

MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Held 9th May 2023 at Macclesfield Methodist Church

PRESENT Mr Keith Jones Mr Neil McArthur Mr Paul Nadin
 Mr Tim Neale Mr Shane Owens Mr John Robinson (Chair)

1. **Welcome** – JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Mr John Powell, Mr David Coggan, Mr Robert Owens, Mr Bryan Peak
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** - The minutes of the meeting held 11th April were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** -
 - 4.1. **Dragon's Den** – Progressing. NM to liaise with Laurie to identify potential sources of funds once the future direction of the choir has been clarified as regards MD.
Action: NM/JP
 - 4.2. **Sponsorship Options** - Ongoing, making personal contact with local businesses.
Action: SO
 - 4.3. **PRS Playing Music in Church** – PN and BP clarified the Choir's legal requirement relating to the PRS when playing music in church. It is understood that when Macc MVC performs live music for a public performance the venue should hold a PRS Licence.
Given this obligation the choir procedure for organising a concert should require the organiser to check that the venue has a PRS licence before agreeing to its use.
Action – BP
 - 4.4. **Income Opportunity** – An advertising agency been in contact to discuss Macc MVC performing a soundtrack for an advert. **Action JR**
5. **Financial Update** -
 - 5.1. **Cash Flow** - PN advised that there was £8,921 in the bank including ring-fenced funds of £560. PN presented a cash flow forecast to September showing a net outflow of £1,346. It was generally agreed that further concerts would need to be scheduled in the year to ensure sufficient funds to finance activity into 2024.
 - 5.2. **Outcome of Llangollen Cancellation** - PN commented that the Llangollen related ring-fenced funds had now been substantially reduced and, as a result, £900 had been donated to choir general fund. There is still around £300 of funds awaiting members instruction of whether to donate or reimburse.
 - 5.3. **July Social** - It was agreed that in principle the event should break-even financially. It was proposed that John Wilkin should be consulted on the likely costs involved.
Action JR
6. **Events** -
 - 6.1. **Cheshire A Capella** – KJ reported that tickets were now available from him, online, at Macclesfield, Congleton and Knutsford tourist offices, and at Bang and Olufsen Wilmslow.
 - 6.1.1. It was agreed that all members should promote the concert as widely as possible. **Action ALL**

- 6.1.2. The importance of using social media for event publicity and ensuring there was the necessary access to channels was agreed. **Action SO**
- 6.1.3. Identify if staging or boxes are required and arrange the related logistical requirements **Action KJ / NM**
- 6.1.4. Recruit a working party to prepare and dismantle the staging **Action KJ / NM**
- 6.1.5. Source and prepare 3 prizes for a raffle **Action JR**

6.2. Other Concerts and Venues –

- 6.2.1. Favourable consideration was given to a potential 23rd July concert in Macclesfield proposed by JR and featuring Gemma Sutton. Liaise with RO re guests and timing. **Action JR**

7. Section Representatives- No questions or feedback presented.

8. Proposed Choir Recording – PN reported that he had been approached by Laurie Kennard with a view to making a recording of the choir for promotional purposes and that Laurie had a professional recording specialist available to do that at a very reasonable cost to the choir. This received a favourable response, and it was decided to discuss the suggestion with Robert. **Action JR.**

9. Any Other Business –

- 9.1. **Choir Photos –** TN reported that, unfortunately, in this project to enable members to “put names to faces”, he is awaiting photos from a number of members across the Choir. It was agreed that the photos collected so far should be made available to members. **Action TN**
- 9.2. **Induction of New Members –** The appearance of a potential member at a recent rehearsal highlighted the need to communicate / reinforce the induction process across the members and music staff. **(Any volunteers for action).**

10. Date of next meeting - ~~Tuesday 20th June at 7:00pm.~~ **NB new date Thursday 22nd June**

11. Signed

John Powell..... 22nd June 2023