



St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Minutes Of Committee Meeting

Monday 23rd August 7:30 pm
Meeting Via ZOOM

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** M Jefferson, G Warriner, A Seaborne & M Lodge
- 1.1 **Present:** Rob Bream (Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ian Cooper, Ivor Thulborn, Andrew Conquest & Nick Gane
- 2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of the meeting on Monday 9th August:** Minutes of the meeting held on 09/08/21 were accepted by the committee as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 4.0 **Music Team: MJ** absent no report.
- 5.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 5.1 **IT** met with **MJ** to discuss the music for the APEX Concert in October.
- 5.2 **IT** had been able to meet with Brooke, the new assistant MD of the Military Wives Choir at Honington and 'You Raise Me Up' had been agreed as a joint item. He had also spoken with Gemma Alexander who was very happy to be part of the concert with some solo numbers as well as singing the Look of Love and Walk On By with SEMVC. **IT** still hoped that Lift would be able to take part in the concert in some fashion. **IT** had tried to speak with Michelle McCoy at the Apex about ticket prices, but she was away on her honeymoon until next week. Viv had kindly produced some publicity material which would be ready to send to the printers as soon as ticket prices were confirmed. **IT** hoped that choir members would be entitled to one cheaper ticket for the concert. A budget was needed for the Apex concert. Ivor was hoping that Ash would take the lead on this. Military Wives Choir needed to claim for their conductors' fees plus cost of music for You Raise Me Up
- IC** asked about using social media to promote the concert and **IT** hoped that as soon as Jules Mills was on board this would be underway.
- AC** and **IC** asked about what the Apex was charging. **IT** was not 100% sure but felt there would be a booking fee on ticket purchases as well as being charged for premises, piano etc
- Any profits from the concert would go to the Royal British Legion and My Wish (West Suffolk hospital)
- Viv had reminded Ivor about a proposed Christmas concert at Trinity College Chapel in Cambridge. Alan Muggridge who had booked us for this event was still keen for it to go ahead but Trinity were not taking any bookings as yet.
- 5.3
- 6.0 **Concert Manager: AS** absent no report.

7.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**

7.1 Chairman's report. A quote for trailer insurance had been received but when being towed it has to go on tower's insurance so we might have to pay excess on that person's insurance. **AC** disappointed he had not got a quote yet from our brokers. Some frustration still felt and matter still to be fully resolved.

7.2 St Mary's had been hired for 5 rehearsals in September as Trinity Methodist would not take any bookings and the situation at Howard school was not clear. Other rehearsal possibilities were discussed but with no staff at school until next week it would take time to resolve. The AGM would be at St Mary's church on Thursday 16th September. No parking allowed in the churchyard. Choristers will be asked to bring flasks of coffee/tea. We can use their piano and the cost will be £50.00 per session.

8.0 **Vice Chairman: RVdZ** Nothing to report

9.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC**

9.1 With regard to our claim against Melody Music Pretty's Solicitors had been instructed to proceed. However, government Covid rules meant that MM could not be forced into insolvency until the end of September at the earliest. The best solution is for MM to pay from the benefit of the hotel vouchers they hold as and when they are used for an alternative tour by another choir. MM have indicated that they will offer a repayment plan, but this is awaited. In the meantime, Pretty's will send a formal demand letter which is hoped will prompt a formal response.

9.2 **AC** still to pay a donation to Pakenham church for use of their grounds for rehearsals from May to July (£250.00).

10.0 **Secretary's Report: ML** absent report via **RB**

10.1 No one available to contact at Howard Community School regarding booking of the hall until 26th August.

11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG**

11.1 Nick said a lot of information had gone to our new Librarian, Glenn Warriner such as updated repertoire lists. Some music folders had been returned.

12.0 **Librarian: GW** absent no report

13.0 **Health & Safety: IC**

13.1 **IC** reported nothing had changed but that we would have to look at the Covid policy for St Mary's and the Apex before we went there.

IC

- 14.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 14.1 **AC** – Constitution needs to be read by members.
Perhaps a reminder at the AGM.
- 14.2 **ML** – Sylvia Wilson wants to stay on tea rota and be involved with the choir.
- 14.3 **RB** said we need to sort out who sends what to whom.
Phone calls might be needed for those struggling with computers.
- 14.4 Roz Pitcher might be needed for rehearsals depending on Mark's health, Rob to alert her and check with Calvin.
- 14.5 Discussion about AGM – Ross and Ivor would be standing for chairman so vote will be needed with ballot slips. **NG** to organise. Ian Morgan to be invited to attend (**RB**).
IC said he would stand as vice chair. Nominations needed for concert secretary.
Everyone else prepared to stand.
AC – as requested in last minutes, two documents have been sent to **GW**
- 14.6 **IT** – Barbecue went well despite Helen Bray injury. It broke even and is dealt with financially outside the choir
- 14.7 **NG** to send out info from **RB** e.g. dates.
- 15.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th September 7:30 pm via ZOOM**

