

# Mevagissey Male Choir Minutes of Committee Meeting

7-30 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Mevagissey Social Club

**Present:** N. Nicholls, P. Bowker, M. Thompson, M. Tate, S. Lawday, P. Vellenoweth, R. Mitchell, C. Williams, S. Flavell, T. Scarratt.

**Apologies:** D. Leeson, C. Burnett, B. Hocking.

**Matters arising:** Proposed gift for Matt's new baby for work in producing teach tapes. Feast week discussed at length, memorial fund raising concert for Robin Hunkin in aid of MIND, Amy did a great job photographing choir on Monday evening.

**Chairman:** Nothing further to report other than what has already been stated on Monday evening.

**Treasurer:** May I open this report by apologising for my absence and reminding the committee that I did make it clear to an AGM that there would be times when I would not be able to fulfil my role as I would wish? This is one, or should I say, another, of them. March, like February, has been a fairly calm month financially, and a lot of our income has been related to the Cyprus Trip, though there was £860.00 of subs and £541.00 from programme adverts. CD sales at £40.00 were definitely in the doldrums, but if we don't sing concerts we can't sell CDs, and we have had a quiet spring. The interest on our little nest-egg in our Gift-Aid account was about what we have come to expect. The Spending Plan at this stage of the year is more about optimism than fact, but shows that Income is almost keeping up with expenditure when Cyprus and Minack monies are taken out of the equation. The Minack account was a bit skewed at the end of March as the choir had bought a large consignment of tickets not all of which had been bought by members before the end of the month. Just looking at the situation of the Cyprus Fund as I write this, I note that the contents of our Current Account plus the outstanding debt from people already committed to go is an approximate match for the balance which we will have to pay in early July. As there are still 6 more places to fill at £670.00 each, (making £4,020.00), and we should have any proceeds from the Minack Concert in our account by then too, it appears, at this stage, that we have a big enough margin in our current account to avoid having to break into our reserves (The so-called High Interest Account). If that should prove to be the case, I would be very relieved!

I have not forgotten that I am to find volunteers from among our supporters to sell programmes and CDs, at the Minack, and have already had one volunteer, but I shall start a recruitment drive when I return from holiday, by which time supporters will have a better idea of their own plans. I hope the committee will support my decision not to accept payment from Amy, the journalism student who is shadowing us at the moment, for the two Minack tickets she ordered. Cyprus - a long discussion took place about filling the places still not reserved.

**Secretary:** No letters sent or received, T. Copeland enquired about music committee's Baritone rep. M. S. Thompson to fulfil this role; also he asked if the choir will be attending next year's county festival whether participating or holding a gala concert for visiting choirs, choir to be asked at Monday's rehearsal. H. Stobart would like to see Choir participating, if only to raise singing standard of Choir.

**Concert Secretary:** Asking members to help donate toward Coach Travel, a long discussion took place, non-payment in the past, the decision remains the same with no charge to members. M. Tate suggested Friends of Choir travelling to Minack to pay £5.

**Publicity:** Minack pieces in local papers/ radio soon with MWC. Programme for Minack being sorted now, newsletter due soon, M. Tate to check on ticket sales.

**Web Manager:** Asked who is providing refreshments in green room for the Choirs, Logan Rock to be informed on numbers, Choir to pay for pasties, times of travel to be arranged to arrive there before 7pm. C. Bale in charge of St. Mary's concert at Newquay.

**Fundraising:** £2480 raised in advertising, P. Stoberfield to be paid £200 for programme layout, printing in high gloss funded by St. Austell Brewery, programmes to sell at £2, Volvo paying for HFC concert programme printing.

**Social Sec:** Christmas venues sought at White Pyramid , Brit, Eden Project, Seahorse, these to be further investigated , Choir's preferences of Quiz night, B/B/Q, Treasure hunt to be followed up on.

**Almoner:** A letter was sent to Ivor for the family, plus the card from Monday night that everyone signed

**1<sup>st</sup> Tenors:** S.Truscott has passed voice test, Andrew new member. New members coaching needed for voice test to be implemented

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tenors:** Darren to take voice test soon.

**Baritone:** One member passed voice test.

**Bass:** P. Uzzell awaiting voice test.

**C/D's** very slow at the moment, Christmas C/D in autumn.

**Minack:** Nothing further to add from what has already been discussed, C/D sales need a good pitch.

**HFC:** No MC at the moment possibly Nick Hart or the Bishop of Truro.

**AOB:** Feast Week - tickets to be sold locally at £8 ticket, selling venues to be arranged,

P. Bowker, advertising banner to contain Choir logo to be attached to the backrest of the risers, from a choice of three reported by Peter, best quality ones £256+ VAT, this was voted for.

S. Flavell asked if Wales's tour next year could take in Taunton MWC on our return on the Sunday. S. Lawday to review music for Christmas Choir Dinner.

H. Stobart, Octet to stand down for the moment.

Meeting closed at 21.37

Next meeting 17th May.

Signed Chairman

Date