



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday, 8 Sept 2014 at Dene Cottage, Alcombe

Present: Mrs A Beach Mrs P Brown Mr M Capel
Mrs S Donovan Mr L Hambrook Mrs J Luker
Mr G Niccolls Mrs J Strong Mr P Thompson
Mrs V Stuart

Jill Strong welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 **Election of Chairman**

Due to Jill Strong standing down as Chairman, and there were no other nominations, Gordon Niccolls offered to carry out this role. It was proposed by Val Stuart and seconded by Penny Brown and agreed by all present that Gordon Niccolls should be Chairman. Jill Strong did explain that due to Gordon having a medical problem which will require some time off, she and he would work “in tandem” for a while and Jill offered to chair the meeting this evening.

2. **Apologies** – Jackie Butterworth

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 June 2014 were taken as read, approved and signed by Jill Strong. It was noted that Laurie Hambrook had not received a copy of the last minutes as he was newly elected at AGM.

4. **Matters Arising**

Peter Thompson confirmed the booking of the Regal for “Carmina Burana” as 28 November 2015. However, cost of hire was not yet known but could exceed £200.

AGM was a good one, but there were no nominations for Secretary to replace Peter Thompson. To be discussed further under AOB.

Notice of rehearsal start date was published in the WS Free Press.

It had been announced that Jamie Rock had offered voice coaching and to date there have been no takers, so it was agreed a further announcement would be made at first rehearsal.

Peter Thompson expressed his disappointment at a remark made at AGM that it was not necessary to read out previous AGM minutes. It was noted that not everyone could access the minutes via a computer and therefore we should continue to read them at future AGMs.

Gordon Niccolls reported that a local young singer, Becky Eckley had won a scholarship to Queen's College, Taunton. Further developments on this have occurred since the meeting and Gordon Niccolls has informed everyone via email.

5. Correspondence

Marcus Capel had received a letter from Dave Loman stating how much he had enjoyed the last concert and that he will not be able to join us for the Christmas concert but will be singing at some of the rehearsals.

Marcus Capel also received a letter from Molly Farmer who had sadly resigned from the society as she was struggling to stay standing, Marcus has since written to her and thanked her for her 25 years.

6. Reports

Treasurer: Val Stuart reported balance in Current Account: £1,985.93 and National Savings Account: £11,216.82. Due to a minor adjustment picked up by the accountant Val produced new receipts and payments showing the correct figures.

Jill thanked Val for her report and said that the concert audience breakdown was announced at the AGM and well received.

Secretary: As we do not currently have a Secretary there was no report.

Conductor: Marcus Capel reported how much he enjoyed the last concert and that it was good to cover such a wide range of music and would like to see this mix continue. He stated he was proud of what had been achieved.

Jill thanked Marcus for his report.

Librarian: Audrey Beach requested that when a decision has been made by the Music Group she is informed of outcome. It was agreed Marcus Capel would inform Audrey. Audrey also reported that all music for next concert is to hand together with music for "Elijah" which is to be performed 28 March 2015. A plea had been made from Yeovil Library that no markings should be made to music scores however it was agreed that the use of good quality small tags (post-its) could be used. Audrey also reported that she had attended a meeting at County library Yeovil where required savings of £850k had been discussed. It was noted that 700 groups from surrounding counties use the County Library and their input would be much appreciated. Audrey would be informed of the outcome of this meeting in due course.

Jill Strong thanked Audrey for her report and expressed concern regarding the outcome of any County Library decision which could affect us.

Making Music: No report.

7. Concert Details

Next concert: 13 December, 7.30pm at Avenue Methodist Church, Minehead. Penny Brown to check if hall is available for refreshments, also that church is booked for rehearsal on Tuesday prior to concert. **Action: Penny Brown**

It was noted that if the hall is not available until late afternoon it may be necessary to ask 'Save the Children' to set up refreshments.

Marcus Capel produced programme of music and stated that the Vivaldi "Magnificat" arrangement we are singing could be seen on You-Tube.

David Yates to be asked to do some Readings at Christmas concert.

Peter Thompson has spoken to Anna Cockcroft, Taunton Sinfonietta requesting extra orchestral needs for Elijah and Carmina Burana. **Action: Marcus Capel**

8. **Publicity** – Nothing to report.

9. **Membership**

Peter Thompson reported he had enquiries for membership from Tenor and Alto from Porlock. Rosemary Gaitskell may come back. It was also noted that more basses are needed.

10. **Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

Planning Meeting 6.30pm, 14 Oct prior to rehearsal.

Committee Meeting 7.30pm 7 Jan 2015 at 'Meadowside', Great House Street, Timberscombe, TA24 7TN.

11. **Any Other Business**

The need for a Secretary was discussed in detail. June Luker agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary until next AGM. Jill Strong offered to organise orchestra and soloists and Peter Thompson agreed to continue to do posters and programmes. Penny Brown offered to be Secretary and also contact for new membership enquiries. It was therefore proposed by Val Stuart and seconded by Peter Thompson and agreed by all present that Penny Brown be Secretary. Jill Strong thanked Penny Brown. Val Stuart to organise new signatories due to change of Chairman and Secretary. **Action: Val Stuart**

David Yates had agreed to lead the Music Group and Gordon Niccolls will join that group.

Peter Thompson had received an enquiry asking if Minehead Choral Society could sing at Dunster by Candlelight but had said it is not possible this year but we could be approached again next year.

Jill thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as chairman and all present thanked Jill for her excellent chairmanship.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

