



Mevagissey Male Choir

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Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club, 19th February 2019

Present: N Nicholls , G Hoskins,
R Richardson , H Stobart , C Williams, G Millington, C Burnett

Apologies: M Tate, D Leeson, S Gibson, R Mitchell, P Vellenoweth

Absent:

1. Minutes of meeting of 19th December 2019

The Minutes, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising:

Fundraising at Tesco's

Rod has spoken to Tesco's and ASDA to confirm at least one date for a collection and is hoping to book others as this was a good fundraiser for the choir. Collections will be on Saturday mornings.

Trailer parking and choir contact

Gareth has contacted the Willows management to introduce himself and leave his details as contact point.

Parking issues at St Andrews' Church

Following the issue of tickets to members Mike Tate has spoken to the church and parking firm to resolve and has informed members of the outcome.

Transport manager.

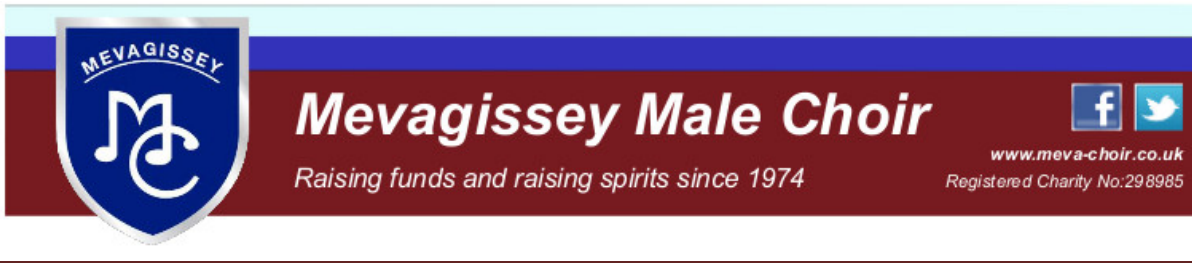
Nick has spoken to George who will take on this role, thank you George..

Patron

Gareth reported that Mike has tried to contact Ralph McTell without success. Chair asked that he go ahead with trying to contact Phillip Schofield.

Music bursaries.

Awaits result from Stephen regarding his contact with local schools.



3. Treasurer's Report

Financial statement attached.

Items to note: About half of subscriptions are now in -the treasurer is chasing the rest. Significant costs have been purchase of 'Shepherd's Farewell' sheet music, accountancy fees, librarian reimbursement and new trailer tyres.(Thanks to Peter Bowker for organising this). Treasurer took questions from the committee.

4. Fundraising

Rod is pursuing various avenues – Saturday morning collections mentioned under matters arising.

5. Back up arrangements for website.

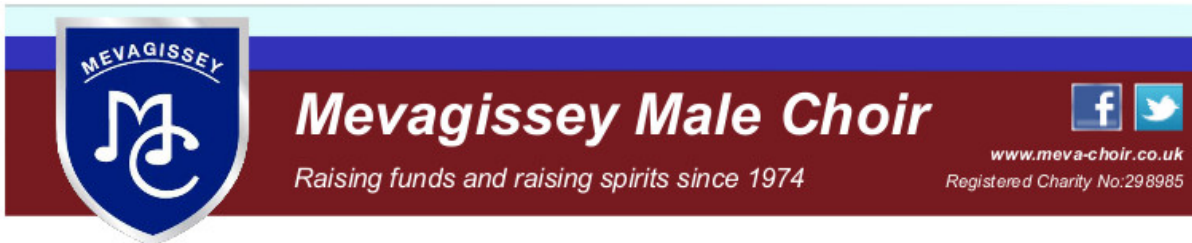
Mike has asked the committee to consider who can support him and his partner regarding the website to ensure that the site is always up to date and functioning well. The committee was unable to suggest anyone with the appropriate knowledge.

Rod Richardson will speak to Mike to see if he can support or, to better understand the issues so that they can be addressed.

6. New concerts

The choir has received a request to sing at a wedding in May 2020 of somebody associated with Mevagissey. This has not been turned down out of hand but Cliff will contact the enquirer to point out the large cost of taking the choir to Gloucestershire and report back further.

Yealmpton Concert- the issue with this potential booking is that the choir might have to cover the costs of the coach which we are not sure is a sustainable position. Cliff will contact organisers to firm up their position on costs before a final decision is made.



Big Sing, Truro Cathedral 11th December 2020- having turned down a request to perform at this event in 2019 the organisers have asked us to consider 2020. The committee's view is that this is still likely to be too busy a period or that accepting would result in the cancellation of an established and valued existing concert. Nick will ask for members views.

Ladies choir have agreed 6th December for Christmas concert at St Andrew's.

St Augustine's is booked for 14th December 2019.

St Austell brewery are seeking *two* dates for the choir to sing next year. It was wholeheartedly agreed that the brewery concert this year was a great success and the choir would like to repeat it but that two dates is not really possible. Cliff will liaise.

Samaritans Truro have asked that we help them raise money through a concert. Committee felt that this was possible if Samaritans wished to organise a concert at a convenient time. Cliff will liaise.

Committee members suggested we perhaps raise some money to support Prostrate Cancer charities. We do have some calendar space in September. Rod(?) is following up on this with choir members associated with prostrate charities.

7. Music Committee.

A number of pieces are being considered but several do not have good arrangements. The next piece coming to choir is 'California Dreamin'' however.

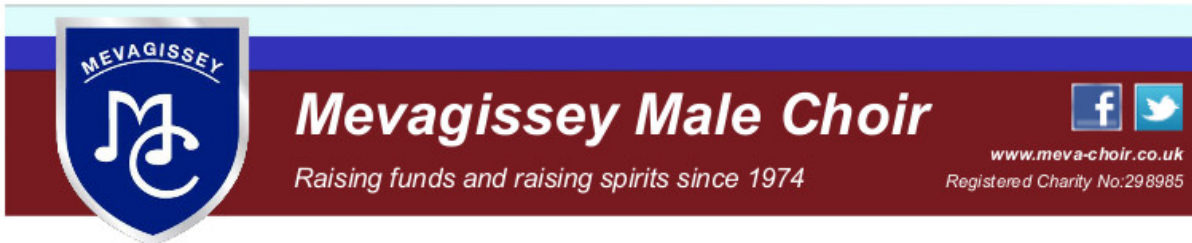
8. CD Sales

A quiet month – there was some debate about placing recent recordings on the website before they are published on CD. The committee decided not to do this yet for fear of affecting subsequent sales of CD's.

9. Almoner.

Information concerning George Ellis' successful operation has been shared with the choir .

News of Dr Deeley's death has also been shared with the choir via Nick.



10. Section reports

No Top or Second Tenors reps. present.
Baritones- nothing to report, all well.
Bass'-all well -still hoping Paul Uzzel will return soon.

11. Date of next meeting is 19th March 7.30pm Mevagissey Social Club.

12. Any other business.

Arrangements for 2nd March Bethel were run over and checked-Bill Collins is to MC and the 'after glow' will be at the Holmbush public house.

16th March -Brian Mitchell concert.-all action points from previous meeting have been achieved. There are 230 seats in the church. Graham Hoskins will sort poster and tickets-Mike has already done the publicity. Humfrey will organise people to sell on the door. Matt Fox will play the organ at the start. Pat Robson will compere. Ladies choir will do five numbers at the beginning of the second half and have not asked for payment. There will be a retiring collection plate (Humfrey). Stephen Gibson will arrange risers.

Dinner Dance venue and band is booked for next Christmas. Event will start half an hour earlier at 6.30. and the raffle will be held in the band's break.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2106hrs.

Signed

Chairman

Date



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