

Bingham and District Choral Society

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Richard Joyner (Chair), Sally Ashton (Vice-Chair), Brad Poulson (Treasurer), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Janet Chapman (Membership Secretary), Peter Iley (Programme Chair), Margot Anderson (Librarian), John Bannister (Fundraising), Judy Unell (Publicity), Juliet Ward, Tina Warrington (Ordinary Members).

Apologies: Tim Connery (Box Office), Beryl Cottrill (Ordinary Member)

John was thanked for his contribution as Chair of the Committee, and continuing contribution as committee member.

0. Agenda

The agenda was agreed and approved.

1. Minutes of meeting 18th June 2019

There were no amendments, and the Minutes were accepted unanimously: proposed **Sally**, seconded **Janet**.

2. Matters Arising

a) From the Chair:

2a. A new accompanist was appointed on July 3rd, by unanimous decision of the appointing panel. **Michael Overbury** started with us last week.

12a. **Valerie** was thanked for compiling the Newsletter.

b) From the Secretary:

3.2) How many donations to Nottingham Youth Orchestra so far? **Brad:** There have been 7 so far, totalling £60.

5. There will need to be discussions in future about the Summer Concert dress code for the ladies.

13. Suggestion Box: **Beryl** organising this.

c) From the Committee:

There were no matters arising from the Committee.

3. Treasurer

Brad passed round a summary of the situation after the first rehearsal (attached).

So far 74 people have enrolled, 20 fewer than last year's total. This includes three life members.

4. Restart

Janet passed round a breakdown of those who have enrolled, and also of new or returning members (see attached). Generally the new enrolment procedure is going well (Existing members do not need to complete forms unless their details have changed). Also enhanced role for mentors.

It was generally felt that this year's enrolment was the quickest and most effective yet.

Janet thanked everyone involved.

5. Forthcoming Concerts

a) **Richard: 'Em and Ed' Concert Saturday 21st September in Bingham Church**

Concert Manager **Richard**. Everything going according to plan; about 70 tickets sold so far. John has given Juliet 2 lighting stands, to be passed on to David Atkins, as John will be away.

Brad thinks all expenses paid, except piano tuner.

ACTION: Juliet. Valerie to check that piano tuner has been contacted.

Peter (see attached concert programme review):

b) 16th November 2019 at Newark Church

John Concert Manager. The church needs to be locked at 4pm; but we will not have finished rehearsal by then. John says the warden is happy to be flexible. The removers have been arranged, and chairs are provided by the church.

Tim: see attached email re ticketing and numbers.

Beryl has details of November concert for programme notes.

After a short discussion, it was agreed refreshments would not be provided for the choir and audience. However the orchestra will need these.

Carnarvon School has been booked for the Saturday rehearsal on **2nd November (10.00 – 1.00)**

ACTION: Juliet to check re orchestra. John to ask for volunteers to do refreshments for orchestra. Tim to arrange tickets. Beryl to do programme notes.

c) Christmas Concert 14th December 2019 in Bingham Church

Tina Concert Manager. Church and Church House are booked, and **Guy** has been in contact with Carnarvon School to ask for the children's choir. **Juliet** is in touch with Colin Smith re the brass.

Tim needs confirmation of ticket price. Agreed this should be increased to £10.

Should they remain at £5 for one parent of a child singing, and £1 for an accompanying child?

ACTION: Tim to organise tickets.

d) Spring Concert 2nd May 2020 in Southwell Minster

Mansfield's concert. **Peter** liaising with them.

e) Summer Concert: Lunchtime, Friday 3rd July 2020 in Southwell Minster.

Concert Manager to be appointed. The summer uniform issue for the ladies needs to be decided. It was suggested that as a general rule, fresh items should be performed at the summer concert.

Judy asked about refunds on tickets for events, as this has been done on occasions for the Singing Day. It was agreed that refunds should not be given.

6. Future Concerts – Planning

(See Peter's report).

Richard said that the Programme Committee had done a great deal of hard work, and that criticism was unfair and unfounded.

a) Autumn Concert 21st November 2020 in Southwell Minster

Bach B Minor Mass. Southwell CS's concert.

b) Christmas Concert 12th December 2020.

c) 24th April 2021. Probably Chichester Psalms and Rutter Requiem. **Peter** and **Guy** exploring possibility of Bottesford or Lowdham Churches. A query was raised about the organ at Bottesford.

d) 27th November 2021 (start of 50th anniversary season)

Proms-type concert with Mansfield. Whole choir to be involved in suggestions for programme.

ACTION: Richard to announce plans to choir.

e) Christmas Concert probably 18th December 2021

f) Spring Concert possibly 30th April 2022, probably in St Mary's Newark

Messiah with Newark CS.

7. Bursary and Prize

Beryl (by email): Details now on website for applicants. So far we have one applicant.

Brad: John Beaumont has donated £500, to which (by agreement at the 2018 AGM) BDCS will add a further £500 for the winner.

Also agreed at the 2018 AGM was that second and third prizes will be awarded if the quality is good enough, and travel expense of (up to) £50 to those shortlisted.

8. Singing Day, Wine-Tasting

Sally

Arranged with Guy to lead Singing Day for 29th February 2020. If Mozart Requiem was chosen, Guy feels that it should include soloists (increased expense, and possibly a concert expected at the end). After discussion, it was agreed that we should have only choruses, without soloists, of any work(s) chosen. Radcliffe Church was discussed as a possible venue, as there will be no concert, or possibly Grange Hall (expensive).

Judy to co-ordinate, **Derek Tabron** to sell tickets etc.

ACTION: Sally to discuss music with Guy. Valerie to write to Radcliffe Church (Sally Williams).

Wine-Tasting

Sally has been in touch with Dave Harrison, who did a wine-tasting for us a few years ago. She has provisionally booked the WI Hut in Bingham for **28th March 2020**. Dave recommends tickets of about £15 - £20 to make a profit – he charges £10 for 8 tastes of wine. Cost of food about £3 per head.

After discussion, it was agreed this would be primarily a social rather than a fund-raising effort *per se*. Tickets therefore £12.50.

ACTION: Sally

Half-marathon

John is again running the Birmingham half-marathon on **13th October** to raise funds via sponsorship for the choir.

ACTION: Richard to announce to the choir.

9. Other Matters

An issue was raised about staging and setting up in new venues. After discussion, it was agreed that several of those involved needed to visit these venues. John said there were lists of staging measurements in different venues.

ACTION: John, Juliet, Beryl and David Atkins (and Tim for front-of-house?) to visit possible venues. Richard to discuss with David and Guy.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. DONM

Tuesday 15th October

The meeting ended at 8.52pm. Juliet was thanked for her hospitality.