



Choir Committee Mtg

Minutes

Monday 6th Dec 2023

Attendees

Chris Dempster, John Malinson, Steve Petrie, Fred Simms, Derek Holman, Paul Morgan.

1 Formalities (Chairman)

Apologies- Steve Flynn , John Clay, Steve Davies

Approval of previous minutes - Approved by Derek and seconded by Fred

The Chairman has been in communication with our Secretary , Steve Flynn, and Steve has decided to stand down from his role due to the expected long term recovery from his injuries. Paul Morgan agreed to continue in this temporary role as Secretary until the AGM in March 2024 when committee positions will be up for election.

2 Correspondence and Matters Arising (Secretary)

Mrs Sunderland Music Festival 2024 - They have been informed that the two contrasting pieces of music that we will sing are; My Lord What a Morning and You'll Never Walk Alone. This item will now be listed under Concerts for any further discussion/actions.

Ribble Valley Music Festival 2024 - No response from the organisers to date. This item will be listed under Concerts for any further action/discussion.

3 Concerts (Derek Holman)

Penistone (8th Dec)- Derek has sent a choir resume to the organisers.

Low Moor (11th Dec) - Derek and Graham Dawson visited and finalised arrangements

New Mill (22nd Dec)- Arrangements in hand

Brighouse and Rastrick (23rd March 2024) - Paul has sent a choir resume to the organisers.

Elizabeth Browns Wedding (Sat 13th July 2024) No details as yet.

Ribble Valley Music Festival (2024)

St John Church Upperthong (13th April 2024) Arrangements ongoing through Graham Dawson

Netherton (May/June 2024) Derek to explore if this will take place.

Mrs Sunderland Festival (24th Feb 2024) at the Town Hall. The class 89 that we will sing in requires us to be ready to sing on stage at 9am on the 24th.

4 Choir Development (Steve Petrie)

Steve updated the committee. The working group proposed that an active membership of 60 was a target we would aim for. We currently have 51 active members. To this end all our future recommendations on recruitment and retention will have this target in mind. Steve has worked with Chris Dempster on a data set to help track membership. This will help us in meeting our membership targets.

Steve then presented a “ten for the TownHall” post project evaluation.

Lessons learned from this will be used to build future recruitment models.

The committee thanked Steve Petrie, Alan Hicks and Paul Morgan for their efforts so far. It is hoped by Feb 2024 the group can present to the committee some further recommendations on recruitment projects for 2024.

5. Finance (Steve Davis)

Due to Steve D absence the committee will convene at 7pm on Tuesday the 19th Dec (prior to rehearsal) to approve the 2022/23 accounts and the current budget forecast for 2023/24

We will retain ‘Making Music ‘ potential subscription on the agenda pending Steve’s analysis on benefits to choir versus our current insurance.

The written proposal by Steve D to use part of the choirs funds in a 12 month fixed term account at an attractive interest rate was unanimously approved.

6. Membership (Chris Dempster)

The committee gave approval for membership of the choir to Richard Taylor and Martin Tweddle. Welcome to them both.

7 Website and Choir Communication

Nothing to report

8 Social Events (John Clay)

New Mill Club afterglow following our Xmas concert at New Mill Church on Dec 22nd is in hand. John M organising the buffet with the club.

Scarborough weekend Jan 19th to 21st 2024 . Adam Brown and Tom Ashworth have everything in hand.

9 AOB (Chairman)

None

10 Date and time of next meeting (Chairman)

Mon the 9th Jan 2024, 7pm at New Mill Club