



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 14 June 2021 7:30 pm
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Andrew Conquest & Ashley Seaborne
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ivor Thulborn, Nick Gane, Ian Cooper, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of the meeting on Monday 17th May:** Minutes of the meeting held on 17/05/21 were accepted by the committee and signed by the secretary as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- (3.0) **RB** Still waiting on the Austrian tour refunds.
- (7.1) **RB** reported that he had spoken to Ian Morgan regarding him accepting the offer to be Choir President. Ian said he would like to speak to John Balaam a close friend and also a Vice President of the Choir before making a decision. **RB** continued by saying that he expected either Ian or John would accept the invite to be President. **RB** said he would confirm this at the next meeting if this was acceptable to the committee. This was agreed by all of the committee. **RB**
- (9.2) **RB** said he had spoken to Jackie Deane and she was very pleased that the President's Fund had been renamed the Paul Deane Memorial Fund.
- (12.1) The tow bar for **AS** to pull the choir trailer has been paid for by the choir with an agreement by **AS** that it will be available for pulling the choir trailer for at least 3 years.
- 4.0 **Music Team: MJ**
- 4.1 The first draft of the Choir's recording at the APEX have been received by **MJ** from Gareth. **RB** suggested that perhaps the committee could hear some of the recordings before the editing was done. After discussion it was agreed to wait until **MJ** had been able to do the necessary editing as there were also copyright laws to take into consideration and it would be better to do this once the editing was complete. **MJ**
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 5.1 **IT** said he had visited Gareth's house but although not there he left a message for him to contact him asap. This he did do resulting in **MJ** finally getting the recordings.
- 5.2 Christmas Fayre for this year has been cancelled for the second consecutive year so no concert on the Angel Hill.
- 5.3 Carols and Chips dates available at Bury Rugby Club are 16th or 23rd December. The committee agreed to have this on Thursday 23rd December. **IT**
- 6.0 **Concert Manager: AS**
- 6.1 **RB** asked the committee on behalf of **AS** if he could dispose of one of the horse boxes. The committee agreed to this but added it should be sold rather than just disposed of. **ALL**

7.0 **Chairman: RB**

7.1 As the government has put back full lockdown measures being lifted **RB** proposed that the choir rehearsals should continue outside at Pakenham Church up to and including Thursday 22nd July and then start back at Howard School on Thursday 9th with the AGM. The committee agreed in principle but **IT** proposed that the rehearsals should start on Thursday 2nd September with the AGM on 9th September as proposed. This was agreed by all of the committee. **NG** to send an email to all the members.

NG

8.0 **Vice Chairman: RVdZ**

8.1 Photographs taken at the first rehearsal at Pakenham on 20th May have been put onto the website.

8.2 **RVdZ** said he had been asked if there was going to be a choir barbecue. This was discussed but all agreed it was impossible to make a decision at this time. **RVdZ** added that Tim Freathy would host again if the rules allowed.

9.0 **Treasurer: AC** (Report sent in absence)

9.1 Current balance 12,384 current account £29458. Deposit total £41,842 plus Euro 9.40

All above up to today's date and is after paying £4700 for trailer and £270.25 for signage.

Also includes the donations we received in memory of Paul Deane - £1000 in respect of the general fund and £2000 for the Presidents fund now renamed the Paul Deane Memorial Fund.

Barry Cole who normally pays his subs in full in May hasn't done so (or paid £8).

I have yet to submit the accounts for last year to the examiner but will be able to do so next week. Our AGM I suggest is therefore held sometime in August to give the examiner time to examine and it will give time for the government to fully relax the Covid rules enabling is to hold the AGM indoors.

I shall be away during the week commencing 16 August so suggest it is held the previous week on Thursday 12th August

10.0 **Secretary: ML**

10.1 **ML** thanked everyone for emailing their suggestions for the Section Leader's role. After a short discussion **NG** offered to compile a structured list for this role to be ready for the next meeting.

NG

11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG** – Nothing to report

12.0 **Any Other Business:**

12.1 **IT** said there might be a possible new member joining the choir. This person has watched part of the choir's rehearsals over the last couple of weeks.

12.2 As Glenn Warriner has agreed to be the Choir's Librarian a formal invite to attend committee meetings from next month should be made. **IT** said he would speak to Glenn and **ML** said he would put him on the committee list.

IT/ML

12.3 **IC** said Phil Kemp has a colleague who runs a choir and he would like to see how SEMVC have set out the social distancing for singing. **IC** asked the committee if he could attend a rehearsal to see this he added he had sent him some bullet points to adhere to but not the choir's plan as that is dependent on numbers attending. All agreed to this.

ALL

13.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th July 7:30 pm Via ZOOM**

