



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 4 January 2021 7:30pm  
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Ashley Seaborne
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Mark Jefferson, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Nick Gane, Kevin Farrell, Calvin Goymer, Malcolm Lodge (Sec)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 07/12/20 were accepted by the Committee & signed by the Secretary as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 4.0 **Music Team: MJ**
- 4.1 **MJ** said he had been advised by Phil Robson the best way to improve the sound would be to purchase a Yamaha Stage Pass. The price of one of these is around £700 but it would be preferable to invest in 2 so as to get the sound balance right. Ideally whatever the purchase it would be desirable to be able to trial it. **MJ** said he would enquire. **MJ**
- 4.2 Still nothing from Gareth regarding editing of the recording. **AC** confirmed that no money has been paid regarding the editing so if Gareth couldn't complete the choir could request the recordings were passed back and someone else could do the editing. It was agreed that Gareth should be given the chance to do this **IT** said he would contact him. **IT**
- 4.3 **MJ** thanked Calvin, Simon and Paul for their contributions to the Christmas Vlog.
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 5.1 Quiz returning on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Hosts for the quiz covered until the end of January
- 6.0 **Concert Manager: RB** supplied the following in the absence of **AS**
- 6.1 New music stand made for **MJ**
- 6.2 Nothing done as yet regarding costing for hiring of the stage **AS**
- 7.0 **Chairman: RB**
- 7.1 **RB** expressed the feelings of all the committee when saying how sad he was to hear of the death of the Choir's long-time librarian and bass singer David Peck. **IT** said he had spoken to his wife and the funeral would be on 18, 19, or 20 January 2021, and he has passed some of the Choir's CD's to her as she wished for them to be played at the church. Unfortunately, there is a dispute amongst the family over which church the ceremony should be held in.
- 7.2 Possible Memorial Concert to be held when conditions allow for David and Jim Beardsmore who also recently passed away.

- 7.3 **RvdZ** volunteered to collect all the music that David has when conditions allow. **RVdZ**
- 7.4 Librarian to be appointed in the near future.
- 8.0 **Vice Chairman: RvdZ** Nothing to report
- 9.0 **Treasurer: AC**
- 9.1 **AC** supplied up to date accounts.  
We currently (as of 31 December 2020) hold balances of £43670. (£43257 at 31 March 2020). This includes subs for the nine months of £6272 and a tax refund re gift aid of £2107 – plus a little bit of interest. (Compared with £2379 last year)  
Choir expenditure in the nine months has been £3600 for the music team, just over £1k in relation to the website and insurance and quiz prizes of £217.
- We have also of course in the period paid £20,407 in refunds in relation to the Austria tour (for the airfares and final night dinner) together with £980 for one traveller, of which £17036 was funded by the travel agent.
- Our total subs for the year to 31 March 2021 are now likely to be c£7952, compared with £8264 last year, a reduction of £312. The tax refund reduction of £272 is due to a reduction in income from subs and donations. If our subs are c. 8k for the year to March 2021 then our tax refund is likely to be c. £2000. (We receive 25% of all gift-aided payments as a tax refund.
- 10.0 **Secretary: ML** Nothing to report
- 11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG**
- 11.1 Jeff Prosser top tenor is moving to Norwich at the end of January
- 12.0 **Website: KF** Nothing to Report
- 13.0 **Any Other Business: None**
- 14.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1 February 2021 7:30pm via ZOOM** **ALL**