



Mevagissey Male Choir

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Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 15th October 2019 at 7.30 pm
Mevagissey Social Club

Minutes

1. Apologies – SL
2. Present-NN,GH,CB,RR,DL,GM,HS,PV,CW,RM,SG
3. Minutes of previous meeting -approved-point of accuracy
Ivor Morcom's section was incorrectly recorded and he was in fact in Top Tenors.
4. Matters arising (*if not on agenda*)
Trailer parking SG to discuss with PB
Gazebo -awaits new contact at brewery
Advertisers-four still to pay RR on the case
North Hill House date-4th December.
Tamar Valley 4th April
5. Partners on Committee-DL
Discussed at length-some partners would wish to be more formally involved. They are a particularly good barometer of audience views as well.SG and DL will meet with our supporters to move this forward as direction is currently unclear.

Repertoire- a subsidiary discussion arose again about repertoire .The committee unanimously agreed that each concert should aim to have one item of a traditional MVC type (Morte Christe etc.) and one 'Cornish flavoured' piece. None of this is critical of current programmes which were agreed are excellent but the committee wished to propose the above for balance. NN will take this up with GW
6. Treasurer report (GH)

Attached. Items of note: £5000 transfer to high interest account. Donation of £200 to Chestnut Charity (Bodmin Concert).£443 takings were made at that concert.

7. Fundraising (RR)

Nothing to report-advertisers being pursued for late payments.

8. Publicity report (MT)

Press release sent to local media regarding Bodmin concert in October. Copy of release attached.

Liaison with Indian Queens, also with both the Chestnut Appeal and St Petroc's re Bodmin concert. I should say I was very disappointed with the lack of support from the Chestnut Appeal, culminating in their failure to send anybody to the event, or even a message to be read out. I have drafted a letter expressing our disappointment, which has been agreed with the Chairman and Concert Secretary, with a view to sending it with our cheque. Copy attached.

Also programme notes prepared for Bodmin.

Next newsletter delayed a couple of weeks to accommodate Ivor, Ron.

Please note we now have a new stock photo of the choir, kindly taken by Carolyn George at Bodmin. However, as not everyone was present, she has offered to take another at one of our December concerts, probably the Brewery. We are also considering taking a mugshot of each member (as was done in the past).

9. New concert and events requests to consider

St Allen festival 29th or 31st May- Choir to vote

10. Forthcoming concert arrangements

6th December -GM to speak to Ian Latham at social club.

11. Feedback from recent concerts

Thanks to Chris Bale for Bude concert- an excellent experience as always.

12. Music Committee (T Coplin)

No report but two pieces are currently being considered.

13. CD sales (CW, RM)

'Ticking over' well but currently a quiet part of the year.

14. Almoner (Andy Gill)

No report

15. Section leaders
Tops- a good turnout for Ivor's funeral
2nds-NR
Baritones-Bernard Hocking interested in return but wife unwell.
Basses-NR
16. Date of next meeting-19th November
17. Birmingham arrangements-including proposal for a concert on return journey.
Concert on return journey is going ahead. RR reports six rooms still available for those who wish to travel.
18. AOB
GH- proposal to rearrange programmes to limit time spent standing on risers. Agreed
Matt Fox- do we need to buy new uniform trousers and tie for him? NN will enquire.
RR-website quote is £500- RR will circulate links to proposed web designer
HS -proposal that black badges be kept up for choir members who have served the choir well. Proposed NN, GH,PB,MT. Unanimously and wholeheartedly agreed.
HS not here for AGM but happy to continue as marshal.

Meeting closed.