



Minutes from Committee Meeting of 26th November 2020

Apologies: Robert Myers

Present: David Andrew, Gerry Smith, Ian Homewood, Frank Hughes, Barry Nowell

Matters arising from EGM:

The membership voted, in the EGM, in favour of amending the constitution so that it no longer stated Wayfarers Chorus are 'affiliated to BABS'. The committee agreed this should be done in a non-destructive manner, such that it is obvious when reading the constitution that we were at one point affiliated. *(DA to amend and circulate to committee)*

Quotes for liability insurance have been received by Ian Homewood and David Andrew. Both are in the region of £150-£160. The committee agreed that it would be worth approaching 'Ecclesiastical Insurance' for a quote, as they have experience in our sector through their dealings with BABS. *(DA to obtain more details of the insurance offered by his contact and also to get a quote from Ecclesiastical).*

Barry Nowell has provided a page extracted from the BABS website, with information for members wishing to retain individual membership of BABS. *(IH to circulate to members and advise interested parties to contact DA).*

The committee confirmed and agreed that individuals wishing to retain membership of BABS would pay the £50 BABS membership in addition to their Wayfarers Chorus sub's.

The committee further agreed that any potential reduction in chorus sub's will not be considered until the question of the new venue has been resolved and the costs clearly understood.

Further information is required with regard to the cost of attending Harmony College, Director's College and Conventions when not members of BABS. This was not seen as high priority and can be left open until interest is shown in the events. At that time, the committee will decide whether attendance could be subsidised.

IH noted that some changes are needed to the website, to remove statement(s) that we are affiliated to BABS.

**Christmas:**

IH had previously proposed that the club gifted a bottle of wine to each member at Christmas 2020. This was agreed and a budget of £20 per member set, for 1 red and 1 white per member.

- IH to arrange purchase of wine from Portland Wines
- Committee to decide at next meeting how to split the delivery to members

IH proposed recording a video message, using Zoom, to distribute to the members in the run up to Christmas. This was agreed, as was a suggestion by FH that the committee sing part of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' in round robin.

- BN to determine how to split up the song between 5-6 committee members
- Recording will take place on 10/12 at 7pm
- IH will investigate appending to the recording, a video of the chorus singing at St Faith's.
- IH will circulate the video, using the newsletter mechanism, at a date to be agreed. The email will include an instruction to 'keep an eye out for Santa'

Venue Search:

The Temperance Hall have initially mentioned a figure of £100 per night, which is too expensive. DA believes that, due to our contacts with the hall, we can negotiate this down significantly. When restrictions lift sufficiently DA and one other committee member (tba) will visit the hall to discuss costs.

It was agreed again that, even if the Con Club tell us we can continue to use their room, we will only return if we have no other affordable and practical options.

DA has created a cashflow projection and believes we can afford to set a ceiling of £200-£250 per month for the venue.

Changes To Committee:

F. Hughes has taken over as Treasurer, from R. B. Spencer
I. Homewood has taken over as Secretary, from G. Smith
G. Smith has taken over as Chorus Manager, from C. Whittaker

The other committee members at today's date are:

D. Andrew (Chairman)
R. Myers (PR Officer)

Frank will contact Rob for a handover of all materials related to the Treasurer position.



AOB:

BN declared that he would like to pay club sub's. The position of Chorus MD does not normally pay sub's. DA will discuss further with BN.

The club accounting year was confirmed as August 1st to July 31st

Date of next meeting: 10th December at 7pm. The link will be sent closer to the time, but will be the same link as used for all rehearsals and committee meetings.