

Bingham and District Choral Society

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6TH SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Present: John Bannister (Chair), Sally Ashton (vice-Chair), Brad Poulson (Treasurer), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Janet Chapman (Membership), Peter Iley (Programme Chair), Tim Connery (Box Office), Beryl Cottrill, Tina Warrington, Janet Iley (Ordinary Members).

Apologies: Judy Unell (Publicity), Margot Anderson (Librarian), Juliet Ward (Ordinary Member), Guy Turner (Musical Director), Ed Turner (Associate Conductor).

John welcomed new members on to the Committee.

Minutes of meeting 26th June 2018

Page 3, no. 9: Should read Valerie *and* Andrew James

There were no further amendments, and the Minutes were then accepted by the meeting – proposed Brad, seconded Sally.

2. Matters Arising

Page 3, no. 7: Valerie said there had been some problems with finding and downloading the application forms online.

Brad said the application process will be reviewed for next year.

3. Treasurer

Brad: Presented draft budget for 2018-19.

There will be two lots of Gift Aid this year, as last year's was too late for the AGM accounts.

3a) Remuneration

Re Ed's fees: this was agreed at the last meeting – no further issues.

4. Concerts - Peter

November 17th– Sally Concert Manager. Radcliffe Church and hall (for evening toilets) booked.

John to supervise staging and lighting and liaise with David Atkins. As three of the men were left to dismantle the staging after the Byron concert, it was agreed that the removers should be asked to do everything connected with loading, erecting, dismantling and unloading the staging at the farm where it is kept. If required, they would also be asked to collect the chairs from Carnarvon School.

John estimated that the extra expense would double the cost to about £800.

This was agreed.

ACTION: John to speak to the removers.

Posters and Programmes: **Judy** to be asked if she will liaise with printers etc.

ACTION: Sally to ask Judy

Beryl to compile and set up programmes.

Tickets: **Tim** said that at our last Radcliffe concert these were sold at £13 Reserved and £10 unreserved, and a child with an adult was free.

ACTION: Tim

Soloists: Will they need hospitality? **Peter** to check.

ACTION: Peter

Stop Press: Peter has contacted Guy, who will let Sally know after he next contacts the soloists

Choir seating: **Beryl** to do seating plan for choir.

ACTION: Beryl to compile programmes and choir seating plan

It was suggested that as it was a concert of Remembrance, poppies should be worn by choir members (and by Guy?)

ACTION: John to announce re poppies nearer the date of the concert

Date of first Saturday rehearsal agreed for October 20th (Guy now unable to do October 13th).

ACTION: Beryl to announce to choir next Wednesday.

December 15th – Brad Concert Manager. Bingham Church and Church House booked.

Message from **Juliet** that Colin Smith does not want to commit to Bingham Brass playing, but would have no objection to us using another brass band. Not sure if Bingham Brass were paid for appearing.

It was agreed that the brass added something to the concert, and that people liked it. But where to find another one?

ACTION: Peter to speak to Guy and Robert Parker

Tickets: **Tim** says the school has agreed to 80 tickets @ £5 each for parents of school choir, and £1 for one child in the family. Other audience members to be charged £8 as before.

ACTION: Tim

Organ: Ed has been booked. Need to discuss re organ solo – something fairly light to suit mood of concert.

ACTION: John to discuss with Ed.

Carols: see attached list

Programmes: Does Robin Aldworth compile and print?

ACTION: Brad to check.

May 11th 2019 – Tina Concert Manager

July 6th 2019 (date now confirmed)

St Mary Magdalene Newark. Folk songs: some of Rutter's Sprig of Thyme, which we will have sung in May concert, plus others. Probably 45 minutes about 11.30 am.

November 16th 2019

St Mary Magdalene Newark. Venue to be confirmed.

ACTION: Valerie to confirm (Done).

May 2nd 2020

Brahms Requiem with Mansfield in the Minster. May 2nd is confirmed date

Soloists: Following a recent email from the James Black agency, Peter asked whether we should continue with local soloists or return to using the agency. The main advantage of an agency is that in the event of a soloist's illness they will find a replacement. But more expensive, and good to use local talent.

It was agreed to continue using local ones for the time being. Soloists booked until May 2019.

Richard Joyner's proposal: See attached copy of email. Due to lack of time, this was deferred till the next meeting.

5a). Publicity

Judy not present.

ACTION: Tim to liaise with Judy.**b) Website**

Brad has discussed this with Judy, who is currently recovering from surgery. He will continue to do it until she is back in action.

c) Newsletter

Some people are not particularly happy with the format of the Newsletter, now that it is sent out via the website. Also some difficulties finding their way around.

6. Fundraising/ Social

Social event in March?

Singing Day: It was agreed to ask Ellie Martin, Mansfield's MD, if she would be willing to do this, on a Saturday in February.

If she is unable/unwilling, Jeremy Jackman or Paul Provost (Minster Rector Chori) suggested as possible alternatives.

Discussion about venues – Carnarvon agreed on.

Stop Press: Peter has contacted Ellie, who has agreed. Date to be confirmed.

ACTION: Valerie to book school once date known

7. Reports from Librarian and Membership Secretary

a) **Margot** not present – no report

b) **Janet C** : Coffee rota: Janet will do a list to go round. Next week Tina and Chris Castleden. People to be asked next week to bring their own cups – these to be put on the table before the start of rehearsal, and filled just before the break. As well as bringing milk, those doing coffee to be asked to arrive early to set up tea and coffee.

Brad: Most people have returned their agreement to data being held on them, but two have not agreed – however they cannot be members without this!

ACTION: Janet to do rota, and announce re own cups and early arrival to set up.

8. Rehearsal Planning and Responsibilities

Brad has made a conductor's stand which he will bring next week.

Beryl has key, and will be there at 6.30 each week. There are enough volunteers for next week.

It was agreed a rota should be sent round asking if people could come early (6.30 next week, but 6.45(?) subsequently) to set up chairs and tables.

If not much response, the school caretaker to be asked.

ACTION: Valerie to do rota and announce this next week.

9. Correspondence

John had a request from Newark CS (Mike Wilson) to borrow our staging. This was agreed, subject to their collecting, erecting and returning it themselves.

10. Matters from AGM: There we no outstanding matters.

11. AOB

Request received from Robert Jenrick MP's office to set up a BDCS stall for their Senior Citizens' Fair. Agreed it was rather short notice (email received 21/8/18). Also we are not a senior citizens' Society!

ACTION: Valerie to reply to email, indicating the above (Done).

12. DONM

Monday 29th October

Valerie was thanked for her hospitality, and the meeting ended at 10 pm.