



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club at 7.30pm on 21st February 2017

PRESENT: N. Nicholls (NN); S. Gibson (SG); G. Hoskins (GH); P. Bowker (PB); S. Lawday (SL); C. Burnett (CB); M. Thompson (MTh); P. Vellenoweth (PV); M. Tate (MTa).

APOLOGIES: C. Williams (CW); R. Mitchell (RM); H. Stobart (HS).

MINUTES of meeting held on 17th January, 2017: proposed GH, seconded PB, passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING:

Riser rails: CB reported that these were in hand, and would be ready in time for first concert (29th April).

Phone App for website: **Action:** MTh to investigate further and report back.

Ilfracombe Concert (7th October): Following advice that the hosts are unable to contribute to the Choir's travel expenses – and that no fee is offered – it was proposed that the committee recommend members to decline the invitation. Proposed PB; Seconded GH; unanimous. **Action:** Chairman to seek vote at next Monday's practice.

Feast Week: CB advised that choir has been asked to organise. Proceeds after expenses to go to FW Committee.

Almoner: Steve Flavell, Humfrey Stobart, John Jones condolence cards sent; Jim Hunkin card sent; David Deeley remains very unwell

CORRESPONDENCE:

Out:

Anna Flavell, thanking her for donation

Keith Stevenson, requesting him to present his material to music committee.

In:

Carlyon Bay GC, confirming provisional booking for Saturday, 13th January, 2018. £200 deposit requested. **Action:** GH, MT

Replies from Meva School and Ladies Choir thanking choir for cheques.

TREASURER:

Subs: Approximately half of members' subs - £2,556 - now paid. **Action:** Chairman/Treasurer to remind members at next practice (27/2) that cut-off date is 9th April, after which names will be forwarded to committee, and that members in difficulty should contact Treasurer privately.

Subs waiver: Discussion re subs waiver for those introducing new members.

Action: **Secretary** to add to AGM agenda.

Santander Account: Note of minute'd change of officers – G Hoskins replacing D Leeson as Treasurer and M Tate replacing A Scarratt as Secretary - required by bank. Proposed by SL and seconded by PB that GH forward relevant paperwork. Carried unanimously. **Action:** **GH** to forward as indicated.

Gift Aid: GH asked if Gift Aid form could be given to new members on passing voice test. Action: **GH** to email copy of relevant form to Secretary.

FUNDRAISING:

Letters sent out to potential advertisers. PB voiced concern over lack of concerts in 2017, leading to increased difficulty in selling programme advertising space.

CONCERTS:

St John's: St Austell Brewery unavailable for afterglow. White Hart suggested as alternative, and Tregonissey Butchers recommended as suppliers of pasties, to be sold at church after concert. **Action:** **PB** to contact White Hart and Tregonissey Butchers. Other arrangements to be discussed at next meeting. **Action:** **MTh/MTa/CB** to prepare website-friendly check list.

St Mewan CC: Date agreed for joint concert fixed as Friday 12th May. Various venues discussed. **Action:** **MTa** to enquire about Penrice School, **CB** to enquire re St Augustine's.

Penrice House: **Action:** **CB** to confirm Monday 18th December.

St Austell Christmas Concert: **NN** to confirm availability of Holy Trinity on Friday 15th December

Fowey Hotel: Request to sing between 4pm and 6pm on Christmas Eve.

Action: **CB** to respectfully decline.

MUSIC:

Report from Terry Coplin: *We have not met recently and I have not received any suggestions from the choir. MTh aware that the proposed music section of the website cannot be accessed at the moment, due to a bug in the system. He is on the case. I continue to look for suitable arrangements including for one or two of those that have been rejected recently. African Trilogy is still on the stocks. The forthcoming International Festival is usually a good place to pick up ideas.*

Teach Tracks: Back to the '60s now available. Thanks to Matt Fox and to MWD Thompson for the time and for the considerable time and effort spent.

Repertoire: Discussion re non-used music. **Action:** **SG** to produce inventory for Music Committee to assess.

MEMBERS:

Tops – Jim Hunkin still unwell; Ivor Morcom seeing specialist;

Seconds – nothing to report

Baritone – nothing to report

Bass – nothing to report

SOCIAL:

Entertainment Evening: Proposed date now Friday 7th April at Mevagissey Social Club. This will be a *social* event, not a *fund-raising* event, with a quiz and self-entertainment. Only expense is special licence - £21, which a raffle should cover. Members to be asked to bring food, as at Harvest of the Sea. All members and choir friends invited. **Action:** SL/PB to organise.

WEDDINGS:

Discussion as to whether choir should accept/seek invitations to sing at weddings. **Action:** NN, GH, MTa to discuss with Musical Director at next practice; MTh to research other choirs on-line; SG to approach Mary Halstead at Mevagissey wedding venue.

RISERS:

Storage will be needed after December. **Action:** MTh to put notice on website; SG to advertise in Mevagissey.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Geoff Woodward: Discussion re retrieving former members' music, jackets etc.; specifically, that of Geoff Woodward. **Action:** SG to investigate.

Publicity: G Rundle advised that he is planning to seek new recruits via local press. **Action:** MTa to seek sight of publicity material.

Librarian: SG reported that all music had been received from Steve Flavell in good order and well looked after, with just one set defaced. Proposed to hand out music to new members in plastic folders, and with set of instructions on how to preserve it. Discussion as to when new members should be given music, but no decision reached. **Action:** SG to speak to members re looking after music at next practice.

St Andrew's Keys - Discussion re keyholders, following fiasco on 13th February. **Action:** Chairman to speak to Gil Blamey re ensuring that a key is always available locally.

Trophy Cupboard Keys - Currently held by Secretary. **Action:** MTa to speak to Gil Blamey/RM about future arrangements.

CDs – Three concert CDs passed to Web Manager.

Meeting closed at 21.40.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 21st March, Mevagissey Social Club