

Mevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tues September 20th 2022, 7.30pm. Mevagissey Social Club

Present:

Nick Nicholls – Chair (NN).	Cliff Burnett (Concerts)
Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)	Chris Williams
Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)	Clifford Burnett (CB))
Steve Gibson (Vice Chair)	Roger Mitchell (RoM)
Humfrey Stobart (HS)	Mike Tate (Publicity)
Cliff Burnett (Concerts)	Dave Leeson
Graham A'lee	

1. Apologies/Absent – Apologies received from Steve Truscott, Bill Roberts, Simon Lawday.
2. Minutes of 19/07/2022 meeting – The minutes were deemed to be accurate, and ready for publication on the website.
3. Matters arising (if not on agenda) – SG confirmed that the local schoolkids would love to join our Christmas concert, which will also feature the Mevagissey Ladies choir. The date is likely to be Friday 2nd December. SG to confirm. There followed a discussion about red badges – how many are holders already, and how many badges do we hold? MT will e-mail members, with the object of producing an accurate list of everyone's choir start dates.
4. Treasurers report. GH reported that we've received a card from the Feast Week Committee, thanking us for the money we raised at our March 5th quay concert. They also paid us our £100 concert fee, after persistent encouragement by Steve Truscott. The production of our new CD has been paid for. Altogether, £420 was raised by the sale of CDs at the five quay concerts, aided by the purchase of a card-reader, for £79, which accounted for £130 of CD sales over the last two concerts alone,

and reportedly was popular and simple to use. Over the quay concerts CDs sold well, particularly our newest one. There followed a general discussion about possible donations from these monies, some of which had been mooted earlier in the year. NN has written to all the quay concert collectors, thanking them for their efforts in what has proved to be a record year.

5. Musical Direction: Much discussion ensued, when NN confirmed that Ben Martin has once again missed an opportunity to meet the choir, this time through illness. Despite initially seeming keen some months ago, he has failed to take up several opportunities to see us, whether in rehearsal, or in concert. Nothing has been heard from Angela Renshaw recently, and it was agreed that NN will get in touch with her again, to clarify her position.
6. Covid testing: Dave Leeson felt that it was still necessary to remind members to stay away from rehearsals or concerts, should they feel unwell.
7. Concerts: CB asked for decisions on our joint concert with Barnstaple MVC on Saturday Nov 19th, mainly involving the afterglow. The New Inn, the Ship at Polmear, and the Royal were all put forward, and will be followed up for rooms, facilities, and costs. CB also reminded us of the Falmouth Pavilion concerts, due to take place next summer. HS was very much in favour, feeling that Falmouth is a very important destination that we have yet to crack.
8. Concert check-list: MT and CB have been improving these check-lists, available on the website, under events. MT is very keen that responsibilities should be allotted as soon as possible, so that all members know who is responsible for what, from risers, to tickets, to door staff, to posters and advertising etc., and if there are any obvious gaps, members can volunteer to fill them.
9. Choir 50th Anniversary update: HS reported that the sub-committee (HS, RM, SG, MT, GH) visited the Hall for Cornwall on August 10th, to meet the relevant staff, and to familiarise ourselves with the recently refurbished venue. HS has booked the venue for Wednesday June 12th, 2024, for a 7.30pm performance. The invoice for the deposit should be sent to GH soon.

10. Choir uniforms: SG is keen that we look our best for our concerts. Shirts and trousers should be the same across the choir, and suitably ironed and pressed. Particular attention should be paid to ties, some of which are really showing the dirt – they can be dry-cleaned. If members are having problems with their uniforms they should approach their section leaders, in the first instance. HS, as choir marshal, will do his best to keep an overview of the presentation of the whole choir.
11. Concert report by MT: RM said Mike's report, written three months ago, was on the agenda once again, to mark the fact that Mike had put a lot of work into it, but, due to illness, had been unable to personally present it, and answer any potential questions. SG thanked Mike for his efforts.
12. Choir Social Event: Peter Bowker has organised the entertainment, ST will bring the decanter etc for Graham Willcocks, BR will bring the shield, and NN has organised flowers for Den.
13. AOB: HS presented his apologies for the next three committee meetings, as he will be away. Graham A'lee reminded section leaders to let him know if any member needs a call or a card, or other support. GH wished to offer the Committee's congratulations to CW, for his splendid work on the choir's latest CD.
14. Next committee meeting. Tuesday 18th October, 7.30pm, at Mevagissey Social Club.