



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 12 July 2021 7:30pm  
Meeting via ZOOM

1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** None

1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ivor Thulborn, Nick Gane, Ashley Seaborne, Andrew Conquest, Ian Cooper, Glenn Warriner, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).

2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of the meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Minutes of the meeting held on 14/06/21 were accepted by the committee and signed by the secretary as a true and correct record.

3.0 **Matters Arising:**

(From previous Matters Arising) Ian Morgan has accepted the offer to become the Choir's President with John Balaam accepting a Vice Presidents role.

**(6.1) AS** said the idea of trying to sell the horse box was rather optimistic as it is in a very poor state. He asked the committee to give him the authority to dispose of it for free if getting a payment was not possible. The committee agreed to this.

**(12.1) IT** said it seems very unlikely that the person mentioned will be joining the choir.

4.0 **Music Team: MJ**

4.1 **MJ** said he would finish the editing of the APEX recording during the school summer holidays. He added once this is done a decision to record more music(as was the original idea) would need to be made.

5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**

5.1 The concert scheduled for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the APEX should go ahead as planned, Military Wives still keen to do the concert LIFT the hospital choir have had no time to rehearse over the last year so **IT** proposed the joint number should be You Raise Me Up. Soloist Gemma Alexander will also be performing.

5.2 Carols and Chips is booked for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at Bury Rugby Club

6.0 **Concert Manager: AS**

6.1 **AS** proposed that a Sing For Your Supper evening should be staged ideally before the end of October early November as this would bring people together for a social evening that has been so sorely missed. It was agreed to try and book Horringer village Hall for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. **AS** added that Ed Bacon who has always compared these events would like to stand down from this but is prepared to open and close the show. **AS** said he would fill in unless someone else wanted to do it. **RB** said he would contact Horringer concerning the booking, **AS** to speak to Ian Robertson concerning the alcohol licence for the evening.

**AS/RB**

- 7.0 **Chairman: RB**
- 7.1 The trailer is only insured for £1000 and that is when it is uncoupled, separate insurance for when it's being towed is not available. Whoever tows the trailer it would go on their insurance but only covered by third party insurance. **AS** said he would ask Ian Robertson who nearly always towed the trailer for a number of years how his insurance covered this. **AS**
- 7.2 **RB** said that **AC** would talk about refunds from Austria in **9.0**
- 8.0 **Vice Chairman: RVdZ**
- 8.1 Website needs updating something that could be done next year possibly. Viv is monitoring the social media side of the website to ensure that nothing inappropriate is being put on as Kevin did when he was website coordinator. **RB** said he would mention the need for a volunteer to be a media coordinator in the next Newsletter(3-4 weeks). **RB**
- 9.0 **Treasurer: AC**
- 9.1 The outstanding refunds for the cancelled Austrian tour amount to around £35000 less the airfare refunds that have been returned. Melody Music are currently holding holiday vouchers for the hotels as the hotels have refused to refund. Melody Music have informed **AC/RB** that they have had an approach from a Welsh Choir who propose to do a trip to Salzburg and Vienna in 2022 and they have suggested if this goes ahead they would pay SEMVC the money owed **but not until they have received the monies from the Welsh Choir**. This could be later this year or even next year. **AC** said he doesn't think they are being dishonest but it's a long while to wait bearing in mind how long they have had the monies.
- Melody Music has negative reserves of -£44,000 so getting the money back by suing them probably wouldn't work as they would go bust and there wouldn't be any money to pay out. **AS** asked if there was anything in writing to confirm the vouchers both **AC/RB** said they hadn't seen anything. **IC** said perhaps we could do the tour at a later date.
- AC** said he would speak unofficially to a solicitor friend to see what advice he might suggest. **RB** said he would email Melody Music and ask them for proof of the vouchers. This information will be fed back at the next committee meeting. **AC/RB**
- 9.2 It was agreed to donate £250 to Pakenham Church for their kind permission of letting the choir rehearse in the church grounds over the last few weeks. **ALL**
- 10.0 **Secretary: ML**
- 10.1 Because there was a strong possibility that **ML** wouldn't be at the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September he proposed that it be put back a week to 16<sup>th</sup> September. The committee agreed to this.
- 11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG**
- 11.1 Chris Boothby is moving to Birmingham
- 11.2 Hopefully new top tenor, Andrew Bonner will join the choir once we start back indoors on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- 11.3 **NG** said he hadn't seen the email that **AS** circulated before the meeting regarding the description of the Section Leaders role. **NG** said he would look at this and combine it with the ideas that he had ready for the next meeting. **NG**

12.0 **Any Other Business:**

12.1 It was pointed out that manual handling of the staging would need to be demonstrated to choir members who help to assemble the staging before a concert.

**IC**

12.2 **GW** asked if he could purchase some lever arch files and storage boxes to help him organise the choir music since he took on the Librarians role. The committee agreed to this.

**ALL**

13.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 7:30 pm via ZOOM**

