

WAYFARER'S AGM held at Bijou Cinem

October12th 2021

There were 18 members present plus 7 members via zoom.

1) As is tradition the meeting started with a chorus of The Old Songs.

2) Chairman's Report

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

David Andrew paid fulsome tribute to Colin Waite for all his work over the years as MD.

He also officially welcomed Barry Knowles to his post as MD in succession to Colin. David commended Ian Homewood for enabling the chorus, through Zoom, to continue to function throughout the corona pandemic and also for his work in enabling us to find this venue in which we are now meeting.

David is now retiring after many years driving the chorus forward.

Secretary's Report

Gerry Smith stated there was very little to report as almost the last 2 whole years have been spent practising on zoom and there have been zero singouts. Gerry has resigned as secretary and Ian Homewood, (present on zoom) has been acting secretary through the pandemic.

Music Directors Report.

Barry thanked David Andrew for his welcome. He stated he was pleased with the chorus's efforts and that good progress has been made. He expressed appreciation for those attending practice nights on zoom and stated though not easy zoom has really kept the club going.

Barry announced his music team will be Peter Dawson, David Andrew-Lead, Ian Homewood-Baritone and Roger Fieldhouse-Tenor.

He stated our repertoire is changing slightly and there is a need to recruit at least one more Bari and one more tenor.

We have a singout in December at St.Faith's Waterloo. For this event we will be using the sheet music as we sing.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Hughes gave a summation of the clubs finances.

The club has a total of £8027. This is made up of current acc £4285 and charity acc £3742..(an increase of £2149 on last years figures).

Frank referred to the fact that members had continued to contribute their subs throughout the pandemic without exception.

Election of Officers

As the Chair and Sec are not seeking re-election it is necessary to appoint same.

Ian Homewood is standing for secretary and Gerry Smith for chairman . Both proposed by Barry Knowles and seconded by Barrie Morrissey. Frank Hughes will continue his role as treasurerer by unanimous consent.

There being no other candidates all three are elected. The chairman will be acting booking secretary until a permanent BS is recognised.

Amendments to Clubs Constitution. During lockdown it has been decided to disassociate the club from BABS. The club has purchased public liability insurance to replace the policy we had with BABS. The post of Chorus Director is now redundant as this role will be included in the MD's duties.

Barbershopper of the Year.

A ballot was held by all members and the overwhelming result was that Ian Homewood holds the Lewis Parry trophy for the next 12 months.
Congratulation Ian.

AOB. Questions were asked about the possibility of a Christmas Party in December. The general view is that it would not be appropriate to hold this now as many members are still vulnerable. However the committee will look to arrange a celebration perhaps in the spring.

Date of next AGM 20th September 2022

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