

Mevagissey Male choir- Minutes of committee meeting

7-30pm 17th February 2015 Mevagissey Social Club

Present. G.Rundle, D. Leeson, N. Nicholls, G. Hoskins, M. Thompson, C. Burnett, M. Tate, S. Lawday, B. Hocking, P. Vellenoweth, R. Hunkin, T. Scarratt.

Apologies. R. Mitchell, C. Williams.

Minutes of meeting held 20th January 2015. Proposed R. Hunkin seconded N. Nicholls

Matters Arising. Contact now made with all Military wives choirs.

Correspondence. Letter from Cornish Federation of Male Voice Choirs containing leaflets asking for nominations for the Queen's Birthday honours list. B. Mitchell nominated, secretary to follow up on this request.

Letter received from G. Way thanking choir for flowers sent.

Reports.

Chairman. In response for attendance for trip to Cyprus - 36 yes, 6 no, 4 not sure and 8 not replied yet so a possible 48 for Cyprus trip.

Chairman has concerns about the learning time on new music, we will try to get this reduced.

A call to be made for more soloists, with the possibility of training for them also.

Nick Hart has offered to arrange Christmas music for the choir.

The question of a new Uniform tie, Chairman asked for the committee to consider ideas.

Treasurer. As members will be able to see from the record of transactions the main financial activities in January concerned the Annual dinner and collection of subs. As I reported at the last meeting, the dinner made a small loss, but those that attended enjoyed themselves and enjoyment is one of the choir's objectives. Subs are trickling in comfortably- about a third had materialized by the end of January and I am happy to report that payments are continuing healthily through this month too. Although it is very early in our year CD sales are already under way.

If you look at the budget plan, you will see from the very bottom line that expenditure is exceeding income by about £1K at present, partly because this is the time when we have to pay subscriptions and insurance premiums for the coming year, and at the bread and butter

level, subs are only just keeping up with Honoraria payments. Thank goodness for our other sources of income!

In response to Almoner's query of some meetings ago' I have checked our total payment to the church for the use of our practice venue over the last financial year, and it totalled £870

I have still not resolved the issue of signatories of our high interest account with Santander. I have been in touch with both the present signatories who have left the choir and they have completed the required forms. These have been sent off last Thursday, however, so it's a bit early to know the response from the bank.

I hope the committee will regard this as an appropriate time to draw its attention to the fact that I shall only be attending the first and last practices in March (I shall be away from March 8th to 29th.) I will make sure that I hand over the cheque book to some other member of the committee for that period and that the cheque book holder is responsible for keeping a record of the Music team's attendance. I would further suggest that no payments are taken in during my absence, but that any members receiving funds on behalf of choir retain them until my return. This will help me keep an accurate record of income funds without giving anyone else any additional responsibility.

Secretary. Nothing to report

Concert Secretary. A request from Noss Mayo re a concert at some time to be arranged. Concert with Plymouth Military wives, at Plymouth Guildhall fee to be £150 plus coach. Proposed concert on 31st October with Canoryon Lowen or 14th November possibly at Tywardreath church.

Publicity officer. A new piece on the choir was published in the Cornish Guardian. The Newsletter has been circulated, good to lose the fee for friends of the Choir. Please inform Mike of any choir details seen or heard.

Social Secretary. Skittle evening arranged at the Barley Sheaf Gorran on 14th March at 7-30

Fund Raising. Mike Thompson stated, that since taking over in April he has sent many emails requesting help for the choir, only Skinners Brewery has offered articles for a raffle etc. there will be a possible contact with them when we are singing in Truro for Red Nose Day.

Almoner. John Lewis has received a visit; Ivor Morcom was sent a get well card signed by all the choir.

1st Tenor Phil reported that Ivor was feeling better

2nd Tenor nothing to report

Baritone's nothing to report.

Bass' nothing to report.

Any other business. M. Thompson to ask choir for information to help with advertising.

D. Lesson asked if choir could make a contribution to the fees of a new teacher, G. Wilcocks has found for the Acapella and Octet group, D. Leeson to liase.

M. Tate asked if in the future, singing at concerts has to be shortened can the audience be informed as to why, better communication between the M/D or Chairman to the Compere, Also the size of room or stage for the choir to perform needs to be better inspected.

R. Hunkin - Trelawney Shout venues need to be advertised more clearly. On the subject of emails could members be more diplomatic in future please. Posters and Fliers for new members are now available to be circulated.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th March

Meeting closed 20.56

Signed Chairman

Date