



Minutes of meeting held at Manor Farm Monday 22.5.23 7.30pm

1.Apologies for Absence. Val Stuart.

2.Minutes of Previous Meeting. Agreed as correct and signed by Chairman.

3.Matters Arising.

David has spoken to David Lowman and informed him that we have a new archivist, so after many years of sterling work he can now stand down.

Val has looked into available grants but we need to sort out the Constitution, Safeguarding policy and GDPR before she can go any further. We can use Making Music templates for these which David will organise.

The Spring Concert was a great success. The issue with accessing the chairs did not arise but we need to be aware of the potential problem at future concerts. The interval refreshments were well received and the volunteers who did the preparations made it manageable.

4.AGM arrangements.

Unfortunately our President will be unable to join us and sends her apologies.

Treasurer. Jennie was pleased overall with the Society finances and bank balance and it was decided not to raise the fees this year. To help any members struggling to pay, it was agreed that two £40.00 instalments would be acceptable.

Musical Director. Marcus was very pleased with the concert and especially the wonderful soloist.

Librarian. Emily Feldberg and Elizabeth Atkinson store a lot of the Society's music. They were thanked by the Chairman as this is a great help to the Librarian.

All Officers and Committee members have agreed to stay in their posts.

The Chairman is appointed by the Committee but should be included in the en-bloc vote at the AGM.

We have a vacancy on the Committee but as all jobs are covered we can manage at present.

Rita Cramp used to send out cards on behalf of the Society and following her resignation a volunteer is needed. It was decided this does not have to be a Committee member and a volunteer would be asked for at the AGM.

Next AGM 21st May 2024

5.Next Term Dates and Concert.

Autumn term begins 5th Sept 2023

Concert 25th Nov 2023

Spring Term begins 9th Jan 2024

Concert 6th April 2024

The Spring concert was scheduled for 30th March 2024 but this is Easter Saturday and also clashes with Male Voice Choir so it will now be 6th April 2024 – Penny to re book Methodist Church if possible.

The following Concert will be 30th Nov 2024

Autumn Concert to consist of Charpentier - Messe de Minuit de Noel

Vaughan Williams - Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Plus carols for choir and audience – to be decided upon by the Repertoire Committee.

Easter Concert to consist of Howard Goodall - Eternal Light

Gounod – St Cecilia Mass

With orchestra and Soloists

6. Constitution.

The new Constitution, Safeguarding and GDPR documents will be emailed to Committee members before the next meeting. If all in order they will be approved at the September meeting and then emailed out to the Society. An EGM will be held at a Rehearsal for these to be formally adopted by the Society. The aim is to have everything in order by Christmas 2023.

7. AOB

Next committee meeting Mon 4th Sept 2023 7.30pm at Tina's. 10 Queens Rd, Minehead TA24 5DZ.

A former member has told David she left because the Society was unfriendly. This came as a surprise as everyone makes an effort to welcome new members. It was decided to wear name badges for the first few weeks of term to help break the ice. The break in rehearsals will be observed whenever possible to enable members to chat. A quiz or pub lunch was also suggested to help the Society become more sociable. The AGM has been strongly promoted by Penny and David as a social, as well as, a business evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman to sign

