

Mevagissey Male Choir Minutes of Committee Meeting

7-30 17th May 2016 Mevagissey Social Club

Present. N. Nicholls, D. Leeson, G. Hoskins, P. Bowker, M. Thompson, C. Burnett, M. Tate, S. Lawday, B. Hocking, P. Vellenoweth, R. Mitchell, C. Williams, S. Flavell, T. Scarratt.

Apologies. H. Stobart,

Matters arising. None

Chairman. Has spoken to Adrian Wilton thanking him for M/C of the Minack concert. He asked the Secretary to write to thank him plus a Cheque for £25, also to write to Cliff Ellison with letter of thanks. Practices are going well, new members fitted in well with Minack as their first concert, grey trousers to be checked for colour differences.

Treasurer. There's nothing like the absence of the Treasurer to slow down the Choir's financial activities, so April was fairly quiet on the financial front, though there were a number of credits through direct payments. Two were for CD sales from Truro Cathedral and Heligan, totalling £60.00, and the other two were for Adverts to be published in the programmes of this year's concerts, and they totalled £396.00. Our thanks should go to Peter Bowker for his success in selling advertising space and for the £1,068.00 which has already come in together with the £1,220.00 yet to come. Cyprus payments have been coming in steadily and Subs have continued to trickle in. This report summarises the situation on the eve of the Minack Concert which will mark the beginning of our 2016 concert year, so I am hoping that Income will start to take off from now on! The Minack evening gave us an immediate funding injection of £316.00, but we shall not know the final outcome until we have paid for the coaches for both choirs, any other costs which the Military Wives may identify, how much we decide to donate to Adrian our Compere, how much we decide to donate to the Wives' Charity, together with the cost of the After-glow, and, of course, how much The Minack gives us from the proceeds of admissions. Although I think we should discuss how to express our appreciation to Adrian as a matter of urgency, I think we must wait until we have more information before we address the other issues, hopefully, at our next meeting. All I can tell you for the present is that we received £55.00 in bus fares, £50.00 in donations and we sold 4 CDs, raising £40.00 and 108 programmes, raising £216.00, and the graphic design of the programme's cost us £240. The Spending Plan at this stage of the year is still out of the equation, but we could really do with a big injection from last Saturday night, when I felt that attendance was down on our previous visits. (The Minack's payment from our last concert there was £4,028.08). I was very heartened by some members' reactions to my request for final settlements at last week's practice, and the amount taken last evening was very reassuring. There is still slightly in excess of £10k to come in, but our current account is about £10k short of the amount required to settle the account in the first week in July, so we should remain solvent. Having recently made a purchase through Easy Fundraising, I noted that they are claiming that we have raised more than three figures, but the last payment I have any record of, was in August of last year and was for £16.54. Can anyone on this committee shed any light on our arrangements for collecting that money, because I don't know what they are!

Secretary: No letters received, 8th Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival application form sent.

Concert Sec: No new concerts.

Publicity: Programme from Minack publicised on local radio and press. Photo's and video taken on Saturday are in the post. Video to be edited yet. Amy's photos will be here soon. Anne Oliver - Email received praising concert looking forward to working with us again. Letter of thanks to be sent to Culdrose MWC. Latest newsletter now available.

Web Manager: All up to date 2 concerts discussed Newquay and Holsworthy.

Fund Raising: HFC 300 programs to be printed possibly more pages, P. Bowker was asked about polo shirts etc. for supporters, to be thought about Peter to liaise with HFC re ticket prices / charges

Social Sec: BBQ caterer to be found to run outdoor catering / marquee/ venue. Pentewan Golf Club put forward as possible venue. Date to be arranged.

Almoner: Nothing current, Ivor and family have been contacted.

1st Tenors: Nice to see 2 new members at Minack as their first concert, there are 2 more nearly ready to take the voice test, Phil has spoken to Ivor who hopes to be at Newquay concert.

2nd Tenors: Daren Lyons hoping to take voice test soon, others seem to have fallen by the wayside.

Baritone: David Caning hoping to take voice test soon

Bass: Paul Uzzel has been missing for a month seems to have a problem /illness with his chest.

C/D's a few downloads at the moment, stores stocking up for summer.

Minack debrief: A successful concert but wish we had sold more tickets, M/C very good, programme very good. St Austell brewery has looked after us very well. Discussion about giving away programs at end of concert to anyone purchasing a C/D. Better system needed for pasty distribution at afterglow (Pasty Monitor).

HFC: Bishop Tim has agreed to be M/C for the evening programs to be sold at £2 to be sold by choir wives. P. Bowker to find out about piano/ acoustic shell, venue for afterglow to be looked into.

Feast week: Help needed by local choir members to set up seating in Church. Tickets on sale from Monday, bakery to sell tickets in Mevagissey, concert in aid of MIND. Rose Hunkin hopefully will be able to attend with her brother in law, B. Collins to M/C. Matt Fox's quartet has been asked to guest, need to check that Church is available. Afterglow in Social club.

AOB: Section leaders to take names /stops of members travelling by coach and liaise with Cliff when travelling, possibility of having a Bus Monitor, more organisation is needed in this area. Uniforms discussed members of the audience said we were not looking good. List of member's occupations discussed. Video of last year's Feast week concert what happened to it? Only those singing at the next concert to sing at rehearsal prior to concert if large numbers cannot attend. Jubilee hall to be booked for Festival of the Sea, help needed to set up and clean up after, **don't** leave it to the ladies as happened last year please. The possibility of Cyprus polo shirts to be looked into.

Meeting closed at 21-42

next meeting 21st June 2016

Signed Chairman

Date.