

Bingham and District Choral Society

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26TH JUNE 2018

1. Present: Sally Ashton (Vice-Chair), Huw Cadwallader (Treasurer), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Janet Chapman (Membership), Tim Connery (Box Office), Brad Poulson (Website), Peter Iley (Programme Chair), Beryl Cottrill, Tina Warrington, Janet Iley, Juliet Ward (Ordinary members), John Bannister (Chair) – arrived late.

Apologies: Judy Unell (Publicity), Margot Anderson (Librarian), Guy Turner (Musical Director).

The meeting was chaired by Sally Ashton until John Bannister's arrival.

Minutes of meeting 16th April 2018

There was one amendment: *DONM is 26th June 2018, not 16th.*

The Minutes were then accepted; proposed Brad, seconded Janet I.

2. Matters arising

2.7) The alto member in question has now been reimbursed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Huw: Verdi Requiem: see attached account. Now awaiting Mansfield's share of the total loss of £3,134.34. 286 tickets were sold by BDGS, plus 10 for guests (complimentary).

3a. Subscriptions

It was recommended that the subscription should remain at £95, and that this should include Summer Singing. This resolution was passed by the AGM – see AGM Minutes 2018, item 6.

3b. Remuneration

Huw presented a summary of fees for the MD and AAC, with recommendations for the next season (attached). This was agreed with an amendment to the Saturday rehearsal rates: add *from*. Following the AGM's acceptance of a resolution to make Ed Turner our Accompanist and Associate Conductor (AGM Minutes 2018, item 7.2)), the new draft job description was discussed. Some minor changes were agreed.

The job description was then accepted; proposed Sally, seconded Beryl.

ACTION: John to send/give to Ed.

4. Concerts

Peter:

1) Byron Concert: John Concert Manager.

Seating and staging organised. BDGS members will be seated, other choirs standing.

2) November 17th 2018: Sally Concert Manager.

Juliet has 'fixed' the orchestra. Payments are £100 per person for players and £120 for leader, plus Juliet's 'fixing' fee.

Radcliffe Church and hall booked (hall for evening).

3) 15th December 2018: Brad Concert Manager

No issues raised at AGM. Bingham Church and Church House booked. Carnarvon children booked. Is Bingham Brass playing? **Juliet** is seeing Colin Smith on 21st July, so will check then.

ACTION: Juliet

Tickets – Carnarvon was happy with 40 tickets @ £1 for those singing and £5 for others.

ACTION: Tim

Ed will be accompanying on the organ this year – his solo needs to be chosen.

ACTION: John to discuss with Ed?

4) May 11th 2019: No Concert Manager yet.

Radcliffe Church and hall booked (hall for evening only).

5) November 16th 2019: No Concert Manager yet.

There is a problem about booking Radcliffe Church for this concert, as the Church Council have decided that they will restrict themselves to the six concerts a year allowed under their blanket PRS licence, with priority to local choirs. However, only one slot per year is to be offered to us. Does the fact that we have our own PRS make a difference?

Juliet arranging orchestra.

ACTION: Valerie to write to Sally Williams at Radcliffe Church.

6) 2nd May 2020: Mansfield's concert. Brahms Requiem.

7) Future Planning: Various suggestions have been made, but nothing definite as yet. Possibilities include Messiah, Elijah. Any suggestions welcome.

It was mentioned that the choir seemed to prefer singing major works.

5. Publicity

No report.

Website

Brad: Changes have now been made to be GDPR-compliant, with privacy statement. Consent for data to be used in limited form to be collected via the application form. It will be possible to join the choir via the website. In future it will be possible to renew rather than re-apply for membership (but not this year).

Newsletter

Tim doing again this year. Items to be included largely as last year, with item on GDPR and how it affects our record-keeping; also the AGM decision to bring own cups for tea/ coffee at rehearsal. He will need dates of terms and other key dates.

It can now go out via the website; a 'consent box' will be included to click on.

For those not online, they will have to return consent.

ACTION: Tim, Valerie, Judy?

6. Fundraising /Social

Guy's offer to put on a concert by the Lay Clerks at Southwell (half sacred works, half secular) was discussed. The cost would be £450 plus hire of venue, and with a ticket price of £10, it was felt unlikely that enough tickets would be sold to cover costs.

ACTION: John to write to Guy.

7. Membership

Janet C. Updated membership lists distributed.

On the application form, Gift Aid needs to be included, also GDPR consent.

Re-start: After discussion, it was agreed that there should be greeters on the door (Beryl and Tina), and use made of the adjacent rehearsal room. Those who have filled in application forms to be given membership cards; those who haven't to be directed to a table where they can do so; and new people to be directed to a mentor who could advise them on taking a form with brief details completed to Margot for music. Application forms to be sent out.

Librarian

Message from **Margot**: she is recovering from surgery, so has arranged with Brad to collect music from Southwell library and bring it to her home. Also asked for someone to collect music after Byron concert.

ACTION: Sally.

8. Rehearsal Planning

Following the departure of Jeff Crampton, it was agreed that **Beryl** would have the key to open up. Others to help with setting up chairs etc? Coffee people to come early to set up; people to bring own mugs (though not first week). Have we any other helpers organised?

Janet C will monitor coffee/tea/biscuit supplies.

Brad has built new conductor's stand which will fold and fit in wooden chest.

ACTION: John to ask for further helpers at our next rehearsal.

9. Correspondence

1) John: letter received about life membership.

2) Valerie: Letter received from Jeff Crampton to thank the choir for his leaving gifts. On choir notice-board and website.

10. AGM Matters

None.

11. AOB

Janet C.: What is happening about Summer Singing next year? Guy is talking to Newark about a lunchtime slot. To be asked to book us in.

What shall we sing?

ACTION: Peter to speak to Guy.

12. DONM

Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7 Manvers Grove Radcliffe on Trent.

Huw, who is stepping down from the committee, was thanked for his work as Treasurer over the past 9 years, agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 10 pm.