

MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held 12th April online

PRESENT Mr Bob Jenner Mr Mike Devaney Mr Neil McArthur
Mr Robert Owens Mr Bryan Peak Mr John Robinson (Chair)

1 Welcome

JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies Mr Keith Jones Mr John Powell

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 1st March were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising

- **Uniform Secretary** – Harry Newton has agreed to take on the rôle for an initial period of twelve months which should see the new uniform fully implemented. Choir members are to be reminded that they are responsible for maintaining the new uniform items, all of which remain the property of the choir and are to be returned should a member leave. Members will also be asked to cover the cost of any replacements/alterations.

BJ advised that we have received an offer from Maccravats to provide pocket handkerchiefs as a donation, which he has accepted though we do need to check the colour is suitable. There are a few more items still to be sourced that may not be available until late May which may require some “redistribution” of specific items for the Rainow concert. There will be £3/500 remaining from grant monies which will be retained for future purchases.

BP is liaising with NAC to establish if there is a market for the old blazers. Members are asked to retain them for the moment.

- **Piano/storage** – The insurance claim information has been submitted and we await payment from the insurer. We should receive c. £1,800 which will be retained as a designated fund pending sourcing replacement items. It is not envisaged we shall need our own piano for a while. Storage will be considered when the need arises but we shall probably not feel able to use Broken Cross.

- **Dragon's Den** – Nothing further to report at present. **Action: NM/JP**

5 Financial Update

As at 7th April the balance stands at £7,641 which includes ring fenced uniform funds of £1,192, so our operational balance is £6,449. The uniform project is essentially complete with invoices due c£860, last item due for delivery towards end of May when the final invoice will be paid. We will carry forward a small stock of jackets and trousers that have been returned. Membership as measured by attending one or more rehearsals is T1 9, T2 10, B1 14, B2 10. There remains the issue of what sub - if any - should be charged for members who are unable to participate in the full benefit of the choir (uniform, performances etc).

6 Events

6.1 Rainow

All in hand though RO advised that there are few T1s and B2s available. RO will arrange collection of staging from John Berry. **Action: RO**

6.2 A Night at the Opera

Laurie Kennard has been asked to take oversight of the concert as KJ has had to withdraw. NM will assist, with establishing a small working group to manage the event. **Action: NM/LK**

6.3 Llandudno

RO advised that the venues have been confirmed but he is not aware of numbers of people attending. Section reps are asked to confirm numbers and advise RO asap. The hotel is confirmed and do not require any payment until a week before the visit. Deposits of £25 p.p. are due next week (18th April).

Action: Section reps

6.4 Backbeat

KJ is still ok to lead this event. No further action needed at present.

6.5 Ladies Luncheon group

We have been approached to provide a small choir to entertain this group at their Christmas meal. The date though is very close to our scheduled Songs from the Shows concert and they would require a programme of purely Christmas music. It was decided we would be unable to accept the request. **Action: BP**

6.6 Chapel-en-the-Frith Ladies Choir

We have had an approach for a joint concert early 2023. RO is happy to accept, either in Macclesfield or Chapel and would prefer a March or April date. **Action: BP**

7 Strategy

7.1 Repertoire development - newsletter

NM is still intending to include something in the next newsletter but needs 2-3 other items to form the content. **Action: All**

7.2 Events publicity - ticketing

BJ has investigated a number of companies that provide a ticketing service, obviously all at a cost. He will continue to review potential options. **Action: BJ**

7.3 Choir Objectives

In the absence of JP, this item was deferred.

8 Section Representatives

T1, B1 and B2 nothing to report. MD advised that Dave Roberts has been welcomed as a new member. His father Goff has joined B2s. **Action: BP to issue membership forms**

9 Any other business

Nothing to report.

10 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th May.

Signed

John Powell.....17th May 2022