



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club at 7.30pm on 21st March 2017

PRESENT: N. Nicholls (NN); S. Gibson (SG); G. Hoskins (GH); R. Mitchell (RM); H. Stobart (HS)P. Bowker (PB); S. Lawday (SL); C. Burnett (CB); M. Thompson (MTh); M. Tate (MTa).

1 APOLOGIES: P. Vellenoweth (PV); C. Williams (CW)

3 MINUTES of meeting held on 21st February, 2017: proposed SG, seconded PB, passed unanimously.

At this point, at the Committee's request, Terry Coplin (TC) joined the meeting to discuss Items 2 and 13 on the Agenda:

2 St JOHN'S CONCERT:

Refreshments: TC gave his views, and the Federation policy, on providing refreshments for visiting choirs at the Festival concert on 29th April. Following a lengthy discussion, a three-stage plan was agreed, proposed by MTh, seconded SG, and carried: TC to ascertain whether the brewery was prepared to ask the White Hart to prepare refreshments and report back; if the response is in the negative, PB will enquire as to the cost to the Choir of providing sandwiches at the White Hart; should this prove prohibitive, PB would ascertain the cost of providing cocktail pasties. **Action: TC; PB**

Risers: Choir risers would be provided by CB for the event. (CB also reported that the new safety rails would be ready by Easter.

13 MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

TC reported that one piece of Christmas music had been submitted. Also, TTBB arrangements were being sought for 'Tears in Heaven' and 'Into the West' (from 'Lord of the Rings'). Alternative means of obtaining TTBB arrangements for favoured pieces were discussed, with the names of Matt Douglas and Nick Hart mentioned.

At this point, TC was thanked for his contribution and he left the meeting, while members moved on to Item 4 of the Agenda:

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Phone App for website: Following a brief report by MTh, the decision was taken to shelve the project.

Ilfracombe Concert (7th October): Declined

January 2018 Dinner/Dance at Carlyon Bay: All confirmed and £200 deposit sent.

Subs (including waiver): discussed under Item 6.

Santander Account: discussed under Item 6.

St Mewan joint concert: discussed under item 8

Penrice House concert: date now confirmed as 11 December

Fowey Hotel invitation for 24th December: declined

Music library: SG has prepared an inventory, which will be emailed to committee members shortly. Copy handed to Treasurer. Discussion about the legality of certain photocopied material in the repertoire, including 'Haven of Rest'. Proposed to send report to Music Committee for their observations. Proposed SG, seconded, NN, carried. Thanks to SG.

Entertainment Evening: Discussed under Item 11.

Weddings: Further discussion to be had re whether choir should accept/seek invitations to sing at weddings. **Action:** NN, GH, MTa to discuss with Musical Director; MTh to research other choirs on-line; SG to approach [Mary?] Halstead at Mevagissey wedding venue.

Riser storage and transport: Notice on website; letter sent to St Andrew's.

Geoff Woodward: No news.

Publicity: No news on recruitment publicity material being prepared by G Rundle.

St Andrew's Keys: Assurance from RM that all is now in hand.

Trophy Cupboard Keys: Now held by Gil Blamey.

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

Out: Letter to St Andrew's seeking storage space

In: Emails from two supporters, praising members for their welcome. To be displayed on noticeboard.

6 TREASURER:

Update: Quiet month. However, 19 members have still to pay their subs, of whom seven were giving rise to special concern. Proposed by GH, seconded by SG, that chairman should remind members of the agreed cut-off date of 9th April at next Monday's practice (27/3), and that, on the following day, a reminder email should go out to all those still in arrears. Motion carried.

New member refund: The following proposal was made by GH, seconded PB: Any member introducing a new singer will be entitled to a £50 refund from their own subscription once the new member has passed his voice test and paid his

first full annual subscription. To take effect from 2017/18 financial year. Motion carried.

Santander Account: Following a request for yet more information from Santander Bank, each member of the committee was handed a form to complete and return to the Treasurer (as soon as possible please). Also, the following change of officers, voted on and approved at the December 2016 Annual General Meeting, is hereby reasserted.

G Hoskins has replaced D Leeson as Treasurer G Hoskins to be a new signatory
D Leeson to be removed as a signatory

M Tate has replaced A Scarratt as Secretary. Mike Tate to be a new signatory A Scarratt to be removed as a signatory

R (Nick) Nicholls is re-elected chairman, having replaced G Rundle. R (Nick) Nicholls to be a new signatory, G Rundle to be removed as signatory

Proposed by SL and seconded by PB that GH forward relevant paperwork.

Carried unanimously. **Action:** GH to forward documentation as necessary.

7 CDs & DOWNLOADS:

RM reported that a number of shops had been re-supplied, and that a further £150 had been sent to the Treasurer.

8 ST MEWAN CONCERT:

Date confirmed as Friday 12th May, venue Holy Trinity Church. Ticket price £6. Proceeds to be shared 50/50 after expenses. **Action:** NN to contact Andy Ward re ticket sales; MTa to ask Alison Harvey to contact Graham Willcocks re programme; PB to contact White Hart re afterglow.

9 NEW CONCERTS

CB reported request to sing at Truro Cathedral this summer. Seats 940. **Action:** CB to suggest dates in June/July before putting to members. Discussion re suggestion put on a free concert in holiday time. **Action:** NN, GH to make enquiries in Tywardreath; CB to make enquiries in Lanlivery and Fowey.

10 CONCERT AND ENGAGEMENT CHECKLIST

MTh produced a website checklist to ensure a smoother, more accurate and detailed record of proposed and forthcoming events, to ensure that as much information as possible is available to all members at all times. A shortened, more appropriate, check list has been prepared for sending by the Concert Secretary to potential clients. Thanks to MTh.

11 ENTERTAINMENT EVENING (7TH APRIL)

Over 50 acceptances to date. Quiz will start at 7.30, and last an hour. Entertainment will begin at 9pm. Helpers requested to arrive at 6.15. **Action:** CB to bring keyboard. Thanks to PB for his efforts.

12 MEMBERSHIP (SECTION LEADERS)

Former member Ian Ridler has indicated that he would like to return to Second Tenors.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Almoner: No news

Fund- raising: 3 offers of advertising to date. PB still chasing.

Riser Transport: Discussion re possibility of a sponsorship deal with local garage. **Action:** NN to speak to members on Monday.

Barbecue: **Action:** SL to investigate venues for Choir barbecue this summer.

Meeting closed at 21.57.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 18th April, Mevagissey Social Club