

# Mevagissey Male Choir Minutes of Committee Meeting

7-30 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 Mevagissey Social Club

**Present;**- N. Nicholls, D. Leeson, G. Hoskins, P. Bowker, M. Thompson, C. Burnett, M. Tate, S. Lawday, B. Hocking, P. Vellenoweth, R. Mitchell, C. Williams, T. Scarratt.

**Apologies:** - H. Stobart, S. Flavell

**Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May.** Proposed R. Mitchell. Seconded, P. Bowker.

**Matters Arising:** - Amended minutes to be resent to all committee, seven day cut off point for amendments

**Chairman :-** Letter received from Fishermen's Mission thanking Choir, to be read out to full choir at next rehearsal, thanks to David Churms for carrying chairs to Harbour. Noss Mayo soloist to cost £50, Chairman not happy we surely can do our own solo's, more soloist's needed, section leaders to put forward singers to M. D. (P. Bowker's quartet would like to step into the breach) Homeless soloist required so as not to lose the piece from choir's repertoire

**Secretary:** - no letters received, letters sent to Adrian Wilton and Cliff Ellison thanking them for their help with the choir. I now give notice that I shall not be standing again as Secretary at the next AGM so this committee needs to recruit a new secretary.

**Treasurer:** - The Choir's finances are in an interesting situation at the moment. Most of the income is in the form of members' payments for their trip to Cyprus, but it doesn't quite hide one or two disappointments. As of NOW, after last evening, there is still £815 of unpaid subscriptions, mainly, I think because we have been concentrating on the large sums involved with the Cyprus trip, and not reminding members generally that subs should all be in by now. The other disappointment is that 4 weeks after sending out the invoices for the programme adverts, some advertisers (Bosun's Diner, Barley Sheaf, Rosevear's Insurance and Ocean BMW) have not seen fit to pay. The amount outstanding from adverts is £718.00, and for Cyprus is £1,400.00 so all together we are owed about £2933.00 which would considerably help our cash flow into next month when the Cyprus payment becomes due. As I am sure you will all know, I have taken the unprecedented step of writing to every member who owes the choir either subscription or Cyprus payment, to try and bring in the funds which I think the choir can reasonably expect to have in hand by now, (seven months into our financial year) and 3 weeks past the deadline for final Cyprus payments. You will see from our Transactions record, that nearly all income related to either Cyprus or the Minack though CD sales did bring in £268.00, and there was the St. Michael's, Newquay concert fee of £150.00 and £95.00 of donations. I owe an apology regarding Mike Miller's £50 donation, as I found his cheque (dated December) in my uniform jacket inside pocket while looking for something else! I have no recollection of how it got there! The payment from the Minack, which was less than they told me by e-mail, just came in before the end of the month. A glance down the Expenditure column doesn't show any real surprises. The registration fee for the International Festival I had not expected to pay quite so early (one year in advance!), but the £390.00 for staging and banners, the expenditure on printing materials and art-work were as we would expect. I hope the committee approves our donation of £25.00 to Adrian Wilton to cover his petrol costs, in addition to his bottle of Scotch. The Culdrose MWC has now given me details of their costs related to the Minack, and they only wish to claim for the fleet of taxis which transported them. I understand they got three quotes and accepted the cheapest, which was £210, and I am told that the invoice will be forwarded in due course. As they have not claimed for the expenses of their music team, I

have not included our music team costs in the balance sheet either. This means that the profit from the concert, before we make a donation to the Military Wives, stands at £1,721.95. I would appreciate an indication from the committee as to the size of the donation we should make, so that I can settle our account with them ASAP. (A £500.00 donation on top of their costs would leave us with a profit of £1,221.95.) The Spending Plan is at last showing that Income is exceeding expenditure, even when Cyprus, Feast Week and Minack ticket sales are taken out of the equation, but we are still going to have to dip into reserves, probably to the tune of £5k, at the end of this month to tide us through July. As of today there is £36,740.00 in our Current A/c, and we have to pay £37,968.00 for Cyprus – a shortfall of £1,228.00 before we consider that we are holding nearly £900.00 for Feast week ticket sales, which we shall pass on to the relevant charity, and we have yet to pay the Culdrose Military Wives (perhaps £710?), and our next two concerts will only make money if we sell a lot of CDs, (Noss Mayo our fee will not cover the cost of the coach, never mind the music team, and all proceeds from Feast Week will go to the nominated Charity) so our account is about £3k short. Now we have a prestigious concert booked for September, would the committee consider using some of the £5k reserves I have just mentioned to order 1000 Christmas CDs to be launched at the Hall for Cornwall. It's as big a marketing opportunity as we are going to achieve this side of Christmas, and if we don't take it, do we wait another year. That £5k could earn more in CD's than it will gain interest in our account! Following my remarks regarding contact with Easy Fundraising, I spoke with Mike Collings and the upshot is that I am now our nominated representative, though I haven't had time to explore the implications of that particular role yet. Graham Rundle has had a word with me in his role as Cyprus Trip Organiser about the possibility of the Choir meeting the cost of the coaches to take the party to and from Exeter Airport. I would remind you that the quote from Roselyn for the two double runs made by 2 coaches would be £1,640. With a full complement of 80 persons, that would be a charge of £20.50 per person, or £41 per couple. Numbers are still not firmed up, but I anticipate that the likely 4 unfilled seats would probably put the cost up to about £22 person. Graham made the point that this committee recently decided that singers should not be charged for use of a concert coach. His point was that the Cyprus party will be performing 2 concerts. I would suggest to the committee that it may like to consider setting a reduced charge of £10 per adult (thereby excepting Joel Fox). This would raise slightly less than half the full cost, and would be less of a shock to the budgets of the choir and individual members alike. The money would not be needed until after the Quay Concerts in August and the Gift Aid payment in September, the sum of which will probably total in excess of £2k. £510 for Culdrose MWC proposed C. Williams, Sec. P. Vellenoweth. Carried, artwork needed for Christmas C/ D to order 1000 C/ Ds proposed P. Bowker. Seconded. S. Lawday. Carried. Choristers to pay for own transfer by coach proposed P. Bowker, Sec. M. Thompson. M. Thompson said that it should be made clear that the choir should not order bus (es) until the funds have been collected from members M. Thompson to sort airport charges and circulate to members.

**Concert Secretary:** - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 concert at Holsworthy in afternoon coming back from Ilfracombe, try Maesteg Gleemen October 2018, possible Bristol on the way back.

**Publicity:** - Minack photo's now being used for publicity, video of Minack concert received, to be edited, disappointment in quality.

**Web Manager :-** 4 pages produced for next concerts. Email minutes sent and received by committee member to be ratified into the minutes proposed D. Leeson, sec. R. Mitchell. Passed.

**Fund Raising:** - Trying to raise funds from afterglow venues, negotiated programme printing down in price

**Social Sec. :-** Porthpean golf club BBQ £120 hire fee + food, Carlyon golf club free hire on Friday or Sunday + food £20 per head. P. Bowker to try Barley sheaf.

**Almoner:** - cards sent to choristers in need

**1st Tenors:** - 10 going to HFC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tenors:** - Darren Lyons passed voice test, 11 for HFC

**Baritone:** - 14 for HFC

**Bass:** - Paul Uzze still in hospital

**C/Ds** still going steady

**HFC:** - it was suggested that we need another rehearsal before HFC concert as it was thought that just one after the Quay concerts was not enough, to be put to choristers & M. D. Technical support meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June - C. Williams, T. Coplin, P. Bowker to attend. Choir members to be asked to push ticket sales to help us have a great concert.

**AOB:** - P. Bowker £150 to replace handrails or carry bags to spread the load. M. Tate gave P. Bowker old choir banners, Peter thought they were no longer usable - to be disposed of. Christmas concert proposed by chairman concert needed to launch new Christmas C/D date and venue required ASP

**Meeting Closed** 21-54

**Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Signed Chairman**

**Date.**