

Mevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tues November 15th 2022, 7.30pm. Mevagissey Social Club

Present:

Nick Nicholls – Chair (NN).
Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)
Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)
Steve Truscott – Fundraising (ST)
Steve Gibson – Vice Chair (SG)

Cliff Burnett – Concerts (CB)
Chris Williams (CW)
Dave Leeson (DL)
Bill Roberts (BR)
Graham A'Lee

1. Apologies/Absent – Apologies received from Simon Lawday, Humfrey Stobart, Roger Mitchell.
2. Minutes of 18/10/2022 meeting – The minutes were deemed to be accurate, and ready for publication on the website.
3. Matters arising (if not on agenda) – Discussed under AOB.
4. Treasurers report. GH reported a natural dip in financial transactions over the month of October, giving an annual figure of expenditure over income of around £1,000. This amount has yet to be ratified by our accountants, but, as pointed out by both GH and SG, is a very robust one, given that subs were suspended during COVID, and that there was an expenditure of £3000+ on sound equipment. These were balanced by a successful concert at the Minack, and by five well-attended Mevagissey quay concerts in August.
5. Musical Direction: NN reviewed Jimmy Cannon's visit to our rehearsal on Monday 7th November. Both choir members, and Jimmy, seemed to enjoy the experience, and this was reflected in the responses to an e-mail that NN asked to be circulated to the choir, to canvass opinions. These were uniformly positive and supportive, with the result that Jimmy will take up the post of MD for MMC, from the beginning of January 2023, for an agreed 3-month trial period.

The whole committee wishes to put on record our choir's massive debt to Mike S T, who, with unfailing patience and good humour, and a superb rapport with Matt Fox, has helped Mevagissey Male Choir survive, when many other choirs have not.

6. Future concert matters: CB reported that our concert with Abertillery Male Voice Choir will now be on 20th May 2023. There followed much discussion about a suitable local venue, as this date was deemed to be too close to Feast Week to be held at St Andrew's.
7. Choir recruitment/advertising: ST reported that he has e-mailed Alan Mash (our new choir recruiter), with feed-back from the last meeting. GH has, with Alan's permission, added a contact phone number for Alan, to be included in all our future advertising.
8. AOB:
 - I. We are still looking for a volunteer to charm local shop/venue operators to take our CDs etc., picking up the baton from Roger Mitchell, who is handing on this responsibility after 45 years of service.
 - II. GH reported that Peter Bowker has asked for a sum of money to repair and improve choir signage around Mevagissey, to include updated photos. GH said that Mike Tate has the most recent photos that Matt Facey took of the choir, and SG will ask Mike to pass them on to us. Peter reckons that around £200 should do the job, and this was unanimously agreed.
 - III. NN said that the condition of the trailer is a matter of some urgency, and he has approached Alex Pearce for possible servicing. Alex agreed that he would look at the job once he had moved house.
 - IV. NN commended an excellent turnout for our November 7th rehearsal, to meet and greet Jimmy Cannon.
 - V. The subject of a "ladies committee", formally supporting choir activities was mooted, and discussed. It was generally felt that those who already help and support us will likely continue to do so, but probably wouldn't relish being 'organised'.
 - VI. SL is away at the moment, and when he returns it was felt that we need an update on numbers who will support the dinner dance at the Carlyon Golf Club on Jan 21st next year.

9. **Our next committee meeting will be in February, 2023, after the AGM, which will take place on Monday 30th January, 7.30pm, at Mevagissey Social Club.**