have a scale of charges for hiring out the staging and he supplied the following proposals for the committee to discuss.
- EQUIPMENT HIRE CHARGES**
- Stage**
- Members** – £1 per section regardless of height, includes board, safety rail and step.
- Charities or non-profit organisations** (Including public schools) – £4 per section regardless of height, includes board, safety rail and step.
- Private organisations** (Including private schools) – £6 per section regardless of height, includes board, safety rail and steps.
- Transport**
- If required, an additional charge at 30p per mile may be made depending on time and distance. Help **MUST** be available to unload, assemble and load. SEMVC supervision will be provided.
- If not required, evidence of insurance cover for towing trailer and equipment must be provided, the hirer is entirely responsible for assessing the suitability of the towing vehicle to tow the weight of the horsebox and contents. Basic assembly instruction will be given, but unloading, assembly and loading is entirely at hirers risk.
- Previous arrangement.
- There is no set rate.
- Culford has been at £300 for about 5 years.

Barton Players has been £50 for at least 10 years when there used to be several choir members in the group. They can't afford any more but would be in a muddle without it. I tended to ask for a contribution when it was a choir member involved. Otherwise, as much as you can get, particularly if there is a lot of work involved, assembly, moving trailers etc.

**AC** said that if we set up a system of charges it could be seen by the Charity Commission that SEMVC were trading so it was possible they would withdraw charity status from the choir. If donations are accepted, then there is no tax involved. **AC** said he would look into the implications if the Choir decided on structured charging.

**AC**

The choir has 2 horse boxes that contain staging, and **RB** said it was not an easy operation to pull the horse boxes as they were very heavy. It was discussed that a 2 ton aluminium trailer would be better. **AS & RVdZ** to look into the cost.

**AS**

**RVdZ**

It was agreed that the cost per mile for taking and picking up any staging that is hired out should be increased from 30 pence to 45 pence per mile.

**ALL**

#### 7.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**

7.1 **RB** said he believed that it was impractical for the Austrian Tour to go ahead and asked the committee to give him the go ahead to reclaim the hotel monies through Melody Music. He added his thanks to Melody Music for all their help and expressed a hope that the choir would use them on a future tour. The committee agreed to this.

**RB**

#### 8.0 **Vice Chairman's report: RVdZ**

8.1 The names of everyone who have access to change or add to the website have been forwarded to **KF**.

8.2 David Pecks funeral is on 4/02/21 and sadly it looks like his wife who is in hospital will be unable to attend. **RVdZ & IT** will represent the Choir. Funeral is at St Peter & St Paul Church Clare.

8.3 **RVdZ** said he had been unable to get a price for anodising or plating the staging frames as they needed to be stripped of the existing paint first. **RVdZ** said he will get costs for both processes.

**RVdZ**

9.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC** Nothing to Report

10.0 **Secretary's Report: ML** Nothing to Report

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

11.1 John Levantis has apologised to the Choir for sending an email to the members with everyone's address showing.

11.2 Mark Whitehead has re-joined the Choir.

12.0 **Website: KF**

- 12.1 No activity of the Facebook page of the Choir website,
- 12.2 **KF** asked **NG** if he would send him an up-to-date list of the members. **NG**
- 12.3 **KF** raised the question of who owns the blogs that **MJ** has put on the website and suggested it could be an agenda item for another meeting. He continued by saying that none of the blogs are now available on the website and agreed to speak to **MJ** in regard to getting some of the blogs back up that had useful tips for the members. **KF**
- 13.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 13.1 **ML** said he had met Jeff Prosser who had passed his music back as he is moving to Norwich.
- 13.2 **RB** said a new Librarian would be needed but it was agreed to defer any appointment until such time as the choir was in a position to start rehearsing again. **ALL**
- 14.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 March 7:30pm Via ZOOM**