

# Mevagissey Male Choir- Minutes of Committee Meeting

7-30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Mevagissey Social Club

**Present.** G. Rundle, N. Nicholls, G. Hoskins, C. Burnett, S. Lawday, B. Hocking, P. Vellenoweth, R. Mitchell,

C. Williams, T. Scarratt.

**Apologies.** D. Leeson, M. Tate, M. Thompson.

**Minutes of meeting held February 2015** Proposed N. Nicholls, seconded B. Hocking.

**Matters Arising.** Culdrose Military Wives choir contact made, more to follow

**Chairman's Report.** Culdrose M. W. Choir there is a problem with the date for Minack concert, there is a possibility to put back the concert till 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Proposed an open evening to try and boost membership, B. Hocking proposed an evening of entertainment on a possible Monday and possibly a different venue.

Cornwall College contacted, also St. Austell Schools and Truro College to promote a workshop possibly in September, all very positive and the possibility of a Junior Mevagissey Choir.

Concert check list needs to be simplified for preparation and planning "who does what".

Concerns that Press Gang may have a possible conflict of interests. N. Nicholls stated that Choir would always come first as long as no sudden concerts are sprung on them, when they have already agreed to attend a venue out of the county.

**Treasurer Report:** none

**Secretaries Report:** Cor World Choir have been contacted and registered our wish to take part, requested a list of songs to sing, none received at present.

**Concert Secretaries Report:** Date in August for the liner 'The World' but concerns about the number of concerts already arranged in this month.

**Publicity report:** 1000<sup>th</sup> concert following Gil Blamey's revelation that the Festival Concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> May will be the 1000<sup>th</sup> in the choir's history, I have been in touch with various local media, so far, I have had favourable responses from the Cornish Guardian, St Austell Bay Radio, St Goran Magazine and Cornwall today, all of whom say they would be interested running something. I am following this up. Our next concert is in Veryan on 18<sup>th</sup> April and with Cliff's agreement, I'll contact the church regarding publicity in the next few days.

Choir Website. Two or three weeks ago I emailed the committee with suggestions regarding our website. I had twice attempted to discuss it with Cedric Bray over the previous month, but I had received no response, so I thought I would approach the committee. I used email *only* because it would be another three weeks before the committee met and I wanted to get on with it.

I was therefore disappointed that within hours I was emailed by Cedric, who had obviously been made aware of my private message to the committee, whether this breach of trust should be discussed I'll leave to committee to decide

I don't want to sound arrogant but I honestly believe I can improve it. I have experience of writing text for websites and in helping in their 'look', I earned good money doing this for three different businesses in 2014.

But I'm not a technician. I don't know how to build a website or insert links on a page etc. so I need to work with someone who can.

I have approached Cedric a number of times, with no success. To be honest I've been given the impression that he's taken the job on very reluctantly. "No one else volunteered", he told me adding "if someone else wants to take it on that's fine by me"

Finally he told me “you can send me something, but I’m not going to guarantee that I’m going to use it” This is hardly in the spirit of team work that I was hoping for. And it’s a bit like the printer having editorial control over what goes in newspapers.

I’ve already done some work, and, as an example, I’ve attached copies of the existing text for our home page, and my thoughts as to how I think it might read. I’m happy to explain and discuss my suggested changes.

But, as I’ve said, I need to work with someone who understands website technicalities. I believe there may be one or two Choir members capable of doing this.

So, my offer is there, I would love to do it but if the Committee would rather I didn’t, please say so and I’ll waste no more time on it. If you are happy for me to take it on, I think we should press on **with some urgency**.

The Chairman stated that he had contacted Cedric in his defence, a discussion developed, the Chairman thought Cedric ability was being questioned behind his back. B. Hocking thought the committee should be in control of the website but how to keep an amicable situation? This was left with the chair to have a meeting between Cedric and Mike.

**Social Secretary** trying to organise a boat trip possibly Fowey to Lerryn or Lostwithiel

**Fund Raising** G Hoskins reported that M. Thompson is struggling to get any funding from anyone

**Almoner.** Everyone is kept up to date with everyone at choir practice

**1<sup>st</sup> Tenor** new member with Charlie Addison more needed I. Morcom plans to attend Wednesday ‘s funeral.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tenor** M. S Thompson back all new members doing well

**Baritone’s** Nil

**Bass.** Nothing to report except more basses needed

**A. O. B:** G.Hoskins asked if the Choir Leisure ware could be launched for new members - will wait for D. Leeson

B. Hocking had received a request for the Festival concerts at Eden for our risers and organ can they be borrowed.

It was thought that as members were not listening to the teach tapes at home, a suggestion was made that 10 minutes of choir time be used to coach choristers in section practice be tried, Chair to contact G Willcocks.

**Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Meeting closed 21-06**

Signed Chairman

Date