

Mevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tues July 18th, 2023, 7.30pm. Mevagissey Social Club

Present:

Steve Gibson – Chair (SG).
Tony Scarratt – Vice Chair (TS)
Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)
Steve Truscott – Fundraising (ST)
Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)

Graham A'Lee (GL)
Chris Williams (CW)
Dave Leeson (DL)
Bill Roberts (BR)
Clifford Burnett (CB)

1. Apologies/Absent – Roger Mitchell
2. Minutes of 20/06/2023 meeting – The minutes were deemed to be accurate, and ready for publication on the website.
3. Matters arising (if not on agenda, or due to be raised in AOB), – DL asked about the trailer, and the possibility of a logbook. ST said he was prepared to action investigation of the trailer, and will inspect it, with the intention of producing a logbook/log sheet. DL then asked whether ST had enough room in his car for the risers, but Steve has concluded that only about half would fit in. SG said that whether we keep, or sell the trailer, it must be in the best possible condition in either case.
4. Treasurer's report: GH reported that progress has been made on our efforts to sell our own concert tickets online. Andy Gill has suggested that we have our own tickets@mevachoir e-mail address, and with the help of Jane Stubberfield, that has now been set up. GH has done a four-year comparison of Feast Week concerts. The income kept pretty steady year-on-year, but the costs have gone up. (£255 on pasties, £200 donation to the Ukraine Ladies choir, £150 to the Music Team), all of which meant our donation to Feast Week was down to £827.96. However, it was a good month for income overall, with £100 coming in from our concert at St. Mawes, £300 from our concert at Noss Mayo, and £270 profit from the Variety Show. Expenses included Trailer insurance, a Web sales licence,

and £60 for a piano tuner. Thanks, once again, go to Graham Hoskins for a busy job, well done.

5. Choir photos. Attempts to take much-needed publicity photos of the whole choir have foundered a little, in the face of lousy weather. SG will discuss with Matt Facey this week. TS suggested we find an alternative to Matt, if he is too busy, and ST pointed out that a photographer who advertises in our programmes works in the pasty shop in Mevagissey. ST said he'll check with the guy about costs and availability. SG said our Facebook page is getting more hits. At Jimmy's suggestion a different photo was posted on the page every day, and the views went up by a third – it could yet become a good recruitment tool. We need photos, not just of choir members, but also of supporters, helpers, Music Team, and audience members.
6. Future Concerts. Many requests are coming in for 2024, and Cliff is already calendar juggling! Penzance Orpheus Ladies would like a joint concert in April or May, St. Meavy, in West Devon, are asking about July, Mousehole would like a return gig in October/November, TS's Torbay social + concert is set for April 19/20, Phil Walter's Holsworthy concert is headed for the end of June, but will likely move into July, to avoid a clash with Feast Week. Artur is working on a Reading visit, possibly October 11/12, 2 different concerts in two different venues, with a return gig in Cornwall at the end of April 2025.
7. Choir 50th. RM, SG, TS, are organising a meeting at the Hall for Cornwall with their relevant staff, plus Jimmy Cannon and Angela Renshaw, to firm up as many details as possible.
8. AOB. There was a brief discussion about 'missing' choir members – those who no longer come to rehearsals/concerts, but have expressed a desire, on occasion, to stay members. Section leaders are doing their best to follow up on these. CB reported that Truro choir have postponed their joint concert with us. It was agreed that the Choir would not take part in any competition at the International Festival, but would assist with hosting. CB agreed to deal with that, and to liaise with Terry Coplin.

A thorough discussion followed, about the possibility of the Choir being issued with new Polo shirts for the summer, and, in particular, for the Quay concerts. TS proposed, and DL seconded that we adopt new shirts,

and eventually a blue colour was selected, with a white MMC logo. GH said that he would manage the purchase. Finally, SG said that Clive Cudmore should be asked to look after the second tenors as Rep, until Roger Mitchell can return.

PLEASE NOTE:

**Our next committee meeting
will be on Tuesday, 19th September
at the Mevagissey Social Club, 7.30 pm.**