

Mevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, held by Zoom Tuesday 22 June 2021 @ 19:00hrs

Present:

Nick Nicolls – Chair (NN)

Stephen Gibson – Vice Chair (SG)

Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)

Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)

Roger Mitchell – (RoM)

David Leeson (DL)

Chris Williams (CW)

Humfrey Stobart (HS)

Simon Lawday (SL)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mike Tate, Rob Richardson.
2. **Minutes of meeting held 19 May 2021:** Deemed by those present to be accurate and signed by NN.
3. **Matters arising (if not on agenda):**
 - a. Bursary: Matt Douglas has two candidates that he deems worthy of our bursaries, and these will be pursued.
 - b. Quay Concerts: NN working with the Harbour Trustees and RoM is liaising with the Social Club but the bookings of both are still subject to COVID regulations.
4. **Almoner's Report:** No report as GA was not present.
5. **Secretary appointment confirmation:** NN confirmed the appointment of RM and welcomed him as Secretary to the MMC.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** GH reported a dormant period due to no members' subs being received; a lack of concerts and no bucket collections. He did however submit a statutory report to the Charities Commission in the usual way.
7. **Monday practices:** SG stated that COVID bubbles must be respected and reminds members of the necessity of regular flow testing. A discussion followed, including suggestions of the choir providing hand sanitisation and keeping to their sections especially during breaks. A unanimous vote of thanks went to HS for his provision of his barn venue for rehearsals and the work he did to present it, keeping the dust at a minimum; providing a vast and varied selection of chairs and brightening proceedings with strings of fairy lights! Huge thanks from all the committee also went to MT and Jane (Computer) Stubberfield for their provision and guidance of a year-and-a-half's zoom rehearsals.
8. **Concert Bookings:** Nothing new to report.
9. **Publicity Report:** No report.
10. **CD sales and downloads:** CW reported small but steady sales receipts.
11. **Choir "Reunion":** Rolled onto the next agenda.
12. **AGM/EGM Date:** Zoom/live (depending on COVID), Tuesday 20 July 2021.

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13. AOB:

- a. NN reiterated the request made at the previous meeting by Graham Rundle to regularly designate a specific concert to a named church/organisation and put the idea to the committee. It was duly considered and received general support.
Action: NN to report back to the committee.
- b. CW has found a “baby” TV monitor amongst the choir kit, and suggests this asset should be written off!
- c. HS pointed out that the risers are still in Phil V’s barn, to which Peter Bowker still has the key.
Action: SG to enquire and get key.
- d. RM reported an email from Terry Coplin, on behalf of the Music Committee. Not much to report for obvious reasons, but Graham W’s view is that we have plenty to do bringing ourselves up to scratch. Terry also wished to remind everyone that the entry date for the Cornwall International Festival has been put back to the end of August. It has already had a number of UK entries and some from overseas. This was discussed and again, COVID and its limitations loomed large. There will hopefully be more to report at the next committee meeting.
- e. NN reported another suggestion from Graham Rundle that he be allowed to pursue the possibility of overseas choir trips. It was decided in principle, to encourage this move but is an avenue that must be open for others to pursue and that all suggestions are subject to committee scrutiny.
Action: NN to respond.
- f. RM reiterated the previously unpopular idea that the choir move to two rehearsals per week in the run up to the first quay concert scheduled to take place on 2 August. If these couldn’t happen, he suggested that maybe the first two quay concert dates are converted to rehearsals, all subject to Graham W’s decision as to whether the choir is ready to re-emerge in public.
- g. RM suggested an alternative venue within Mevagissey for the concerts, specifically the “Pocket Park” (known to locals as Hitler’s Walk). CW had major reservations about the supply of electricity for amplification and necessary parking for his van, and GH also expressed doubts over sound issues.
- h. The Committee, after much discussion, agreed to actively seek a choir member for the post of Publicity Officer who is deemed integral to the future success of the choir. The Publicity Officer will be on the MMC Committee. The Committee will ask that anyone who fancies themselves in this challenging and important role can contact NN directly.

14. Date & venue of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 July. The venue is tbc due to COVID, and the meeting will commence at 19:00hrs sharp.