MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

General Committee Meeting – Date: 15th April 2021.

Venue – Zoom On-line - 7.30 pm

Minutes.

- 1. In Attendance: Harry Newton, Bob Jenner, Robert Owens, Neil McArthur, John Robinson, Mike Bateson, John Powell, Bryan Peak, Keith Jones,
- 2. Apologies for Absence: Graham Waters, David Collins.
- **3.** Approval of Minutes from previous Meeting: Confirmed as correct record. Proposed Keith Jones. Seconded Bryan Peak.
- **4.** Matters arising from previous minutes.
 - a) Letterhead/Emails Macclesfield Council & Mayor's Civic Award logos.

Use of logos agreed with Macclesfield Council.

5. Financial Update – Treasurer.

Cash at the bank is currently £15614. After making allowance for the ring fenced cash the current figure is £7314. The chairman thanked Bob Jenner and Neil McArthur for the projected budget for 2021/22 which had been circulated previously to the committee members.

After much discussion on the budget, it was agreed that the choir should re-commence rehearsals on 17th May 2021. At or around mid-June the Committee would consider the financial position at that time and the risks to forecast income. On the basis of this discussion Members, Patrons and Supporters will be invited to pay subscriptions and/or make donations.

6. Strategy Group report.

Keith Jones reported that good progress had been made on the new Website and was now available for choir members and supporters to access via "maccmvc.co.uk" There are also links from the website for "Facebook" and "Twitter".

It was agreed that we should have a Sound Cloud account with an annual fee of £30 for our website rehearsal music.

Mike Bateson agreed to contact Macclesfield Council to see what support they could give to the choir to help with our relaunch and help with publicity etc.

Along with David Collins, Keith had agreed the date of 20th November for a joint concert with *Backbeat a'Capella* at Wilmslow. This was agreed.

John Powell reported that he and Laurie Kennard were well prepared for the Rotary Club "Dragons Den" event on 19th April 2021.

7. Section Representatives: No comments.

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- a) GW Mayors Civic Award 2021. No action.
- b) Concert program for 2022. Robert Owens stressed the importance of planning our events and activities for 2022. Early planning would be needed if we intend to take part in the Cornwall choral festival.
- c) M. Lovatt CD. Mervyns suggestion for a new CD was considered. Robert Owens was also in favour of this in due course.
- d) Concert Contact Card. Work on the production of a new contact card with a QR code was well in hand and would be available for our welcome back concert and our planned workshop. Volunteers would be needed to hand out the cards and collect the completed cards.
- e) GW-Arts Recovery Plan. Bryan Peak agreed to make enquiries as to what could be available to us financially. He will report back to the committee.
- **9.** Date and venue of next meeting was fixed for Thursday 6th May 2021 via Zoom.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.