

Wayfarer's Committee Meeting

2nd December 2019

Present: D. Andrew (Chair) C. Whittaker, G. Smith (Minutes) F. Hughes R. Spence.

Apologies: J. Andrews, I. Homewood and R. Fieldhouse.

Chair welcomed Robert to his first meeting as our new treasurer. Chair also paid tribute to our ex treasurer David Layne who has had to resign due to family health problems.

Minutes of last meeting; These were accepted as accurate.

Matters Arising: There will be a presentation to Southport Soup Kitchen of £650.00 on Saturday 7th Dec at 11.00am.

Secretary's Correspondence: Agreed with Vernon Keeling of Liverpool Barbershop Chorus that we continue exchange visits on an annual basis. Liverpool will visit us in September next year and we will reciprocate the following year. (2021).

Treasurer's Report: This was given by David. Our funds stand at £6359.00 of which £3020 is designated as charity fund. £3713.00 is in the current account.

There followed a brief discussion regarding the clubs status. It is accepted the club is a not for profit organisation and though it does not have a charitable status it follows the general principles of many a charitable organisation. It has a budget of expected expenditure, including BABS membership, which is met by members subscriptions. The budget is agreed with the intention that all surpluses and deficits are applied to the clubs accumulated funds.

The club raises other funds through sing outs and performances. The proceeds of which have been accepted as designated for our charitable causes. These charitable causes will be identified by the committee and will be primarily locally based . It is agreed that this practice will continue to be accounted for in the club's annual audit.

Members wishing to nominate a worthy charity should show evidence of the charity's worthiness and nominations will be received by committee for consideration.

Public Relations: There is a photo op on Saturday at 11.00am when a cheque will be presented to Southport Soup Kitchen. Local Press have been notified.

Chorus Manager's Report: Re Christmas Party on Dec 18th. £480 has been given to treasurer as per payment from 34 members and partners/friends. Expected to be approx. 68 people attending. The entertainment has been arranged by Ray Robertson and a great night is anticipated.

Membership Secretary's Report: This was given by Frank Hughes who has taken over the role after Ray Parker's resignation from the committee. The chair paid tribute to Ray's, work over many years, on the committee whilst welcoming Frank to the role.

One of Frank's first actions was to appoint a sub committee and various local organisations have been contacted with a view to promote the club and perhaps lead to recruiting new members.

We await responses to Frank's letters. Watch this space for further news.

Bob Myers, our esteemed bass, has a weekly radio show on local radio. Bob is looking to feature a cappella music and publicise our chorus in coming weeks.

Music Committee: Message received from Ian that our new Christmas song, Let it Snow is now on the web site. The committee have chosen I Got Rhythm as our new number to be learnt in 2020. One other new number will be announced shortly. All the new numbers will be available on the web site is due course.

A.O.B. Concern expressed regarding the delivery of notices on practice nights. They appear to be increasing in length and eating into our time for singing.

Concern also regarding the number of sing outs given by the main chorus. We should endeavour to increase the number given by the full chorus.

The question of fees for our performances was raised at the recent AGM. The committee has agreed to levy a charge of £100 minimum for performances from the main chorus and £50 minimum for MIB.

It is also accepted that we will retain a measure of flexibility and there may be occasions where we will waive, or reduce the fee, should events be for a charity fundraiser.

D.O.N.M March 2nd 7.00pm