

## Mevagissey Male Choir

### Minutes of Committee Meeting, held by Zoom Tuesday, 21 September 2021 @ 19:00hrs

#### Present:

Nick Nicholls – Chair (NN)	David Leeson (DL)
Graham Hoskins – Treasurer (GH)	Simon Lawday (SL)
Robin Murphy – Secretary (RM)	Chris Williams (CW)
Humfrey Stobart (HS)	Clifford Burnett (CB)
Roger Mitchell – (RoM)	
Michael Tate - Zoom enabler & publicity (MT)	

1. **Apologies for absence:** Stephen Gibson, Rod Richardson
2. **Minutes of meeting held 17 August 2021:** Minutes are accurate and can be put on the website. (This were confirmed later in the meeting, due to technical issues. RoM moved that they be approved, and CW seconded. It was noted that a typo meant that SL was not shown as being present at the meeting, and this would be corrected before publication).
3. **Matters arising** - None.
4. **Almoner's Report:** No report as GA was absent. NN has heard nothing from GA
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Circulated prior to the meeting. GH wished to bring up a couple of related points during AOB.
6. **Monday practices:** It was agreed that the protocols already put in place for COVID must be maintained. It is essential that these are adhered to. This includes ensuring that the doors at the back are opened at the beginning of the rehearsal. These are fire doors and can be opened from the inside. It was noted that it was the best attended rehearsal for some time, including those in the barn. There was a discussion regarding the recordings made last year and it was noted that a couple of the tracks weren't up to standard. It was therefore agreed that we should liaise with Graham Willcox and Matt Fox to re-record those songs and move along the production of the new CD. This is to be added as an item on the next agenda.
7. **Concert Bookings:** A return to Prideaux Place, Padstow, is booked for July 23, 2022. The Chapel Council of St. Andrews have decided that there are to be no mass gatherings in the church. This is a blow to Harvest of the Sea, and Christmas concerts. George Philips is looking into the possibility of holding a concert at the more spacious St Augustines. HS asked about any progress on a combined concert with Mousehole Male Choir. A question also was raised as to whether we'd be inviting anyone sing with us at the Minack next May.
8. **Bursary:** Matt Douglas has been in touch with NN and suggested a suitable recipient for the bursary, a youngster who has been involved in singing in youth choirs. NN will go back to Matt for further details.
9. **Publicity Report:** Mike Tate reported that Tower and Spire (publication) reported on the concert at Prideaux and printed a couple of photos. We need a new choir photo, and also a discussion regarding the sites on Facebook. RM thanked MT for his help with the publicity leading up to the Prideaux Concert, and for his 'battle of the broadband' tonight, to enable the committee meeting to happen at all!

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10. **CD sales & downloads:** Sold two CDs at the Prideaux Concert. RoM deposited £30 with the Treasurer, after a trip to Falmouth.
11. **AGM & EGM Date:** To be discussed on the next agenda.
12. **AOB:** GH suggested that the committee take a definite position on the return of Choir subs from members. After discussion it was agreed that these would be reinstated for 2022, at the previous rate of £90, and that there would be no increase, unless agreed at the AGM. GH also reminded us that the choir had put down a deposit for the annual dinner dance for January 2021, which the Golf Club have held onto until we are able to take up the booking. MT to confirm status with the Golf Club. It was agreed that future committee meetings follow on from rehearsals in future, rather than using Zoom or meeting separately on a Tuesday.

**Date & venue of next meeting:**

**This will take place in St. Andrew's Church, after our rehearsal, on Monday 18 October 2021. Gil has very kindly said he will be available to lock the church at the end of the meeting.**

Minutes prepared by Robin Murphy  
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