

Mevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tues 19th July 2022, 7.30pm. Mevagissey Social Club

Present:

Nick Nicholls – Chair (NN).

Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)

Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)

Roger Mitchell (RoM)

Humfrey Stobart (HS)

Simon Lawday (SL)

Clifford Burnett (CB))

Steve Truscott (ST)

Bill Roberts (BR)

1. Apologies/Absent – Apologies received from Steve Gibson, Mike Tate, Dave Leeson, and Chris Williams.
2. Minutes of 21/06/2022 meeting – The minutes were deemed to be accurate, and ready for publication on the website.
3. Matters arising (if not on agenda) – RM raised the subject of a report by MT, covering the Minack, and Caerhays concerts, including some feedback from choir members, and incorporating suggestions arising. All committee members have been circulated this report by e-mail. It was generally felt that, in the absence of MT, due to illness, it would be more productive to put MT's work on the agenda for the September meeting, when hopefully he will be back with us.
4. Treasurers report. GH once again e-mailed his report, detailing yet another busy month. GH suggested that the choir should purchase its own gazebo, that will hopefully protect all our new audio equipment, and Graham's guitar, and Matt's piano, and Matt!
5. Musical Direction: It was universally agreed that Angela Renshaw made a very favourable impression when she visited us a couple of weeks ago, when she ran through a couple of songs with us. Ben Martin, the other applicant, was offered a similar opportunity to meet us, but, as yet, has

been unable to confirm a date. It was felt that the appointment of a new musical director is critically important for our choir, and that we must, if possible, try to find a date for Ben to attend. NN agreed to write to Ben to organise this, and, equally importantly, to write to Angela in order to keep her abreast of proceedings, and to reassure her of our confidence in her.

6. Choir 50th update: HS has contacted Susan Weaver at the newly re-designed Hall for Cornwall, in Truro, and they have agreed a date, Wednesday June 12th, 2024, for our 50th Anniversary Concert! A deposit of £250 will secure that date, and the sub-committee, (HS, RM, SG, MT, + GH), will visit the venue in early August to assess suitability for us, potential guest performers, and for the general public, and to establish a working relationship with the H for C staff, to present and promote an event worthy of a celebration of the past 50 years of MMC.
7. Concerts: CB said that Noss Mayo, in Devon, would like us to return in 2023, in late June/early July. RM is pursuing a possible Christmas Fair/November date at Pencarrow house. NN said the Par Inn is offering any Sat/Sun of our choosing, to sing at the pub, with a BBQ, and a barrel of beer provided – casual, no uniforms. NN will endeavour to nail down a date for it, if the choir agrees.
8. Social event: Peter Bowker has now been able to settle on a date in September for the choir social event – Friday September 30th. at the Mevagissey Social Club, at 7.30 pm. Various other venues had been sounded out by SL, but the financial offers – BBQ, roasts, etc, were deemed too expensive. More details, and any pricings, to follow. Much discussion followed, as to GW presentation – type, timing, and content.
9. AOB: Lengthy discussion ensued, after BR reported that a single choir member had spoken to him, requiring a greater variety of voices to be involved in compering our concerts. NN said that, in the past, the quay concerts had provided an opportunity to ‘blood’ new voices. RM supported this, and it was agreed that the choir would be apprised of this development, and opportunity, on Monday. HS proposed that any choir member who has clocked up 25 years should be awarded a commemorative badge. HS proposed, GH seconded. RM suggested that any such awards might be made at the September Social.

10. **Next committee meeting.** Tuesday 20th September, Mevagissey Social Club.