



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 7 December 2020 7:30pm  
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** David Peck & Calvin Goymer
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Mark Jefferson, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Ashley Seaborne, Nick Gane, Kevin Farrell, Malcolm Lodge (Sec)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 09/11/20 were accepted by the Committee and signed by the Secretary as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- 3.1 **3.4 AS & RVdZ** met and will get prices for coating the barriers, a new music stand has been bought and this will be able to be attached to a barrier. It was suggested that a holder should be incorporated into the barrier for the microphone. **AS** said he would look into that. **AS**
- 3.2 **4.1** The £500 deposit for the APEX concert for November 2020 has now been accepted as a deposit for the concert on Sunday 24 October 2021. **IT**
- 3.3 **5.1 RB** has sent a letter to Den Cartwright as requested by the committee. **RB**
- 4.0 **Music Team: MJ**
- 4.1 **MJ** said he had no contact from Gareth **IT** said he would try and make contact with him before the next meeting.
- 4.2 **MJ** suggested that assuming the Choir Tour to Austria goes ahead it might be a good idea to choose easier music for the repertoire as we still don't know when we will be able to start rehearsing again. This was agreed by everyone. **MJ**
- 4.3 As part of his online blog **MJ** said the music team will put together 3 pieces of music for the Choir before Christmas. **MJ**
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 5.1 Quizzes going very well **IT** asked for permission from the committee to have a few more prizes for the Christmas Quiz. This was agreed by everyone.
- 6.0 **Concert Manager: AS**
- 6.1 **AS** said that he intends to set up structured pricing for hiring out the staging.
- 6.2 **AS** said that he will speak to Ian Cooper regarding health and safety of the staging before any concerts are performed. **AS**
- 7.0 **Chairman: RB**
- 7.1 **RB** confident that the tour will go ahead everyone will need to be reminded that they must have adequate insurance as the UK will no longer be a member of the EU. **RB**

7.2 If rehearsals are to resume as well as the APEX other venues in the short term could be looked at. **RB & IT** agreed to pursue the possibility of using sports and village halls. **RB** said he would speak to Michelle to see what dates are available to book at the APEX in January/February. A decision when to restart rehearsals was deferred until January. **RB**

8.0 **Vice Chairman: RVdZ**

8.1 **MJ's** Vlogs – links have been put on the Choir website.

9.0 **Treasurer: AC** Nothing to report.

10.0 **Secretary: ML**

10.1 Annual subscription for National Association of Choirs due by 1 January. Next year's fee reduced from £55 to £25 because of the Covid impact on choirs. **ML** said he would scan the invoice to **AC** so he could pay by BACS. **ML/AC**

11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG**

11.1 Mark Whitehead has moved to Long Melford and his details have been updated in the Members Area on the website.

11.2 **NG** said he would approach John Craig ex top tenor for the return of his music folder.

12.0 **Web Site: KF** Nothing to report.

13.0 **Any Other Business:**

13.1 **ML** said he had encountered problems accessing the Choir website. The anti-virus software (McAfee) kept blocking access. **KF** said it was only McAfee that appeared to have this problem and he advised **ML** to go into settings on his McAfee and allow the choir IP address to be accepted.

14.0 **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 4 January 2021 7:30pm Via ZOOM