



Annual General Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at St Michael the Archangel Church Hall, Alcombe

Minutes

1. Penny Brown (Secretary), Marcus Capel (Musical Director), Jill Strong (President), Audrey Beach (Librarian), Rita Cramp, Val Stuart plus 25 members were present.

2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Jennie Norris and 10 members.

In the absence of a Chairman, Marcus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Penny for sending out papers to members. He informed the Meeting that appropriate social distancing would be in place for rehearsals, with doors and windows open for ventilation, in order to make everyone feel safer and happy to return to rehearsals.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes were taken as read. Mully Woolmer proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Bill Griffiths and agreed by the Meeting.

4. **Matters arising:** Amendments to the Constitution – The Committee have still to look at the Making Music template with a view to adopting the simpler format.

5. **The President's Report:** The President, Jill Strong said that she was glad everyone was safe and well and was looking forward to returning to rehearsals with a view to the next concert.

6. **Reports: Treasurer** – in the absence of Jennie, Val Stuart read the Treasurer's Report. At present we are holding our own financially but we need to be prudent with our concerts - a careful balance of those with Soloists and Orchestra to more pared down ones with just an Accompanist (Report attached).

7. **Election of Officers and Committee:**

The Musical Director, Marcus Capel; Secretary, Penny Brown; Treasurer, Jennie Norris; Librarian, Audrey Beach were all willing to remain in post. The Committee members:- Jill strong and Rita Cramp were also willing to remain in post.

Their re-election, en bloc, was proposed by Marlene Richards, seconded by Paivi Payne and agreed by the Meeting.

We are currently looking for a new accompanist to fill Sue Donovan's shoes, who will also be a member of the committee.

8. **Subscriptions:** The Meeting agreed to waive subscriptions until further notice.

9. **Date of next AGM 2021:** 1st Tuesday in June 2022.

10. **AOB:** Jill suggested that it would be appropriate to send a farewell present to Sue Donavon as a thank you for the 12 years she had been our Accompanist. This was agreed by all present.

Marcus mentioned that the Repertoire Committee need an extra member to help decide suitable music to cater for available parts and whether we should use Orchestra and Soloists or go in-house. He agreed to send out a list of all the Society's performed works to help with any new suggestions.

Rosemary Boaz suggested that we should start and end our rehearsals 1/2hr earlier, especially with winter approaching. It was agreed by all present that we would start at 7pm until further notice.

David Lowman expressed his concern over the lack of male voices in the choir, which was affecting performances both past and in the future. Marcus agreed that it was challenging and would affect concert programmes. It was hoped the Lloyd Webber programme would encourage new members to join the Society. If any member knew anyone who would like to sing with us – especially male voices, they would be very welcome.

Marcus thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting closed at 8pm.

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Minehead Choral Accounts 2020-2021

Balance brought forward £2,954.20 (TSB account)

Income

Item	2019-2020	2020-2021
Admission ticket sales	£1,572.00	£0.00
Programme sales	£56.00	£0.00
Programme advertising	£270.00	£0.00
Membership subscription	£3,780.00	£0.00
Gift aid	£732.12	£0.00
Friends and donations	£255.00	£40.00
Refreshments	£103.55	£0.00
Miscellaneous income *	£36.00	£4,562.33
Interest NS&I	£36.96	£32.66
Total Income	£6,841.63	£4,634.99

* (2020-21 figure is NS&I transfer (less interest)
plus £20 from Andrew Fletcher's 5p collection - to go to charity of choir's choice.)

Expenditure

Item	2019-2020	2020-2021
Soloists, orchestra	£2,575.00	£0.00
Music hire/purchase	£542.00	£0.00
Concert venue	£345.00	£0.00
Programme printing	£318.00	£0.00
Posters and banners	£264.00	£0.00
Concert refreshments	£82.44	£0.00
Performing rights	£0.00	£0.00
MATA commission	£41.97	£0.00
Rehearsal venue	£500.00	£0.00
Making Music/insurance	£231.00	£89.00
Music Director fee	£1,000.00	£0.00
Accompanist	£350.00	£0.00
Folders	£32.50	£0.00
AGM	£19.00	£0.00
Total expenditure	£6,300.91	£89.00

Total concert income	£1,898.00	£0.00
Total concert expenditure	£4,168.41	£0.00
Profit/loss for concert	-£2,270.41	£0.00

Closing balance £7,500.19

Profit/loss for the year **£540.72** **£4,545.99**
(20/21) figure includes NS+I transfer and 5p collection)

Actual profit/ loss for the year

-£16.34

(Excluding NS+I and 5p collection)