

xMevagissey Male Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tues May 16th, 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)

Roger Mitchell – (RoM)
Chris Williams (CW)
Dave Leeson (DL)
Bill Roberts (BR)
Clifford Burnett (CB)

1. Apologies/Absent – Apologies received from Graham A'Lee.
2. Minutes of 18/04/2023 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) – None. Minutes signed off.
4. Treasurer's report: Income. GH reported receiving subs, and monies from ads, for which ST was thanked. SG wanted to highlight to the choir the list of regular advertisers who appear in every concert programme, and suggest they use these as favoured suppliers, where possible. GH has received a request for the renewal of insurance for the choir's trailer, of £100.25. Phil V. has washed it and said it didn't look too bad. It has been serviced by Alex Pearce, but it has not used a lot since Covid. DL said it is important to keep a tally of servicing, and GH confirmed he would go ahead with paying the insurance.
5. Choir voting: In response to a member who raised a query, SG stated that our constitution is quite clear. **1.** You have to be a 'singing' member of the choir to vote on any choir business. **2.** You have to be a paid-up, or paying, singing member of the choir to vote on any choir business, and **3.** You have to attend the meeting where a vote on choir business is to take place. All this is confirmed in the constitution, as all present agreed, and

furthermore they felt that there was no pressing imperative to look to change the constitution at this juncture.

6. Future Concerts. CB reported that Terry Coplin's suggested concert on Saturday November 4th, at St John's, St Austell, has the approval of the committee, and should be put to the choir. We will be joined by Champagne Chorus, and 8-in-a-bar. We are still waiting for further information from Truro about their concert proposal. SG mentioned that at our December 8th Christmas concert, with the Ladies' choir, and the kids from the local primary, that the kids have requested a reprise of the 'bells' song, to be sung by all. CB said that Yealmpton would like another concert, to help with church funds. They would like July 24th, 2024. CW suggested they be asked to pay £300, as they used to pay that for a coach, and the travel costs are now borne by choir members. It's a journey of 110 miles, at £15 per car, and then there's the music team to pay for. ST suggested putting the concert to the choir, and then replying to Yealmpton. CB has been chasing the Minack for a 2024 date, as a matter of urgency, but has been given the run-around on the phone, and been blanked on e-mail.
7. Choir 50th. TS has been in touch with Angela Renshaw, and she said that the Cornwall Youth Choir would be delighted to take part. The sub-committee are working to a budget of £7,500, as opposed to the £10,000 of the 40th anniversary. There followed discussions about possible comperes, and various venues for publicity shots, with an absolute deadline of October, to make the December launch of the Hall for Cornwall's 2024 publicity material. It was decided that a list would be drawn up of choir 'VIPs', ie Geoff Pollard, Gary Mitchell etc, to be our guests.
8. AOB. SG suggested inviting the Ukrainian Ladies's choir to our Feast Week concert. CW said that we now have a uniform for our newest member, Artur. RM suggested that the last two quay concerts, currently listed as having 7.45pm starts, should be brought forward to start at 7.30pm, due to the failing light at the end of August.

PLEASE NOTE:
Our next committee meeting

**will be on Tuesday, 20th June 2023,
at the Sun Inn, Polmear, 7.30 pm.**