



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 17 May 2021 7:30pm
Meeting via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Nick Gane & Ashley Seaborne
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest, Ian Cooper, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge (Sec).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of the meeting on Monday 26th April:** Minutes of the meeting held on 26/04/21 were accepted by the committee and signed by the secretary as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- (3.0) **IT** reported that Suzanne Peck had contacted him to say there was no more choir music in the house as none had been found in the loft.
- RB** said he had sent a letter to Paul Deane's widow Jackie and she was happy for Paul's profile to be removed from the website. The £1000 that Paul left in his will for the choir has been received. **AC** added that £2000 had also been donated from the family to the choir. **RB** said he would send a letter of thanks to the family. **RB**
- (7.3) No money has come through from Melody Music from the cancelled Austrian Tour. The refunds will have to come through their insurance and **RB** said he has been assured that this will happen and that he is regular contact. **RB**
- (10.1) If Howard Primary are unable to offer the school for rehearsals immediately after all restrictions are lifted then the choir can use St Mary's Church in Bury St Edmunds. **RB**
- 4.0 **Music Team: MJ** - Nothing to report
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 5.1 The Thursday Night Quiz has now finished and **IT** felt it had been a really successful event over the last 8 months.
- 5.2 Michelle McCoy had made contact and asked for some info about the Choir to go into the APEX programme. **IT** added he was only given 3 days to do this and has accompanied some information about the choir and the concert and added the My Wish logo to be put into the programme. As it is a Sunday it is possible to have an afternoon start time. **MJ** suggested 3.30 pm. **IT** said he would contact Michelle to confirm this. Having spoken to Debbie at the Honington Military Wives she was hopeful that the Commander of Honington would attend the concert. **IT** added that he had spoken to Gemma Alexandra regarding singing at the concert and she promised to keep that date free. **MJ** said he was a little concerned when the choir would be able to do a full concert, **IC** added that it seems performing arts is on the back burner as far as the government is concerned and there is nothing coming out regarding choirs singing in public.
- 5.3 **IT** said he still hadn't been able to contact Gareth regarding the choir recording and was prepared to go to his house this coming weekend to try and resolve the editing of the recording. **IT**

- 6.0 **Concert Manager: AS (RB reporting in AS's absence)**
- 6.1 The signwriters work has been completed on the trailer and **RB** said he would forward the photos to the committee. **RB**
- 7.0 **Chairman: RB**
- 7.1 **RB** asked the committee for approval for him to contact Ian Morgan to ask him to be President of the choir. **RB** explained he believed he would be a good choice to help to promote the choir. The committee agreed to this. **RB**
- 7.2 The first proposed outside rehearsal on Thursday 20th May at St Mary's Church Pakenham will go ahead subject to the weather. **IC & RB** had looked at the proposed site and there is ample room to have the choir socially distanced. The plan is to have people arriving after 7:00 pm where they will be directed to the car park and be asked to stay in their cars until called forward to take their positions as set out by **IC's** plan. Members must bring their own chairs and music with no sharing of music allowed. **NG** will do the register for all members attending as the tick sheet method cannot be used. **RB** said a decision to go ahead with the rehearsal would be made on Thursday at 1:00pm. All members who have indicated they want to rehearse will receive an email from **NG** to say whether the rehearsal is on or not. **RB** will text **MJ** with the same message. **NG/RB**
- 7.3 **RB** said he would send out a newsletter after the rehearsals start. **RG**
- 7.4 Melody Music have been unable to obtain refunds from the hotels in Austria. **RB's** contact has told him he will get the choir's money back via Melody Music's insurance. The way this will be done is for SEMVC to sue Melody Music for negligence. Melody Music will email **RB** with wording so that a letter can be drafted by the committee this will then be sent to Melody Music and they in turn will claim on their insurance. **RB** is hopeful for getting a date on this shortly. **RB**
- 8.0 **Vice Chairman: RVdZ**
- 8.1 The Section Leader Vacancies for Top and Second Tenors have had volunteers for both posts. Tim Freathy (Top) and Simon Loughe (Second) also Glenn Warriner has volunteered to do the role of Choir Librarian. There are no volunteers for website coordinator as yet. **IT** said he had spoken to Glenn and he would like a filing cabinet as there is a lot of music. The committee agreed to this.
- 8.2 Updates that Kevin Farrell had asked Viv to do before he stood down from the committee are being done. **RVdZ**
- 9.0 **Treasurer: AC**
- 9.1 **AC** reported that the choir fund stood at £41,105 this includes the recent £1000 bequeathed to the choir from former President Paul Deane's will,
- 9.2 **AC** proposed that the President's Fund be renamed the Paul Deane Memorial Fund given the recent generous donations from Paul Deane's son of £2000 together with the £1000 that Paul left to the choir. The committee agreed to this. **RB** said he would write a letter to Paul's widow Jackie to explain this. **RB**

- 10.0 **Secretary: ML** – Nothing to report.
- 11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG** (Absent but emailed the following questions).
- 11.1 Pakenham rehearsal for Thursday 20th May: Covered in **7.2**
- 11.2 Rehearsal Register: Covered in **7.2**
- 11.3 New appointments: Covered in **8.1**
- 12.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 12.1 **AS** has changed his car and needs a new tow bar to use on the choir trailer **IT** proposed that the choir should pay for this. This was agreed by the committee. **ALL**
- 13.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th June 7:30 pm via ZOOM** **ALL**

