



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 June 2014 at Dene Cottage, Alcombe

**Present:** Mrs A Beach                      Mrs J Butterworth                      Mrs S Donovan  
                 Mrs J Luker                              Mr G Niccolls                              Mrs C Pereira  
                 Mrs J Strong                              Mr P Thompson

The Chairman, Jill Strong welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Penny Brown, Don Butterworth, Marcus Capel and Val Stuart.

### 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting (8 Jan 2014) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising

Job profiles had been submitted, discussed and placed on web page.

It was noted that all but three copies of "Phantom Medley" had been purchased.

Due to the church hall being in use on the day of Easter concert, there was not time to prepare refreshments for the interval. If this should happen in the future then consideration will be given to asking another charity like 'Save the Children' to set up for us. Failing that then perhaps something could be done in the room at the back of the hall.

'Elijah' has been confirmed for Easter concert in 2015. Audrey Beach will book music for this. We are still looking at performing 'Carmina Burana' at the Regal in November 2015. Peter Thompson will contact the Regal for a definite date. **Action: Peter Thompson**

Gordan Niccolls had contacted local radio stations to publicise our choral events but had received no response.

All other actions had been completed.

### 4. Correspondence – None.

## 5. Reports

**Treasurer:** In the absence of Val Stuart, Jill Strong read a report supplied by Val which would be presented at the AGM together with a balance sheet. From this report it was noted that we have a healthy balance of £1985.93 at TSB and £11,216.82 with NS&I making a grand total of £13,202.75.

**Secretary:** Peter Thompson read out his proposed report for the AGM and in doing so drew attention to the fact we should no longer refer to our soloists, Krystal, Stuart and Jamie as coming from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama as they are now fully fledged professionals. He commented on all the concerts. He also thanked the committee for their support over the last ten years, with special thanks to Andrew Fletcher, who left us at the end of last year but whose help and support over the years had been invaluable to the Society. Thanks also to those outside the Society ie Anna Cockcroft who now books and organises the players for the orchestra, Andy Coward from Choice Stationery. A full report is available.

Jill Strong, thanked Peter for his report and for all his hard work as Secretary over the past 10 years.

**Conductor:** In the absence of Marcus Capel, Jill Strong read out his proposed report for the AGM.

**Librarian:** Audrey Beach had produced her report for the AGM but wished to draw attention to a couple of points. Firstly, during the issue of music for ‘Lloyd Webber’ concert she had been upset by one of the members who objected to having to pay for the ‘Phantom Medley’ music and secondly, she had purchased two new copies of ‘Joseph’ to replace those which had not been returned after the concert, despite various requests to do so. It was agreed that Audrey should make a claim to the Society for reimbursement and that the persons withholding the copies should again be asked to return them.

Jill Strong thanked Audrey for her report.

**Making Music Rep:** Jackie Butterworth had produced a report which would be read at the AGM.

Jill Strong thanked Jackie for her report and keeping us informed.

## 6. AGM Details

Start time: 7.30pm. Jill Strong to unlock the church at 6.30pm to enable chairs to be set out and help would be required to do this. Chris Pereira to organise refreshments and helpers to do this should also arrive at 6.30pm. Agenda and Balance Sheet to be placed on chairs. Minutes to be read by Peter Thompson. Attendance Sheet to be produced by June Luker. Reminder that Auditor should be appointed at the AGM.

Elections of Officers: Secretary standing down. Treasurer and Librarian agreed to stand for re-election. Other committee members agreed to stand for re-election, namely, Jill Strong (but standing down as Chairman), June Luker, Penny Brown, Jackie Butterworth, Sue Donovan, Marcus Capel, and Gordon Niccolls. Standing down: Chris Pereira and Don Butterworth.

There remains three vacancies on the committee, two of which are Chairman (to be elected at first committee meeting after AGM) and Secretary. Subscriptions will remain the same at £45 per year.

## 7. **Future Concerts**

**13 Dec 2014** – Vivaldi's 'Magnificat', Haydn's 'Te Deum', assortment of music by Peter Brown and Carols.

**28 Mar 2015** – Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' with orchestra and soloists.

**Nov 2015** – 'Carmina Burana' at the Regal – Date to be confirmed.

**12 Dec 2015** – Nine Lessons and Carols – to be confirmed.

## 8. **Membership**

Loss of Paul Slade (Bass), Molly Farmer (Sop), Elizabeth Hodges (Alto) and Rachel Pope (Sop). Ensure start of new term advertised in Free Press. **Action: June Luker**

## 9. **Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on 8 September 2014, 7.30pm at Dene Cottage, Alcombe.

## 10. **AOB**

A letter had been received from Gordon Nicolls asking the Society if it would consider making grants or Bursaries to talented local singers, one in particular being Becky Eckley who had been put forward for a Scholarship to Wells Cathedral School. It was agreed that as a Charity we are unable to give donations. Other possible source of help might come from The Rotary Club, contact David Yates, or Golsoncott Foundation, or Ackland Trust.

Jill Strong reported that Jamie Rock (one of our regular professional soloists) is willing to give voice coaching to any individual or group and anyone interested should notify Jill.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm