

Honley Male Voice Choir general committee meeting 14/5/18 – Minutes

Present. R Wild [Chair], G Smith, C Roberts, M Lewis, P Kirkpatrick, J Shaw, R Wade, C Davies, M Bray.

The chair welcomed all those present.

1. Apologies S Roberts.

2. The minutes of the last meeting 6th April 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting.

3. Matters arising.

- R Wade advised the web site has been amended.
- M Bray advised the gift aid work was still ongoing but will be done in the next 2 weeks. **M Bray**
- M Bray advised the review with Waverley House is still in progress.
- R Wild advised the music committee have recommended that in future Cathy will be the deputy conductor as she is aware of the MD's musical approach-agreed.
- M Bray advised the £100 cheque for Lindley school is going to be paid via C Roberts this week.
- M Lewis advised that the music committee recommend that the next celebrity concert should consider "Colabro" for a concert in 2020 at either the Town Hall or St Pauls for a smaller concert if a celebrity concert involving Collabro or any other celebrity was not chosen – agreed that further financial detail need to be presented to the committee before a decision could be made.
- Additionally **J Shaw will alternatively check out Seth Lakemen** and Jack Rutter and **the MD will be asked to see if Kate Rusby would be suitable.**
- There was a discussion about the crucial role that "celebrity" concerts play in financing the choir and what additional minor concerts would be needed if a celebrity concert was not held. Conclusion was that celebrity concerts were necessary.
- It was noted that M Lewis and R Wild will be attending a "Peace concert" meeting at the Honley Community hall 12th June 18.
- There was a discussion about moving the Christmas concert to the first Saturday in December but as it may clash with the Christmas fair's more information is needed – **Concert Secretary**
- The information from Melanie Jose has been passed to S Roberts on a memory stick and R Wild has the logo. **G Smith to ask S Roberts.**
- The music sub committee recommended that the **Friends Concert 2019** be 13th April at Armitage Bridge – agreed. **G Smith to check with the church whether we can hold the concert that evening and whether we can hold a post-concert social event.**
- R Wild produced a draft policy for choir life membership, which was agreed and will be proposed by the committee **to the AGM 29th May 2018.**
- C Roberts has proof read the book of poems by Tony Gibson, following which M Lewis sat down with Tony and returned the book to him.

4. Correspondence

- C Davies advised he has a letter from the Beverly choir reference the programme.
- M Bray submitted a proposal that we adopt a voting system asking for each member when voting in the Ben Kinder trophy next year, to propose three names, whereby the name listed the most would be chosen. – agreed. **G Smith to progress 2019.**
- A letter from Ken Shaw suggesting musical options for a future concert – to the music subcommittee for consideration. **G Smith to write and thank him.**

4a. Finance.

- M Bray submitted the audited accounts for year ending 31st march 2018 for committee approval.

- The account showed a £604 income over expenditure.
- There was a discussion on various items and the accounting method.
- It was agreed the AGM will receive the first 4 sheets of the audited accounts.
- The committee approved the accounts.

5. HMVC AGM 29th May 2018.

- R Wild put forward a proposal for the AGM on associate membership of the choir at a reduced rate and included in the rules with a revised rule 35. – agreed to go **to the AGM.**
- R Wild proposed changes to the current rule 35 reference service recognition. **Agreed to AGM.**
- R Wild proposed a change to rule 42 amending the due date from 1st April to 1st May. **Agreed, to AGM.**
- R Wild proposed the committee affirm Paul Wood as president for 2018-19 and also Maurice Mosely as vice president. – agreed.
- M Bray asked for a review of subs to £126 for year commencing 1st May 2020 and it was proposed C Davies and seconded P Kirkpatrick. – agreed. **To AGM.**
- It was proposed M Lewis and seconded P Kirkpatrick that Roger Wild becomes a life member – agreed. **To AGM for confirmation.**

6. Music directors report.

- S Roberts submitted a written report.
- He asked for the 26th May Town Hall pre-concert rehearsal to be compulsory - **G Smith to advise rehearsal.**
- He suggested 2 workshops for 2019 and following a discussion 4 were requested. **G Smith to coordinate with the church.**
- He advised he is away 7th 14th 28th August and 1st December Cathy Hall-Smith accompanist is also away 28th August.
- He suggested a concert with Barnsley choir 22nd June 2019 – agreed.
- He has been in touch with the Beverley choir to agree programme for September.

7. Concert Secretaries report.

- M Lewis supplied a written report. [*Some items have been covered earlier in this minute.*]
- He advised that the Pontarddulais MVC will need will need an extensive promotion campaign, as many in the area will not know who they are. **This to be discussed with the relevant members of the new incoming committee.**
- The Christmas concert will follow the established format. Agreed.
- The 2018 Concert on the Hill programme has been agreed.
- That the choir host a charity concert for the Kirkwood Hospice in 2019 at St Pauls Huddersfield University. – agreed.
- That he explores the option of another concert at fountains Abbey October 2019. – agreed.
- There was a discussion about the quality of our singing and the MD is to be asked to facilitate some section rehearsals. – agreed.
- There was a discussion about the choir entering competitions and it was agreed we can work towards it in the future at selected festivals and of course fit it in.

8. Insurance.

- R Wild asked that we ensure we are paid up members of the NAC so as to give us access to the right insurance policy.
- R Wild to ensure an inventory of all music and a copy of each must be made secure.

9. Marketing. Not covered.

10. Recruitment.

- R Wade and C Davies are working on Facebook and a video option.

11. Friends report.

- P Kirkpatrick submitted a written report outlining the current position with friends and patrons and Christmas ticket sales of 114 at a cost of £1440.
- He gave an update on the “ Friends” GDPR position and data base.
- He outlined a newsletter for friends in conjunction with the Honley Mail.

12. Membership.

- The committee were pleased to endorse Simon Shepherd as a new member and M Lewis will present his tie at rehearsal tomorrow.
- R Wild advised that Steven Harbisher has resigned from the choir.

13. Any other business.

- P Kirkpatrick proposes a “Burns night” event 25th January 2020 to be organised in conjunction with the ladies circle. –agreed.
- R Wild thanked the committee for their work and support during his chairmanship.

Meeting ended 22:40

Date of next meeting to be agreed following the AGM 29th May 2018.