



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 20th June 2017

Meeting opened 7.35pm

PRESENT: N. Nicholls (NN); G. Hoskins (GH); R. Mitchell (RM); C. Burnett (CB); P. Vellenoweth (PV); P. Bowker (PB); S. Gibson (SG); C. Williams (CW); H. Stobart (HS); M. Tate (MT).

1 APOLOGIES: S. Lawday (SL); A. Gill (AG).

2 MINUTES of meeting held 16^h May 2017: proposed, RM; seconded CB, carried unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Riser storage and transport: Meeting at St Andrew's this evening is considering our request for storage facility. SG reported possibility of a trailer being available in Bodmin. **Action: SG** to pursue Bodmin trailer option.

Concert microphone: **Action: GH** and **CW** to experiment with a Choir microphone for soloists and comperes.

4 CORRESPONDENCE:

Banner: Correspondence with Cornwall Council re missing Choir banner now resolved, with full apology from Rachael Taplow of Cormac, working for Cornwall Council. Banner eventually retrieved with help from Cllr James Mustoe and Facebook correspondents. Disappointment with Council's prevarication registered.

Barclays: Apology received after bank's mishandling of BACS payment service request, together with a donation of £100 in compensation.

Weddings: Both Polpier House and Coastal Bridal have confirmed that they are offering Choir services as a wedding 'extra'.

5 TREASURER:

(Copy of monthly account attached)

Forecast: GH reported that Choir funds are healthier than a few months ago, and that he is hopeful we may avoid projected loss, after all.

Donations: These are increasing, not only from individuals but also from practice evenings, where we now keep a bucket, and from informal singing in the Fountain later.

BACS: Now up and running, so online payments can now be made by the Choir with dual signatory process.

6 FUNDRAISING:

PB reported that we had lost Cornwall Glass as an advertiser, but gained City Electrical. He had also been successful in achieving a £250 donation from Mevagissey Parish Council. Total income from advertising revenue to date is £2,099.

7 CDs & DOWNLOADS:

CW reported that 38 CDs had gone out in past month. Downloads quiet. RM reported steady retail trade. **Action:** PB to ask if he can provide a display case for the Fountain.

8 CONCERT DEBRIEF:

Blessing of the Fleet: Complimentary letter received from Fishermen's Mission. However, some disappointment expressed at poor attendance on the day. Matt Fox thanked for his contribution.

Launcells: Members Travellers on the coach were reported to be unhappy with the quality of the driving, and with the route taken. **Action:** CB to ask Roselyn not to appoint same driver for future trips.

9 FEAST WEEK CONCERT (26th June):

Arrangements largely in place, with tickets and programmes printed. Tickets already virtually sold out. Mevagissey School to be given 30 free tickets for parents, following apparent misunderstanding – committee had originally recommended 'no freebies'. NN agreed to compere the event. SG agreed to greet guests. **Action:** SG to deliver school tickets and to bring 30 'reserved' signs for seats at rear, in front of organ.

10 YEALMPTON (8th July):

Arrangements in place and Music Director liaising with organisers over music programme. Tickets free, donations to be sought at event. 100 programmes requested. Organisers providing compere. **Action:** GH to prepare 100 programmes. CB to book coach, and to ask for a different driver to the Launcells man; and to ask George Phillips to monitor. After some discussion, it was agreed that coach will travel in a 'straight line' from Mevagissey to venue.

11 STITHIANS (17th July):

Still awaiting details. 8pm start. Compere Rebecca Wills (from BBC Radio Cornwall). **Action:** NN to ask members prior to Feast Week whether they would like coach travel, which would be financed from Choir funds.

12 NEW CONCERTS

Basingstoke Ladies: request to sing with us on their Cornish tour on 24th June 2018. **Action:** CB to decline - otherwise committed (Feast Week).

Luxulyan Valley: request to sing on 9th September 2017. **Action:** **CB** to decline - otherwise committed (Choir Barbecue).

Truro Cathedral: request to put on a concert on 29th July 2018. **Action:** **CB** to pursue.

13 BARBECUE:

PB confirmed that the Barley Sheaf, Gorran, had been booked for Saturday 9th September. Price will be £12:50 per head. **Action:** **AG** to prepare 'paper quiz'.

12 MEMBERSHIP (SECTION LEADERS)

Top Tenors: PV reported that it was good to see Ivor Morcom back; Roger Daniel is improving, and hoping to attend Feast Week concert; Mark Carter unwell but hoping to return.

Second Tenors: RM reported that Paul Horsman hoped to re-take voice test in next few weeks; pleased that Ian Ridler passed his voice test

Baritones: Nothing to report

Basses: CW reminded the committee that Bob Whitaker still has surplus Choir uniforms – Chris Bale expected to collect 'some time'.

13 PRACTICE AND CONCERT ATTENDANCE

Chairman reported Music Director's concern at poor attendance by a few individuals. **Action:** **Section leaders** to monitor attendance records at practice and **NN** to ask George Phillips to draw up a list on a Monday preceding a concert of those planning to sing at that concert.

14 MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Terry Coplin reported that he had obtained arrangements for previously suggested songs, including *Bui Doi* and *Mr Blue Sky* but Graham hasn't thought them good enough. "We have one other possibility to consider at the moment and I have had a request that we bring back *Ave Maria*."

15 PUBLICITY/WEBSITE

Website has been upgraded externally and web manager expects to restore imminently.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Practice visitors: **Action:** **MT** to ask Music Director to continue to thank visitors and ask them to leave prior to Choir business.

Practice night CD sales: **Action:** **NN** to remind all members taking payment for CD sales to pass it on to Chris Williams.

Soloists: PB suggested that the MD should be asked to approach other choir members to sing solo pieces at concerts.

Words at concert: A suggestion that words might be carried by incapacitated members during a concert was turned down.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 18th July, Mevagissey Social Club