



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 17th October 2017

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

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

1 **APOLOGIES:** A Gill (AG); S Lawday (SL); P Vellenoweth (PV)

2 **MINUTES** of meeting held 19th September 2017. Proposed, SG; seconded HS, carried unanimously, and signed by NN.

3 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Concert microphone: duly purchased.

Riser transport: response from MAC re trailer parking still awaited. **Action:** PB to pursue.

Trailer insurance: Volunteer drivers need to be reminded to check their own insurance policies to see if they are covered.

St Austell Brewery: No reply yet to Choir's offer to run a concert. **Action:** CB to pursue.

Quay concerts: Letter of thanks sent to Harbour Master.

Subs: All members now paid up. Seven members availed themselves of Standing Order option. **Action:** GH to remind SO users to cancel SOs for remainder of the current year. Issue of rebates for members introducing new singers to be discussed at AGM.

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

Copyright: "Tears in Heaven" - Nick Hart, arranger, has written to Music Committee, saying: "Copyright is a grey area, but there should be no problem for your usual concerts, or with recording as you will make a PRS contribution normally. Problems arise if you broadcast it (particularly tv), sell the arrangement, or use it in competition. You would then need to apply for permission to use the arrangement for those purposes and pay for the privilege. You should always credit the authors and composers. With 'Tears in Heaven', I adapted someone else's arrangement and they should get the credit. ... And don't expect an invoice, it's my pleasure!" **Action:** MT to write letter of thanks. **"Blue Christmas"** – **Action:** MT to ask Matt Douglas, arranger, to pursue copyright permission.

Recording: Discussion re recording a new CD with more pieces currently performed at concerts. **Action:** CW to approach Musical Director re laying down more tracks at an appropriate time.

Alan Dibb: NN & SG confirmed music file and uniform recovered.

“At Last”: CW confirmed piece remains in the repertoire.

Holy Trinity Christmas Concert: NN confirmed Champagne Chorus had been invited as guests and would contribute half the programme. Benefiting charity will be St Petroc’s. Champagne to provide interval refreshments, with donations to Huntingdon’s Disease charity. Meva Cappella invited to take part in concert.

4 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

5 TREASURER:

GH produced balance sheet for September, which was a quiet, uneventful month, and suggested that the Choir is likely to record a ‘reasonable’ year, better than feared at the beginning. CD sales had been very good and donations excellent. GH thanked for his continuing good work and easy-to-follow statements.

6 CONCERT DEBRIEFS

St German’s: Awaiting update from organisers. **Action:** MT Thanks to Mel Coombe for his role.

Holsworthy: Letter awaited from organisers. (Post meeting note – proceeds thought to be in region of £800.) Concert well received, despite ‘light’ choir. Discussion about members’ commitment.

Harvest of the Sea: Good turnout, after some encouragement. About 30 singers, against 23 originally.

7. ‘MOUSEHOLE’ CONCERT:

Gil and Angela Blamey have agreed to organise staffing on the door. As no tickets printed, it was proposed to issue attendants with a book of numbered raffle tickets, ensuring that 30 were put aside for Mousehole**. After a general discussion about ticketing, it was proposed by MT that the committee should consider using CRBO for all future concerts hosted by MMC, seconded by RM, and carried. **Action:** PB to procure and deliver raffle book. Afterglow confirmed at Sharkfin. **Action:** MT to order 110 pasties, of which ten to be vegetarian.

8. MINACK:

Discussion about possible guests for next year’s concerts. **Action:** MT to approach Culdrose MWC, and Laura Nicholas (Penzance soprano).

9. NAPLES:

Initial enquiry forms have been issued to members by the Naples sub-committee, asked for preferences between 2018 and 2019. It is intended to keep the cost under £1,000 per couple, possibly with the help of a subsidy from choir funds of £100 - £150 per singing traveller. Sub-committee thanked for their work to date.

10. PUBLICITY/WEBSITE:

Media informed about Mousehole concert, posters printed and banner displayed. With Mike WD Thompson away for a month, MT apologised for website being a little behind.

11. MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

MT read a report from Terry Coplin. "The music committee recently met in Saltash, so that Graham could be there. Apart from the parking fines incurred by Cedric and Mike it was a worthwhile get together. We discussed the following as possible choices for the choir repertoire:-

Sit Down, You're Rockin the Boat
Blowin' in the Wind
Perhaps Love
Let it be Me
Winter Wonderland
Kings of Swing
You are so Beautiful
Sound of Silence.
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (two versions)
Sing Lullaby

Of these, 'Winter Wonderland' and 'You are so Beautiful' have been ordered, and 'Sing Lullaby' is to be resurrected. Other possibilities are 'Finlandia', 'Crying in the Rain' and 'Lascia Ch'io Pianga' (if we go to Italy) for Matt to play. Graham Willcocks also mentioned sing the St Day (or Sans day) Carol, but not sure if there is a TTBB arrangement."

CW also reported that there was talk of reviving 'The Easter Hymn'.

12. CDs AND DOWNLOADS

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

13. MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders)

Tops: Roger Daniel remains in poor health.

Seconds: Paul Horsman expected to take another voice test soon.

Baritones: Nothing to report

Bass: Les Hereward expected to take voice test soon.

There was further general discussion about how section leaders (and others) could help new recruits through Voice Test.

14. ALMONER:

Action: AG to obtain card for choir to send to GW.

15. CHOIR UNIFORMS:

Discussion re condition of some members' jackets. **Action:** HS to speak to Chris Bale about replacements for those that were very worn. MT to insert sentence about caring for jackets in New Members Letter.

16. MUSIC BURSARY:

PB reported that Mevagissey School had welcomed MMC's offer to provide a Music Bursary for a worthy pupil, who would be nominated by the school. **Action:** **SG** to pursue with the school.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Riser Transport: **Action:** **PB** to liaise with **CB** over handover of equipment transport duties in December.

Musical Director: RM offered to conduct choir at Penrice, if needed, due to GW's absence.

Fundraising: **Action:** **PB** to pursue possibility of raising funds via token system at Tesco.

Entertainment Evening: Discussion re possibility of holding a similar function to that put on earlier in the year, but this time charging outsiders, possibly at Jubilee Hall. **Action:** **PB** to explore.

Marshal: In view of the fact that said that he will be away at time of AGM, HS declared his willingness to stand again as Choir Marshal.

Christmas folders: SG reported that additional black folders were need for new members. Agreed that he should purchase whatever necessary. **Action:** **SG** to procure necessary folders.

Upcoming concerts: MT took the committee through arrangements for Tywardreath, St Andrews Christmas, Penrice and Holy Trinity Christmas. Information will appear shortly on the website.

Action:

Tywardreath:

NN to check availability of Tywardreath School

NN to ask John Mitchell to act as Marshal.

GH to prepare a programme

NN to check with New Inn re afterglow

NN to ask for stewards at next Monday's practice

St Andrews

NN to ask CRBO to handle ticket arrangements (price £7)

NN to ask Des Honey to act as Marshal

GH to prepare programmes

NN to alert Fountain re 'afterglow'

Penrice

MT to ask Polgooth re afterglow

Holy Trinity

NN to ask CRBO to handle ticket arrangements (price £7)

NN to book White Hart for afterglow

Mike S Thompson: Chairman reported that Choir are to be invited to attend Mike & Sarah's wedding next September 15th in St Ewe.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.19pm

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 21st November, Mevagissey Social Club