



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 17th July 2018

PRESENT: N. Nicholls; R Mitchell (RM); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); G Hoskins (GH); S Gibson (SG); D Leeson (DL); H Stobart (HS).

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1 APOLOGIES: P Vellenoweth (PV);

2 MINUTES: of meeting held 19th June agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed PB; seconded CW carried unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Minack: P Horsman and M Thompson have been reimbursed for fuel and white jacket respectively.

Willow parking: M Facey has confirmed to P Bowker that 50p concessionary rate applies only to Monday practice sessions.

Deputy MD: NN yet to ask GW for his view on whether MST should be appointed. **Action:** NN to ask GW for his view.

Recruitment Officer: Ray George has agreed to take on the role.

Ronnie Gibson: New member – has resigned for work-related reasons. SG has agreed to collect his music/uniform.

New risers: CW yet to obtain quotes. **Action:** CW to pursue with PB.

MD new blazer: GW discussing with C Bale.

4 TREASURER

GH welcomed back. Copies of accounts for May and June presented. Due to lack of time owing to his personal circumstances, much of June income and outgoings will not appear until July accounts. Also, some invoices had yet to go out to advertisers.

Minack - The major event in May was the Minack concert which grossed £3,267.72 for the choir. Payments had yet to be made to the soloist, Laura Nicholas, and accompanist (£80 in total) and to the Culdrose MWC. After some discussion, it was proposed by SG that the Culdrose ladies should receive £750 as a donation, and to include any expenses they had. **Action:** MT to liaise with GH re payment details.

R Gibson - had paid just one month's subs before resigning.

New members' uniforms - Following a discussion, it was proposed by GH and seconded by SL that all new members, on passing their voice test, should be advised by their section leader that he needs to pay £50 before receiving his choir jacket. Motion carried unanimously. **Action:** MT to amend new recruits joining letter accordingly.

5 CONCERT DE-BRIEF

Feast Week – Gross income was £1,430. Net proceeds after expenses was £1,160. School received 30 free tickets in lieu of donation. Question of whether to make a donation to the church was raised but the general view was that this was not necessary given that the choir already pays rent for its use of the facilities.

Action: GH to send a cheque for £1,160 to the Feast Week Committee.

Carclaze: Disappointing turnout by choir members. This prompted a lengthy discussion later in the meeting about ensuring better choir attendance at concerts.

6 UPCOMING CONCERTS

MT made the point that all available details about imminent concerts are on the choir website. The purpose of this is to try and ensure that arrangements are NOT left to the Monday evening before. Members should be encouraged to check the website if they have questions about imminent concerts.

Yealmpton (21/7): Les Hereward has agreed to tow the trailer.

Truro (29/7): Only around 30 tickets sold to date. Some people had reported difficulty in booking online. **Action:** CB to speak to Cathedral contact. Les Hereward has agreed to tow the trailer.

Quay Concerts (30/7 and August): **Action:** NN to seek permission from Social Club to store risers in August. CW to look after sound equipment. PB to organise storage on trailer for the 6th, when concert will be in St Andrew's. PB to put up posters in the town. RM to deliver posters to campsites.

7 MUSEUM CONCERT (6/8):

Museum to provide banners and people to shake buckets.

8 CONCERTS (NEW):

None

9 NAPLES UPDATE:

G Rundle has agreed to liaise with Military Wives re possible trip in October 2019. Proposal to be put to members in September/October. This could clash with mooted trip to Maesteg. **Action:** CB to warn Maesteg Gleemen.

10 BIRMINGHAM 2020:

Sixteen members have paid to date, MMC now going as a choir, which, it was thought, may inspire others. DL proposed that a second concert might be considered for that weekend, following an invitation from a special needs school in the Bristol area. It was unanimously agreed to explore the proposal further.

Action: DL

11 BARBECUE (8/9):

PB reported that all was in hand for the Barley Sheaf. Likely cost - £12.50 a head. Friends of MMC invited.

12 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS

Nothing to report.

13 TOUR FUND:

Referred to September agenda while GH and DL consider Gift Aid implications.

14 PUBLICITY:

Centre page article re Yealmpton visit in Western Morning News on 14th July. Press releases also sent to media re Truro and Quay concerts. PB deploying banner and posters re Quay concerts. There was a general discussion about control of the choir's Facebook and Twitter accounts, as it was unclear who has administration rights. **Action: GH** to investigate and report back.

15 ALMONER:

No report

16 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: Nothing to report.

Seconds: Nothing to report.

Baritones: Bernard Hocking 'unlikely to be returning in foreseeable future'

Bass: Nothing to report.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Concert attendance: Suggestions for improving attendance levels included being more proactive and positive in advance of each concert, by promoting it to members; making the proposed music programme available earlier; asking members to commit when concert invitation accepted; keeping a register. It was agreed that the Chairman should promote each imminent concert **at the beginning of** the rehearsal on the Monday preceding. In addition, George Phillips should be asked if he would resume keeping a register – to include checking, at halftime, with late arrivals. Also, the MD should be asked to provide proposed music programme two weeks in advance. **Action: NN.**

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th September, Mevagissey Social Club.