



## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**PRESENT:** N. Nicholls; G Hoskins (GH); S Gibson (SG); R Mitchell (RM); S Lawday (SL); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB);

Meeting opened at 7.37pm.

**1 APOLOGIES:** P Bowker (PB); D Leeson (DL); P Vellenoweth (PV); H Stobart (HS).

**2 MINUTES:** of meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed RM; seconded SG, carried unanimously.

**3 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Phil Johns:** HS reported that Phil had re-joined the choir and paid subs.

**Deputy MD developments:** As discussed at previous meeting, a decision regarding MS Thompson payment etc would be listed on agenda for next meeting. **Action: MT**

**Recruitment:** Chairman has sent letter to Graham Rundle expressing Committee's thanks for his efforts and dedication.

**St Andrews Noticeboard:** PB reported that Gil Blamey now has a new photo.

**4 TREASURER:**

[See attached statement] Not an over-busy month. Only three members still to pay subs. **Action: NN** to speak to individuals concerned. Two new members to be asked to pay pro rata, i.e. 75% of annual fee.

**5 MINACK ARRANGEMENTS**

**Laura Nicholas:** has agreed to perform as a soloist. She will bring her own accompanist – Philip Chant. GW and Culdrose MWC have been notified. **Action: MT** to notify Minack and handle publicity. **Action: SG** to provide bouquet.

**Compere:** Adrian Wilton has agreed for cost of his petrol money. **Action: NN** to contact Adrian re arrangements and to purchase gift.

**Coach:** Booked by CB. George Phillips has agreed to handle arrangements. Will start at Tywardreath and **must** arrive at Minack by 6.30pm latest. Will leave Logan Rock at 11.30pm. Free to singers, £5 for all others.

**Risers:** After much discussion, generally agreed that we should investigate possibility of hiring a van to take equipment. **Action: CB** to make enquiries. **Action: RM** to ask members (Paul Horsman, Darren Lyons, etc.) whether they would be prepared to drive the van. **Action: SG** to ask Matt Facey whether a van could be left in the Willow car park overnight on 12<sup>th</sup>. **Action: NN** to ask on Monday for volunteers for Minack work party.

**Guests:** **Action: NN, SG, MT** to be on hand at 6.30pm to welcome compere, Cudrose MWC and Laura Nicholas.

**Photographer:** New photo of Choir required. **Action: MT** to contact Minack.

**Programme:** Music programme received. Still awaiting finals ads from PB. **Action: MT** to supply all copy to designer by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Logan Rock:** PB advised that MMC need to take a payment from the Logan Rock of £79.00 for the advert against the £225.00 cost of pasties. Anita will give us an invoice and needs one in return. **Action: GH**

## 6 CONCERTS

**Lostwithiel 9<sup>th</sup> June:** This is an MMC concert to raise funds for Cornish Hospice. Church rooms available for changing. **Action: NN** to enquire about availability of soloists. **Action: CB** to check Social Club availability for afterglow. **Action: RM** to seek volunteers for transporting equipment.

**Wheal Martin 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Request to sing one song declined.

**Feast Week 25<sup>th</sup> June:** confirmed for 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. MMC to organise. Mevagissey School have accepted invitation. **Action: SG** follow up.

**Mevagissey Museum:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary: awaiting Museum committee decision (next week). **Action: MT** to report back.

**Padstow:** Chris Bale still attempting to organise RNLI concert for September. **Action: CB** to report back.

**Ashburton:** Chris Bale still attempting to organise joint concert with Plymouth MWC for October. **Action: CB** to report back.

**Tavistock 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Tamar Valley MVC organising afterglow venue.

**St Augustine's:** Christmas concert on 15<sup>th</sup> December agreed.

**St. Austell Brewery:** Approved by members for 22<sup>nd</sup> December, afternoon. Time to be confirmed.

**Hall for Cornwall:** PB reported that no 2020 bookings being taken until autumn 2019. **Action: PB** to contact HfC in 2019.

**Birmingham Symphony Hall:** **Action: NN** continuing to monitor.

## 7 MMC AND PERSONAL DATA STORAGE, 2018 REQUIREMENTS:

NN advised of rule changes due to come into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was generally felt that MMC's current arrangements are compliant.

## **8 DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MT proposed that, in light of AGM move to January, a committee meeting should be arranged for December. Proposed MT, seconded NN, unanimously agreed.

**Action:** MT to book Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## **9 PUBLICITY (WEBSITE)**

MT reported that a Minack news release would be issued to local media next week. MT has fixed date to show CB how to update concert list on website. MT also asked for volunteers to learn how to use website – SG volunteered. **Action:** MT to arrange instruction with SG

## **10 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS**

Terry Coplin reported: “We have introduced one new song. Three declined. 3 or 4 to be looked at. Some songs have been given to MD which are to be considered.” NN expressed concern that music was being purchased without being sanctioned by Choir committee, as custodians of Choir finances. After some discussion, it was proposed that all music expenditure should be sanctioned in advance by committee. Proposed NN; seconded SG, carried unanimously. It was also agreed that the Librarian should no in future issue new music to members who had failed to pay subs.

RM reported a CD sale by Mill Garage.

CW reported that stocks of One Voice CD were very low and would soon have to be re moved from website. **Action:** CW to monitor.

## **11 ALMONER:**

Nothing to report.

## **12 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):**

**Tops:** NN welcomed Ronnie Gibson who has passed voice test. Nothing further had been heard from Mark Carter.

**Seconds:** Nothing to report,

**Baritones:** Nothing to report.

**Bass:** Nothing to report.

New recruit Tony Walder-Harding either a Baritone or Bass.

## **20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Trailer insurance:** PB reminded committee that insurance needs to be paid before Minack - £95.79 for 12 months. **Action:** GH

**Fundraising:** PB reported that the Tesco exercise had raised £400, and the Entertainment Night over £600. GH confirmed net proceeds from the latter were £615.50. PB also reported that advertisers to date totalled £2,747, with three awaited. He added that Parish to discuss our request for funding help towards our coach travel costs Thursday night. “Clerk optimistic that this will be granted –

circa £200 - £300 (my estimate)". PB estimate of total funds raised circa £4,000.00.

**Feast Week Fete:** agreed that MMC will take part on Saturday 30 June between 1.45 and 4.30pm, playing our CDs and collecting donations. We have been asked for choir members to sing. Committee agreed to decline. 3-4 volunteers needed to man the stall. **Action: NN** to ask members on Monday.

**Cornwall Community Foundation Grant:** Cornwall Glass Fund offering grants of c. £1K to "not for profit, voluntary or community groups or charitable organisations". Deadline 23 July 2018. Committee agreed to decline to apply.

**Barbecue:** Committee voted to hold another barbecue at Barley Sheaf on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. **Action: PB** to book Barley Sheaf.

**Dinner, 14<sup>th</sup> January:** SL reported that Double Brandy had been booked.

**Quay Concerts:** CW reported that we may not have use of sound equipment provided in the past by Tommy Williams. Committee discussed the option of purchasing our own sound mixer. **Action: CW** to keep committee informed.

**Entertainment Night:** RM proposed making a small donation (£20) to Jubilee Hall as a goodwill gesture (on top of £25 fee). Seconded CB and carried. **Action: GH.** RM also reported a complaint that the final act – Steve Rashford – had been too loud. However, many others felt the amplification enhanced the performances. MT reported that there was too much noise from the bar area and suggested that organisers should consider moving it into the kitchen area in future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

7.30pm, 22nd May, Mevagissey Social Club