



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 21st November 2017

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

PRESENT: N Nicholls (NN); S Gibson (SG); G Hoskins (GH); P Bowker (PB); A Gill (AG); S Lawday (SL); P Vellenoweth (PV); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT)

1 APOLOGIES: C. Burnett (CB); R Mitchell (RM); H Stobart (HS);

2 MINUTES: of meeting held 17th October 2017. Proposed, GH; seconded PB, carried unanimously, and signed by NN.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Riser transport: MAC unable to help with trailer parking St Austell Brewery: Accepted MMC offer to put on a concert at Visitor Centre in spring. **Action:** CB to pursue.

Subs: SO users reminded to cancel SOs for remainder of the current year.

Hospice Request: No new information on Cornwall Hospice Care request for another fund-raising concert, possibly at Tywardreath in March. **Action:** CB to pursue.

'Blue Christmas' Copyright: Matt Douglas, arranger, pursuing.

Recording: No new development. **Action:** CW to approach Musical Director re laying down more tracks at an appropriate time.

Music Bursary: SG awaiting response from Meva School.

4 TREASURER:

GH produced balance sheet for October, final month of financial year. It looks as if the Choir will end the year with a net surplus of £3,126. Good month for CD sales. Cheque for £105 written at concert venue in early part of year never cleared. GH thanked for his diligence in preparing accounts in extenuating circumstances. Copy of monthly account to follow.

5 FUND-RAISING:

PB reported that, after some initial complications, MMC posters are being displayed on Tesco drive. Also, he had applied for permission to have Tesco charity tokens. MMC also offered opportunity to take part in Tesco 'Monthly Information Days' and to run a 'collection' session in Tesco foyer from 9am to 1pm on 15th December. Three Choir members, with collection buckets, leaflets and CD player. CD sales not allowed in foyer, however. **Action:** NN to ask for volunteers at Monday practice. SG to ask to borrow school CD player.

6 CONCERT DEBRIEF:

Mousehole MVC at St Andrew's: Excellent concert, with many compliments from visitors and for Matt Fox's work. Agreed to print MMC pasty vouchers for future events to avoid confusion over entitlement. **Action:** GH to print

7 TYWARDREATH CONCERT:

Start time confirmed as 7pm. Nick Nicholls to compere. Entrance £5 with collection buckets available on leaving. Trailer to be brought to concert and to be loaded with risers and equipment after concert. CW to oversee. GH to bring mike. Pasty availability at New Inn to be investigated. **Action:** GH

8 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

St Andrew's: Start time 7.30 on tickets. John Mitchell to act as Marshal. Bill Collins to compere. Rosemary Mitchell and Stephanie Gibson to be on door. CW to organise risers and equipment. School to be given 25 passes. **Action:** SG
Penrice: all in hand.

Holy Trinity: Bill Collins to compere; John Mitchell to marshal. Refreshments organised by Champagne Chorus for donations to Huntingdon's Disease charity. **Action:** PB to request pasties, all to be paid for by individuals.

9 MINACK:

Date confirmed as 12th May. Culdrose have accepted invitation. Adrian Wilton confirmed as compere. **Action:** MT to pursue invitation to Laura Nicholas (Penzance soprano). PB to book Logan Inn for Afterglow

10 SOCIAL SECRETARY:

Dinner & Dance: Carlyon Bay GC booked for 13th January, and £200 deposit already paid. Price: £22:50 for 2 courses, £25 for 3. Double Brandy booked. **Action:** MT to circulate menus. Entertainment Night: New date 21st April at Jubilee Hall. Agreed that choir members should not be charged admission. AG to provide quiz. Billy Moore to run bar.

11 AGM (30th November)

Nominations required for Choir office roles by next Monday, 27th November. Proposed by PB and seconded by SG that the membership be asked to agree a change in the constitution to allow AGMs and Special Meetings to proceed with minimum 50% in attendance (currently 60%). Motion carried with one against. Special General Meeting to be convened. Action: MT

12 PUBLICITY/WEBSITE:

Posters printed and banner displayed for Tywardeath concert. **Media** informed about all four December concerts.

Website: MT read a joint statement from him and MWD Thompson including proposal to change software, and explaining why. Proposed GH; seconded CW. Carried unanimously. **Action:** MT to implement.

13 NAPLES:

PB put forward new dates (12-19 October 2018) and costings recommended by the sub-committee for the Naples trip, with a proposal that these be put before the membership. After a lengthy discussion about dates, costings, and the availability of the music team, an amendment was added to the proposal, which would read as follows: the committee recommends the sub-committee proposal, subject to a resolution of the uncertainties surrounding the availability of the music team. Proposed by **PB**; seconded by **SG**, carried.

14 MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Nothing to report

15 CDs AND DOWNLOADS:

CW reported that a further six CDs had been sold via the website during the past month.

16 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: Roger Daniel improving, and hoping to return.

Seconds: Good to see Paul Pearce back. Terry Coplin recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Baritones: Mel Coombe likely to be missing frequently due to wife Celia's ill health.

Bass: Les Hereward passed voice test and promised uniform in time for Tywardreath concert.

17. ALMONER:

Card sent to GH, and Geoff Pollard contacted.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Choir sign boards: More up to date photos required. **Action:** **PB, MT** to organise.

Christmas folders: SG reported that music stocks were low for some pieces, particularly White Christmas, and three singers don't have a copy. Some members had 'lost' their Christmas music. **Action:** **SG** to buy more copies. SG also reported that he still had black folders available.

Saul Sandey: NN to ask for return of uniform and music. **Action:** **NN**

Uniforms: Bob Whitaker still has some. Chris Bale aware.

Remembrance wreath: Invoice received for £17.50, plus request for donation. Committee advised that donations to another charity are illegal.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm

NEXT MEETING:

7.30pm, Tuesday, 16th January, Mevagissey Social Club