



# Mevagissey Male Choir

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## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Meeting opened 7.35pm

**PRESENT:** N. Nicholls (NN); G. Hoskins (GH); R. Mitchell (RM); S. Lawday (SL); C. Burnett (CB); C. Williams (CW); M. Tate (MT).

**1 APOLOGIES:** S. Gibson (SG); P. Vellenoweth (PV); H. Stobart (HS)P. Bowker (PB):

**2 MINUTES** of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017: proposed RM, seconded SL, carried unanimously.

### **3 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Santander Account:** GH reported that the account was now in order following the change of choir officers.

**St Mewan joint concert:** discussed under item 8

**Weddings:** NN said Musical Director broadly in favour. MT reported that Amanda from 'Wedding House' thinks it 'a great idea' and has asked for some blurb and a photo. **Action:** MT; SG.

**Riser storage and transport:** No reply yet from St Andrew's.

### **4 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**In:** Notice re Federation AGM: Invitation to apply for free kit for UK Parliament Week. Both posted on choir noticeboard.

**Out:** None

### **5 TREASURER:**

**Update:** Quiet month. Monthly account attached.

**Subs:** GH reported that subs income was now £3,500, with £1,300 outstanding, although much of this would come through on standing orders. Personal emails had been sent to the few non-payers, one or two still to respond. Chairman or Section leaders to approach where appropriate.

**Uniforms:** Discussion about new members' £50 payment towards uniforms. Section leaders to remind members as and when they pass voice test.

**Payments:** GH advised that BACS system now set up, enabling payments and invoices to be paid electronically

## 6 CHARITY COMMISSIONERS:

Choir's Annual Return reviewed and approved. Proposed GH, seconded CW. Carried unanimously.

## 7 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Following the resignation of Mike Thompson from the Committee, a new committee member is needed to bring the membership up to twelve (Article 8 in the Choir constitution). **Action:** NN to ask Andy Gill (Almoner) if he would be prepared to serve.

## 8 St JOHN'S CONCERT:

**Staffing:** NN reported that Terry Coplin (TC) had enlisted Kathryn Smith and Liz Honey for the door.

**Marshalling:** HS would be absent. **Action:** MT to contact TC re event marshalling arrangements.

**Refreshments:** NN reported that PB had confirmed that 100 pints of beer and 100 pasties were to be supplied by the brewery. Agreed that a further 20 pasties should be ordered, at the choir's expense. Also that a voucher system be operated using two raffle ticket books, one colour for beer, one for pasties. Each singer to be given one of each at St John's. **Action:** NN to ask PB to speak to White Hart re extra pasties. SL to supply raffle ticket books ,

**Risers:** CB confirmed that the new safety rails would be available.

**Banner:** Is missing from St Augustine's railings.

## 9 CONCERT WITH ST MEWAN:

MT confirmed that Alison Harvey (AH) of St Mewan had agreed a programme with Graham Willcocks (GW). However, no details were yet available. **Action:** MT to seek info from AH and GW for printed programme. NN to clarify venue to members at next practice.

## 10 NEW CONCERTS

CB reported that Mel Coombe was discussing a possible concert at St German's.

## 11 MEMBERSHIP (SECTION LEADERS)

**Top Tenors:** Alan Dibb has resigned. **Action:** PV to verify situation re Mark Carter, i.e. will he return? / does he have music folder?

**Second Tenors:** **Action:** RM to contact Mark Dooling re his intentions; P Horsman taking voice test next week

**Baritones:** Nothing to report

**Basses:** Nothing to report

## 12 FUNDRAISING

PB reported that he was still chasing many advertisers to secure sales.

## 13 MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

CW reported that the committee were due to meet next week with three of four new pieces to consider. Unfortunately, GW was currently unable to attend meetings, so recommended pieces were being sent to him.

#### 14 CDs & DOWNLOADS:

**Online sales:** CW reported that there was £340 in the PayPal account. RM reported that a number of shops had been re-supplied, and that a further £150 had been sent to the Treasurer. RM reported that the Museum and Chas Bailey's shop had been re-stocked

**Fountain Inn:** **Action:** NN, MT to check CD stock

#### 15 RECRUITMENT:

A communication from Graham Rundle (GR) seeking confirmation that the Committee would like him to continue as Recruitment Officer was read out and discussed. The Committee was in full agreement that GR's work was greatly appreciated and valued and that he should be asked to continue, and to keep the Committee regularly informed, via the Chairman, of his plans and progress.

**Action:** NN to write to GR expressing the Committee's views.

#### 16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

**Collection buckets:** GH to put choir logo on Choir collection buckets

**Social Evening:** SL reported that the evening had been a huge success, with the £110 made on the raffle covering expenses.

**Barbecue:** SL continuing to explore venues for choir barbecue.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, Mevagissey Social Club