

## **MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**General Committee Meeting – Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Venue – Zoom On-line – 6:55 pm

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:55pm.

**1 - Present:** Chairman-Harry Newton, Vice Chairman-John Robinson, Treasurer-Bob Jenner, Secretary-Graham Waters, Director of Music-Robert Owens. Mike Batson-(B1 Rep), John Powell-(B2 Rep), D. Collins-(T1 Rep), Bryan Peak-(T2 Rep) Keith Jones.

**2 - Apologies for Absence:** Neil McArthur.

**3 – Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Confirmed as a correct record by J. Powell, seconded by K. Jones and approved by all present.

**4 – Matters Arising from 3 above:**

- a) It was agreed that in order to get the most accurate estimate of future income, Members should be asked individually if they were going to continue active participation for the rest of the year. This survey to be carried out by the Section Representatives and the results collated within the next 4 weeks.
- b) Mike Batson and Neil McArthur will then redraft a notice to all Members giving the best projection of future Choir Finances, taking into account our current scheduled Events.

**5 – Financial update:** As in 4 above.

**6-Strategy Group report – K. Jones.**

The artwork for generic Posters, Contact Cards, Business Cards has now been done.

30 A4 posters are being printed and will be distributed to those members who have asked for them

300 Contact Cards have been printed

An initial batch of 150 Business Cards will be printed. They are intended to be a recruitment tool and have been very successful when used by other choirs we know of. They will be issued to all members.

John Powell has been constantly reviewing future uncertainties that may influence what we do. His view is that ‘There is some light on the horizon’ and that we should remain cautiously confident about the next six months slowly nearing normality.

The Meeting thanked Keith and the Group for the work they were putting in and asked them to continue with their plans.

**7 – Events Update:** All are currently going to plan.

The focus is on our Open Day 10<sup>th</sup> July and we now need to plan in detail. Robert and others will shortly meet with BackBeat to discuss.

Robert has talked with Jonny Richards at Gawsworth Hall. Jonny had asked if we were interested in participating in ‘*A Night at the Musicals*’ evening event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Regrettably, that date clashes with our Open Day but also there isn’t enough time for us to prepare properly and do justice to the event or ourselves. However, Robert’s proposal for a concert next year featuring the Choir and guest artists was well received and Jonny agreed work on it with Robert.

**8 - Section Representatives’ Reports:**

**T1 –** David Collins reported that some of his section were confused by recent information about whether it was safe for us to rehearse. Robert confirmed that the Government Website clearly stated that we are completely in

accordance with the current ruling. We are a Registered Charity with a Management Committee and rehearse in Covid safe premise. Robert can give chapter and verse if anyone is interested.

**T2** -Nothing to Report / **B1** -Nothing to Report / **B2**- Nothing to Report.

**9 - AOB**

- a) Website and Domain Names: The Website is now fully functioning. All fiscal and operational transfers have been completed. Robert confirmed we have had 30 enquiries about the choir, and he has created a file on the website for them. As part of our contract, we can have the use of five more domain names for the next 5 years free of charge. The meeting agreed that we should use them to enhance our 'search' ratings.
- b) Our music is currently spread over 15 Sound Cloud accounts which is unsatisfactory. The accounts are going to be consolidated into one.
- c) Website & Minutes of Meetings: A number of members have been having difficulty finding Minutes of Meetings on the website so it was decided that with immediate effect Minutes would now be emailed to all members individually. Minutes will still be posted to the website for archival purposes.
- d) The question of dress-code for our upcoming events was raised. It was agreed that until a new uniform was available, we would keep it simple and wear black shoes, black trousers, white shirts (ties as a possible option) No decision on what to do with our red blazers was made. We will look at recycling them to other choirs via NAC.
- e) The purchase of a new microphone was approved. The Chairman generously offered to donate the cost.
- f) AGM: The Secretary asked that, now we are slowly getting back together, we give consideration to a date and method for our 2021 AGM. It was agreed we should put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 17th June 2021.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 21:15.