

## Bingham and District Choral Society

### MINUTES OF MEETING 7TH NOVEMBER 2017

**1. Present:** John Bannister (Chair), Sally Ashton (vice-Chair), Huw Cadwallader (Treasurer), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Judy Unell (Publicity), Janet Chapman (Membership), Peter Iley (Programme Chair), Tim Connery (Box Office), Brad Poulson (Website), Margot Anderson (Librarian), Janet Iley (Ordinary Member).

**Apologies:** Tina Warrington, Beryl Cottrill (Ordinary Members), Guy Turner (Musical Director)

#### Minutes of meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017:

3. *Treasurer:* Add 'in savings account' after 'We have in total about £22,000'

4E) 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – "Byron" Concert meeting: Delete 'with Newark' and '3<sup>rd</sup>'.

The Minutes were then accepted as a true record. Proposed Sally, seconded Tim.

#### 2. Matters Arising:

**4C)** Judy asked about the publicity timeline for the Marcus Farnsworth workshop. It was agreed that the earlier the better for posters etc. Agreed price would remain at £20 (£8 for under 16's), to include tea and coffee.

**ACTION: Judy, Tim**

**9.2)** Valerie said that Jeff Crampton will look after the flashing doorbell device and purchase new batteries when required.

#### 3. Treasurer

**Huw:** See report of current financial position and predicted expense for November 2018 concert in Radcliffe Church.

As our assets now stand at about £36,000, there was some discussion about the amount of money we should accumulate as a small charity, as we should not be making a profit.

For further discussion next time?

There was also discussion about Guy's request (see **4B**) to donate the proceeds of the Christmas concert to Framework charity for homeless people. It may be that as a charity, we cannot give funds to another charity. A collection at the end of the concert was suggested.

**ACTION: Valerie to contact the Charity Commission for advice.**

**Huw** has been to Lloyds Bank (as suggested by a member) to ask about signatures for an online account: they require one signature whereas our constitution requires two.

#### 4. Forthcoming concerts

**Peter:** Programme meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**1) Creation 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Southwell Minster with Mansfield Choral Society:** Details of Study Day with Mansfield on 11<sup>th</sup> November to be announced to choir tomorrow.

Tickets, programmes etc all in hand.

**2) Christmas Concert 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in St Marys Bingham.** All liaisons confirmed. See above **(3)** for discussion of charity donation. Church and Church House booked.

Tasks for organisation of Christmas concert form partially completed.

**ACTION: Sally and Valerie to complete list of tasks**

**3) Verdi Requiem with Mansfield Choral Society at Southwell Minster 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** A meeting needs to be organised with Mansfield.

**ACTION: Peter and others.**

**4) 'Byron' concert at Newark Parish Church 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.** Guy is composing a piece for this.

**ACTION: Valerie to book Carnarvon School from 23<sup>rd</sup> May till 4<sup>th</sup> July, except 30<sup>th</sup> May).**

**5) 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at St Mary's Radcliffe – 'War, Remembrance and Peace'**

**6) 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - possible Remembrance event in Bingham Methodist Church:** size of choir probably limited to 40 or 50. Our 'slot' about 15 minutes with short items from November 2018 programme. Choir to be asked soon who would be interested – after New Year. We need balanced choir – show of hands first, then list(s) the following week.

**ACTION: John, Guy**

**7) 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas concert at Bingham Church:** one extra rehearsal date.

**8) 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019, St Mary's Radcliffe:** see report, item 6.

**9) November 2019 (no date yet) at St Mary's Radcliffe:** Programme Buxtehude Magnificat; Purcell Welcome to all the Pleasures; Vivaldi Magnificat; Handel o Praise the Lord.

**10) 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Brahms Requiem with Mansfield.**

## 5. Publicity

**Brad** has designed a letterhead to replace the previous one – samples circulated and choice made. The charity number is needed on the heading.

**ACTION: Brad**

**Tim** asked if anyone other than our patron John Beaumont should go on the programme for the November concert. He is sending out the usual complimentary tickets.

**ACTION: Tim**

**Sally** proposed a vote of thanks to Brad for organising the choir photos for the upcoming concert programme and website. Agreed unanimously.

**Website: Brad** has arranged for a contact management system to be incorporated into the website, so that our 'Friends' and others can be sent information simply by clicking on an option. This is now in place on the website.

**ACTION: Brad**

## 6. Fundraising

Congratulations to John on completing the Birmingham half-marathon. It is not yet known how much money was raised.

It was felt that in view of our large balance, there was no need to hold a fund-raising event this year. The workshop with Marcus Farnsworth is likely to make a good profit. However there is also a social side to fund-raising events...

## 7. Librarian

**Margot** has ordered the music for the workshop, cost approximately £80-90.

Has also ordered the Verdi Requiem – Ricordi edition.

Will speak to Guy about edition of Nelson Mass.

Christmas music ordered. Has bought copies of Green and Orange Carols for Choirs, and is expecting about £240 from the library for the sale of the St Matthew Passion copies that we owned. This will more or less cover the cost of the carol books.

**ACTION: Margot**

## Membership

**Janet:** We have 93 members this term. The photoboard needs updating with the new committee members; mentors to be included.

**ACTION: Janet to ask Sylvia if Robin would be willing to do again.**

## **8. Bursary and Prize**

Nominations have now closed for this – there were six applicants.

**ACTIONS: Valerie to liaise with Richard about booking Church House from about 5 -7.30 pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, for applicants to eat, change, etc**

**Valerie to book church from 2pm for rehearsal time.**

**Sally and Valerie to organise tea and coffee in afternoon. Sandwiches to be bought for competitors.**

**Lighting – David to be asked - Richard.**

Ticket price agreed at £5. Each member will be given a ticket to sell.

**ACTION: Tim to liaise with Richard re tickets, programme printing and front-of-house issues.**

It was agreed that as well as the first prize of £500, (John Beaumont's donation), there should be a second prize of £200 and a third prize of £100.

## **9. Correspondence**

None

## **10. AOB**

**Brad:** A member has asked about choir folders, as several people have complained that the current ones are too heavy. A sample was shown of a folder with a handle on the back, so that music could be held with one hand. It was agreed that we could buy a number of these – some people have their own.

**ACTION: Brad to ask member concerned (Paul Skelton) to look into this.**

## **11. DONM**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

John was thanked for his hospitality. The meeting ended at 10.05 pm.