

## MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

### **General Committee Meeting – Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Venue –Macclesfield Methodist Church / 7:30 –pm

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:35pm

1- Present: H. Newton (Chairman), G. Waters (Secretary), R. Jenner (Treasurer), M. Batson (B1 Rep), J. Powell (B2 Rep), B. Peak (T2 Rep), K. Jones, N. McArthur.

2- Apologies for Absence: J. Robinson (Vice Chairman), D. Collins (T1 Rep).

3- Approval of Minutes from previous Meeting:

(The Secretary apologises for not having prepared the Minutes. They will be done asap).

4- a) Uniform Project.

Bob Jenner confirmed that the National Lottery had asked for an update on progress. He told the meeting that he will speak to the National Lottery and provide the information they require. Based on the current estimate of active members the £8000 will still be adequate to provide the uniforms and the cost per member looks like being £170. We are encountering a number of supply chain issues which means that it is unlikely that we can equip all members before sometime in February 2022.

It is going to be essential that we have a firm commitment from all new members so that an accurate budget of requirements can be given. Robert Owens suggested that we now ask all new members for an immediate commitment which would involve payment of annual Subscriptions.

In order to make sure that this can be done accurately, the Treasurer requested an updated list of all members and potential members. The secretary agreed to provide this information.

The question of whether members should be allowed to purchase their uniforms was discussed and the general agreement was that this would be administratively very difficult and, at this stage, should be avoided.

Because the uniforms will be a Choir asset it is important that each member signs a document acknowledging receipt and undertaking to maintain the items in good order. A document has been prepared.

The necessity for a security deposit was discussed. Alternatively, should an amount be included in annual subscriptions? No decision was made. However, the questions will be revisited.

It is clear that the choir will need to find someone to manage and control the whole issue of uniforms.

Tony Williams attended the meeting to discuss the layout for staging for the Remembrance Concert. The meeting thanked Tony for his efforts.

The meeting thanked Bob Jenner, Keith Jones and Bryan Peak for their work in handling the uniform project so successfully.

b) Upcoming Concert arrangements.

**Remembrance Concert:** tickets are selling well online. Robert Owens will arrange someone to handle front of house. A float will be arranged. Invitations have been issued.

**Songs from the Shows Concert:** Front of house is being arranged by Keith Jones. Programmes are to be sold at £1 each. There has already been a commitment to £450 of advertising. It is clear we will need all of our existing staging. Online ticket sales are already looking encouraging. Dai Jones and Laurie Kennard are covering all possible publicity outlets including the Canalside Radio website. Robert Owens confirmed that the guest artists

have been engaged. Secretary confirmed that the guests have been invited. Robert Owens is working on developing the facility for the concert to be streamed Live at an estimated cost of £5 for each viewing.

**Christmas Social:** all the arrangements are in hand and currently 60 people have committed to attend.

**Mottram Hall:** Arrangements have been made and prices agreed. The programme will be compiled by Robert Owens.

**Gala Concert 2022:** within the next two weeks Bob Jenner will discuss the possibility of using Fallibroom School auditorium.

**Llandudno:** the plan is to make this a weekend event with two concerts in separate venues. Robert Owens agreed to make the necessary arrangements but requested that someone else made immediate contact with local hotels to book suitable accommodation.

5- Section Rep reports:

B1 – M. Batson told the meeting that his section had the following concerns:

- i) Spacing at rehearsals. Robert has promised to look into this immediately.
- ii) Concern that the choir cannot hear announcements during concerts as MD facing audience. This point was acknowledged and when necessary, starting with the Remembrance Concert, a sound system will be used.
- iii) There was concern that we were not wearing poppies at the concert. A solution was proposed that involved the purchase of a wreath. This was agreed to by the meeting.

B2 – Nothing to report. All members seem happy.

T1 – Nothing to report.

T2 – Nothing to report.

6- AOB- Bob Jenner raised the question of next year's AGM. The secretary confirmed that arrangements are in hand and he will send out proposals to the committee within the next week. The annual Christmas break dates were set – our last rehearsal in 2021 Will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

Date and venue of next meeting. To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at – 9:35pm.