



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 19th June 2018

PRESENT: N. Nicholls; R Mitchell (RM); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB);

Meeting opened at 7.32pm.

1 APOLOGIES: G Hoskins (GH); S Gibson (SG); D Leeson (DL); P Vellenoweth (PV); H Stobart (HS).

*The Chairman expressed his concern at having to conduct a meeting with only the bare minimum of members needed. **All** members are reminded that they made themselves available for committee membership at the AGM and that the 10 committee meeting dates were circulated before the beginning of the year. It is vital for an effective committee that members attend these meetings, except in unavoidable circumstances. If members find that they cannot attend, it is necessary to advise **the Secretary as early as possible, in person, by email, phone or word of mouth.** It is not helpful to pass messages through others, or a few hours before. Also, if a member is unable to attend, he should advise the Secretary of any information that he may have for the Committee, **if possible in written form, e.g. email.***

2 MINUTES: of meeting held 22nd May agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed PB; seconded RM, carried unanimously. Thanks were expressed to SG for taking minutes in the absence of the Secretary through illness.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Minack: MT suggested it was unlikely that the Culdrose MWC have yet been paid, due to the Treasurer's absence. They have been advised of our circumstances and that they will be reimbursed in due course. Same goes for Laura Nicholas and her accompanist. **Action: MT** to so advise. NN suggested that Adrian Wilton, the compere, should be sent £25 to cover his expenses – unanimously agreed. **Action: NN** to progress. Letter of thanks has been sent to Brewery by PB. Unclear whether P Horsman and M Thompson have been reimbursed for fuel and white jacket respectively. **Action: NN** to report back.
Subs: All now paid or have reached agreement.

Trailer Insurance: PB reported that his has now commenced at cost of £74.70, a reduction of £21.09 on previous quote.

Sound equipment: NN confirmed that Press Gang equipment would be available for Quay Concerts should Tommy Williams be unable to help.

Church parking: Not available for committee meetings. It was uncertain whether discounted parking (50p) was still available at Willow CP for members with choir stickers. **Action: PB** to check, with Matthew Facey.

Uniforms: Thanks to Wendy for sewing badges, making alterations. **Action: MT** to write.

4 TREASURER:

Report held over in the absence of the Treasurer.

5 LOSTWITHIEL DEBRIEF

Net proceeds, after all expenses, were £576 and CHC had expressed their appreciation. Although the Graham Willcocks (GW) expressed some dissatisfaction with the performance it was felt generally that the evening had gone well, with a full house and appreciative audience. **Risers** had failed to arrive, due to a misunderstanding by the member who had agreed to tow the trailer. **Sound equipment**. CB asked for Jane Lawday to be thanked for helping load at the end of concert, in the absence of choir members. **Action: NN**. **Afterglow**: venue not suitable on the night. More research needed.

6 UPCOMING CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

Feast Week 25th June: Tickets already printed by GH and delivered to Angela Blamey and Martins. Thanks to Angela Blamey for managing ticket distribution. **Action: NN** to thank Angela. **Mevagissey School** and two **Falmouth School students** have agreed to perform, and have provided their programmes. It was agreed that the two students should be receive £30 each to cover their expenses. **Printed programmes** being provided by MT and Jane Stubberfield. However, this has proved both expensive and time-consuming. Alternative needed if GH not available for next one. **Action: PB** to speak to St Austell Printers. **Action: NN** to write thanking Jane Stubberfield for her efforts. **Trailer** will be delivered by PB. **Carclaze (7/7)**: Imerys Choir hosting – CB awaiting details. **Action: CB** to follow up. **Action: CB**. **Yealmpton (21/7)**: Yealmpton Choir hosting – CB awaiting details. **Action: CB** to follow up. **Action: CB**. **Truro Cathedral (29/7)**: CB & HS meeting Cathedral reps on Thursday and will report back. Also on afterglow venue. **Action: CB & HS**. **Birmingham Symphony Hall**: Deposits of £25pp due by end of month to NN. **Action: MT** to email reminder. **Action: CB** to check with Chris Bale about possibility of going as a choir. **Naples**: PB produced a proposal for a Naples trip in October 2019. Cost £761pp, after subsidy. It was decided to investigate whether we could still be hosted by Naples choir before putting to members. **Action: PB** to ask Graham Rundle whether he is prepared to pursue. If not, PB would take it on. PB thanked for his efforts.

7 MUSEUM CONCERT:

50th anniversary to be celebrated in St Andrew's on 13th August due to expected high tide. Museum authorities have been made aware. Matt Fox will be absent. **Quay concerts**: SL reminded that posters and flyers will be need for Quay Concerts. **Action: MT** to put on July agenda

8 CONCERTS (NEW):

Ashburton (6/10): Joint concert with Plymouth MWC confirmed for 6 October. **Action: MT** to notify members by email. **Padstow**: C Bale unable to agree dates for concert for RNLI

9 DEPUTY MD:

Once again it was acknowledged that Mike Thompson was doing a great job as GW's understudy. It has been agreed that he will be paid for any full concerts or practice sessions. According to the constitution the title of Deputy MD is in the gift of the MD. **Action:** NN to ask GW for his view.

10 RECRUITMENT OFFICER:

HS reported that Ray George had expressed an enthusiasm for taking on the job. **Action:** NN to ask Ray to take it on.

11 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS

CW reported that the committee was continuing to have a series of mini-meetings at the interval on Mondays. *Mr Blue Sky* had been acquired very quickly and successfully and had already been started. It was suggested that the repertoire needed more 'happy songs'.

12 CD SALES & DOWNLOADS:

CW reported 'quiet' CD sales at concerts – none at Lostwithiel – although some were being sold on Monday evenings. It was suggested that comperes might be urged to promote a little more. RM said some had been sold in Truro. There was a discussion about discounting older CDs, but no proposal.

13 RECORDING:

It was noted again that almost none of the pieces sung at the last concert are available on a CD. It was proposed that the Choir should begin recording a new CD in January (proposed PB, seconded MT, nobody against). [A list of songs as yet unrecorded is appended as a separate attachment.

14 PUBLICITY

MT voiced concern about the choir's Facebook page and who administers it. It is believed that Graham Hoskins is one, but it is unclear who else. It was decided to hold over until GH back, hopefully at next meeting. A news release about Feast Week had gone to Tower & Spire. Newsletter has been delayed owing to editor's work pressures.

15 ALMONER:

Card has been sent to Brian Mitchell, who is now in his new home, and an email to Graham Hoskins on Choir's behalf.

16 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: Nothing heard from Ronnie Gibson since passing voice test. Not responding to emails – no other contact details available.

Seconds: Nothing to report. Former member Jack Hicks has moved to north coast.

Baritones: Bernard Hocking has 'had treatment and appears to be ok'.

Bass: New recruit Rod Richardson settling in well.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Terry Coplin: has asked to borrow MMC speakers for 8 in a Bar trip to France in July. Committee approved.

Tour Funds: Proposal to convert Gift Aid into a Tour Fund, for subsidising trips away. Added to agenda for July.

Risers: Concern about condition of risers. **Action: CW** to investigate cost of repair/replacement and report back.

MD jacket: needs replacing. **Action: NN** to speak to Chris Bale.

Meeting closed at 9.32pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm, 17th July, Mevagissey Social Club.