

## **NMMVC Management Committee meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Present: John Mallinson (chairman), Howard Samuels (secretary), Steve Davies (Treasurer), Dorian Kelly (MD), John Middleton, John Clay, Derek Holman, Stephen Broadbent, Fred Simms.

Apologies, David Haigh.

1. **Formalities**-The chairman opened the meeting at 19:03 apologies were received from David Haigh. The minutes to the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Fred Simms seconded by Stephen Broadbent and carried unanimously. The chair thanked Derek for stepping in to record the minutes in Howards Stead.
2. **Correspondence**- The chairman revealed that a customer at Atkinsons Butchers shop who watched our Christmas show had donated £10 and it was agreed to add this to the total donated to the Forget-me-not Trust brining the total to £570.  
John Mallinson showed us a Christmas card from Honley Male voice delivered in person by Meirion Lewis their chairman.  
Howard noted that he had received an email from the secretary of New Mill British Legion stating that they didn't think they would be able go ahead with the proposed concert in May but would be looking to reschedule sometime around remembrance day. Howard replied giving his support and understanding for their decision and confirming our enthusiasm for a rescheduled concert in the autumn.
3. **Coronavirus update**- A government briefing was scheduled to take place directly after this meeting so it was the general consensus that discussion on this matter would be better left until the next meeting when we would have a better perspective on how we may move forward. No one up to press has notified John regarding Coronavirus vaccinations for the register.
4. **Zoom rehearsals**- Dorian said he had a program of familiar pieces to work through over the next three months so that we have the basis of a program for when we can return to normal he also tentatively suggested that all four sections might be present on a single Zoom rehearsal at the final Tuesday rehearsal in March for a run through of the program although he wasn't sure how it would work.  
Dorian also addressed an issue raised by Ray Thompson regarding the second tenors who have been on the 8:30 slot on Tuesdays throughout the Zoom rehearsal period, he concurred with Ray but he will follow this up for more information about his concerns.  
John Middleton proposed a vote of thanks to Dorian for organising what turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable evening of entertainment on Zoom and it was also proposed that we express our thanks also to David Thorpe whose contribution was, as always invaluable. Dorian commented on the quality and variety of the performances.

5. **Concerts-** Netherton on 19th June still on Barmbrough still in abeyance, Upper Denby , speak to Adam when things become clearer. Nothing else to report.
6. **Finance-** Insurance was paid in December and this also covers the small choir. We have just under £21000 in the bank and we are in line with our projected budget. Online banking set up is almost complete so we can make payments remotely.
7. **Membership-** nothing to report.
8. **Website-** Alan Brierley has been replaced on our website by Dorian as our new MD
9. **Social events-** Nothing to report.
10. **AOB-** John Clay raised the issue of the just giving page, he couldn't give his money away, and said that when he could eventually get on the site the total raised by the concert Zoom would be £600. Fred said after a year in the choir he had sung more on Zoom than in person. Fred raised the issue of learning songs in isolation and Dorian noted that he was looking at some of Lawrence's recordings as possible learning aids and John Middleton noted the sectional music on the website.

**Next Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 8:00pm.**