

Mevagissey Male Choir Minutes of Committee meeting

7-30 Tuesday 21st July 2015 Mevagissey Social Club

Present: - N. Nicholls, D. Leeson, G. Hoskins, M. Tate, S. Lawday, B. Hocking, R. Mitchell, C. Williams, T. Scarratt

Apologies: - R. Hunkin, P. Vellenoweth, C. Burnett.

Minutes of meeting held June 2015:- Proposed D. Leeson, Seconded R. Mitchell.

Matters arising: - MYC. D. Leeson wrote Email to G. Rundle. Possibility of C.A. P. needed for MYC. Web site information is incorrect Chairman concerned with this B. Hocking stated that M. Hocking is being paid for the job but do's not seem to be doing it.

Chairman's Report. The Afterglow at Friday's concert has been mentioned to choir at last practice. Bude concert went well big thank you to Chris for all his help there.

Treasurer's Report: - June was a busy month for our Librarian and our printer. New music cost the choir £452.96 and printer toner and paper another £164.71 Hall hire and honoraria made up the rest of our expenditure. Income was dominated by the deposits for Cyprus, though CD sales contributed £264, taking sales for the year well past £1k. £280 came in in belated subs payments and there were £25 of donations from friends and a massive donation of £200 in memory of David Foard which I have not acknowledged- has anyone? Our spending plan is looking a bit jaundiced at the moment as it appears we struggle to achieve my estimated for concert income as well as programme adverts. We are going to need some good weather for our Quay concerts and some good CD sales figures. While on that subject may I suggest to the meeting that we purchase another 500 Mevagissey Bay, as we are down to 186 on July 12th and as it is our bestseller, it would be a shame to sell out in the middle of the tourist season. So far I have only received one £30 payment for advertising but have just realised that I haven't issued any invoices so what would I expect! My apologies, gentlemen I shall rectify the matter with all haste. Moving swiftly on I would like to draw the committee's attention to the hard work that Graham Rundle has been putting in to get the Cyprus trip off the ground and within budget. We were originally quoted £630 but at that time no-one had paid a deposit, so I declined to use choir funds exclusively to pay a deposit to the travel agent, when the next quote eventually came in it was for £710 which I thought was an enormous hike and I told Graham that we couldn't commit members to such an enormous increase without checking that they were still prepared to go, he conveyed that to the agent and the price came down to £685, that felt better and in consultation with Nick, bearing in mind that the later we left it the more expensive it was going to be, we decided to find the £8K deposit. We wrote and signed the cheque and Graham took it in to learn that they had further reduced the price to £670 as Graham very -to the original quote by increasing the subsidy to £140. The £100 subsidy and fares for music team will cost the choir £5140 and this £40 would increase the bill to the choir by another £1520 to £6660. I am not a great one for counting chickens, but I don't think it unreasonable to assume that our Minack concert next spring should clear at least £3K and another tranche of gift aid will provide £1K reducing the drain on our £19K+ of reserves to £2.6K. I would respectfully suggest, Mr Chairman that we need to make a decision at this meeting so that those aspiring to go know exactly what they have signed up to.

Proposed £140 subsidy for Cyprus trip proposed R. Mitchell. Seconded S. Lawday. Voted on Unanimous.

Secretaries Report:- Letter sent to Mrs Foard thanking her for the donation of £200, letter received from World Choir at Cardiff in 2016 it was thought that there would be problems with rehearsal and doubtful if choir would want to attend proposal to turn down venue Proposed by C. Williams. Seconded by S. Lawday voted unanimous

Concert Sec:- no report but a discussion ensued, Friday's concert £150 + coach, no PA available for first Quay concert, Press Gang donating their PA system for the evening and Shelterbox are to attend and give a small talk.

Publicity. Spotlight filming Plymouth MW choir hopefully something will be televised, Radio Cornwall are giving this a lot of coverage and Hub radio Mike on St. Austell Bay radio tomorrow.

Social Sec: - Nothing to report

Fund Raising: - Skinners have donated gifts to be raffled of possibly at Choir Christmas Bash.

Almoner: - letters sent to Laurel & Jeanette + G. Wilcox + Ester Rowe wishing all the best from the choir David Dealy in Bodmin with demerature, Bernard to follow up

1st Tenors: - nothing to report

2nd Tenors: - Nothing to report

Baritones no report

Basses: - Nothing to report

CD's Downloads: - think about ordering more CD's before Quay concerts 1000 CD's of Mevagissey Bay. £100 received from Pay pal from Downloads.

A. O. B. Flavell has given Simon music African Trilogy for Choir on Monday. CD's to go on sale at rehearsals notice to that effect needed + Information leaflet + News letter. Choir Directory to be updated. Leisure ware to be added to September Agenda Teach tapes and Graham's involvement to be added to Octobers Agenda . Secretary asked to write to B. Reeves And J woodward and ask for the return of Uniform and Music.

Next meeting September 15th

Meeting closed at 21.27

Signed Chairman

Date