



Mevagissey Male Choir

Raising funds and raising spirits since 1974



www.meva-choir.co.uk
Registered Charity No.298985

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 20th November 2018

PRESENT: N. Nicholls (NN); R Mitchell (RM); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); G Hoskins (GH); P Vellenoweth (PV); D Leeson (DL); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL); S Gibson (SG).

Meeting opened at 7.38pm.

1 APOLOGIES: H Stobart (HS)

2 MINUTES of MEETING HELD 16th OCTOBER 2018:

The minutes were agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed CW; seconded GH, carried unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Ronnie Gibson: SG confirmed that his music/uniform had been returned.

New members' uniforms: Both Alex Pearce and George Ellis had paid for their uniforms.

Honorary membership: The chairman reported that he had received a letter from Roger Daniel expressing his intention to retire from the choir for health reasons. After discussion, it was proposed by RM, seconded by SG, that: Roger Daniel, Bernard Hocking, Ivor Morcom and Derek Way should be offered honorary membership. Agreed unanimously. **Action: NN** to announce awards at Christmas concert.

4 TREASURER:

GH presented accounts for October, the final month of what had been a very successful year, at the end of which funds were in excess of £31,000 (compared with c£25,000 at the end of the previous year, and with an additional sum from Gift Aid to come. They would be sent to the accountants this week, to be ready for AGM. A new questionnaire had been received from Barclays seeking details from committee members, which were supplied. Finally, it was unanimously agreed to send a cheque for the £40 to the Royal British Legion in recognition of Remembrance Day (£17 for wreath and £23 donation). **Action: GH**

5 FUNDRAISING:

Tesco: PB reported that Tesco had offered MMC a slot on Monday 17th December for promotion. Agreed that we should go for 10 am – 2pm slot.

Action: PB to proceed. **GH** to forward copy of choir's liability insurance paperwork to PB.

Fundraising: PB announced his intention to stand down as Choir Fundraiser at the AGM, having completed three years. He was thanked by the committee for

his sterling work. He reported that Rod Richardson has agreed to stand for election.

6 CONCERT DE-BRIEF:

Tavistock (20/10): Good concert, excellent hospitality. Return concert proposed, possibly at St Augustine's, with net proceeds offered to church. **Action: CB** to pursue.

7 CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:

Arrangements discussed for:

St Andrews (8/12): posters are now available from GH. Volunteers needed for door duties etc. Microphone needed. **Action: NN** to ask members

Penrice (10/12): Keyboard etc. needed. **Action: RM** to ask P Horsman to deliver trailer.

St Augustine's (15/12): NN reported that Alison Harvey has agreed to be guest soloist. Members of St Petroc's have been invited. **Action: PB** to display banner at church.

St Austell Brewery (22/12): **CB** to report back after visit on 21 November.

Arrangements for all to be made available on website **Action: MT**

Brian Mitchell tribute (16/3): All in hand

St Mawes (25/5): Date agreed

8 NEW CONCERT REQUESTS:

Yealmpton: Agreed to recommend a request to return next summer. **Action: CB** to pursue a date, preferably in September.

Carclaze: Committee to discuss return date with Carclaze at next month's meeting.

Roseland: SG still negotiating dates

Maesteg: CB negotiating dates.

9 DINNER & DANCE (19/1):

Tickets to be priced at £26 per person for three courses (the Carlyon Bay GC menu price). Entertainment to be funded by raffle. **Action: MT** to circulate menus to members, with replies to SL. Complimentary tickets to be sent to Alison Harvey (2) and Gerald Goode (2). **Action: NN, MT**

10 AGM (14/1):

MT reported that committee membership nomination forms had been posted on the choir noticeboard.

11 CONSTITUTION:

MT requested a discussion on a number of possible anomalies in the current constitution. It was resolved that amendments to Paragraphs 4, 6.2, 38 and 46 should be sought at the forthcoming AGM. **Action: MT** to draw up necessary paperwork in time for the AGM.

12 MUSIC COMMITTEE:

Terry Coplin had reported: 'We met recently, considered several songs and approved a new piece of music called "Let the River Run" which has been

ordered direct from the arranger. We are also trying to find an alternative arrangement to a suggestion from Graham Rundle for "California Dreaming" to consider. It has not been approved yet.'

13 CDs AND DOWNLOADS:

CW reported light sales, RM reported 8 Christmas CD sales. It was decided to offer all members one CD each at half price for Christmas. **Action: NN** to inform members at next practice.

14 ALMONER:

Andy Gill had confirmed that cards had been sent to J Gill (new baby); R Lemin (ill health; and S Hicks (ill health).

15 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: PV confirmed Roger Daniel's retirement and noted Ivor Morcom's continuing health issues. He had also been to see Jim Hunkin.

Seconds: Nothing to report

Baritones: Nothing to report

Basses: CW confirmed George Ellis had passed voice test. Action: CW to oversee obtaining of GE's measurements for Chris Bale.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Recruitment: MT showed a copy of a new poster designed by Ray George, together with a bookmark advertising the choir to prospective members, for giving away at concerts and other events. Cost was expected to be in the region of £15, agreed and welcomed by the committee.

Choir records: MT advised that he was holding several folders of paper records dating back to 1980 and asked whether it was necessary to keep them, given that records (committee minutes etc) had been stored online since 2012. It was agreed that anything earlier than 2012 could be disposed of.

Overseas trip: PB reported that it had been impossible to reach agreement with choirs in Naples. However, he and Graham Rundle had looked at Venice as an alternative and found options for the week of 18-25 October 2019, of which the most attractive was priced at £734 per head, assuming a subsidy from the choir, as previously intimated. It was agreed that the proposal should be put to choir members. **Action: PB.**

Minack: MT confirmed that a date had been requested for the choir to return in 2020 and that a positive reply had been received.

Trailer: PB reported that the trailer had been serviced but that he had been advised that four new tyres were needed at a cost of £200. This was unanimously approved.

Competition: PV reported that members had asked whether the choir could take part in competition now that it had a deputy MD. It was agreed to seek members' views at the AGM, provided both Graham Willcocks and Mike S Thompson were agreeable.

Peter Bowker: Thanked the committee for agreeing to his use of keyboard etc for his party.

Meeting closed at 9.42pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th December, Mevagissey Social Club.