

# MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at Macclesfield Methodist Church

**PRESENT** Mr Neil McArthur Mr Paul Nadin  
Mr Bryan Peak Mr John Robinson (Chair)

**1 Welcome** – JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Apologies** Mr David Coggan Mr Keith Jones Mr Tim Neale  
Mr Shane Owens Mr Robert Owens Mr John Powell Mr Chris Cromar

**3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed.

**4 Matters arising**

- **Dragon's Den** – Still in progress. **Action: NM/JP**
- **Sponsorship options** – Nothing further to report. **Action: SO**
- **Advertising Agency soundtrack** – JR has discussed with Tom Lake of Salt Advertising. It is hoped to organise a suitable recording using “Hallelujah” for the music after the next concert. **Action: JR**
- **Choir recording** – agreed to postpone this proposal for the time being. **Action: PN to advise Laurie**
- **Choir photos** – TN had advised that he has received as many photos as he thinks he will get. NM offered to take headshots of those missing unless they specifically wish to opt out. **Action: NM**
- **Induction of new members** – agreed that the MD should speak to any new member before they start singing even if that involves temporarily suspending rehearsal. Section reps are asked to be aware and welcome anyone new and introduce them to the MD as necessary. **Action: Reps**

**5 Financial Update**

**5.1 Forecast**

PN presented a forecast the year end which showed an end balance of £6,265 including ear-marked funds of £560. This figure does not include any income or costs from concerts beyond July.

**5.2 Outcome of Llangollen cancellation**

There is a net cost of £350 as a result of the cancellation. This figure is much lower than it might have been as a result of several members opting to donate their deposits, for which the committee is most thankful.

**5.3 July Social**

This is still planned for 29<sup>th</sup> July at Slade Cottage. It was suggested that a charge of £15 per person would be appropriate and agreed that a “no frills” event would be quite acceptable. JR will discuss with RO. Subsequent to meeting, now on hold.

**5.4 Donation in memory of Marie McWalter**

The committee expressed their gratitude for the donation and agreed it would be put towards an appropriate piece of new music in due course, to be agreed with Bill.

**6 Events**

**6.1 Cheshire A Cappella**

The general view from several sources was that this was a good event and enjoyed by the audience. It was noted that our guests did not adhere to the agreed content re number of items and, with the somewhat long introductions, this caused the concert to overrun. This needs to be explicitly covered in any future similar concerts. Currently, there is a net profit of £1,293 though PN advised he has not received any invoice for hire of the church. KJ will be asked to check. PN also advised that he had not received a breakdown of the various income sources from receipts on the night which meant he could not provide a detailed analysis. It was agreed that this information should be specified as being needed in the future. KJ was thanked in his absence for the planning for the concert. **Action: KJ**

**6.2 Concert with Gemma Sutton**

Confirmed as being on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This event is quite soon and desperately needs someone to volunteer to coordinate it. BP will issue an appropriate email to members. BP will also check with BJ re the booking of St Michael's. So far, Tony has advised that staging is sorted and JR will organise wine and raffle. A decision is needed within the next week as to whether we have enough preparation to go ahead. It was suggested that a ticket price of £12.50 may be more acceptable to audience members – again a decision is needed in order to progress advertising etc. **Action: All**

**6.3 Joint concert with BackBeat**

DC has advised that they are keen to go ahead with a concert and he is confident they could sell tickets. If agreed, the concert would be at Wilmslow URC in October. DC to be asked to confirm. Again though, the concert will need a coordinator. **Action: BP**

**6.4 Probus Club**

We have been asked to provide a small choir (around 20 singers) for their Italian themed dinner in October. After consideration, it was agreed we should decline because of potential clash with BackBeat concert and the probably difficulty of providing a balanced choir and a suitable repertoire with only 20 members.

**Action: PN will advise**

**6.5 Joint concert with High Peak Singers/Bollington Singers**

BP advised we had received a request for a joint concert with them either late this year or spring next. It was agreed to accept in principle and BP will seek further information.

**Action: BP**

**6.6 Other Concerts and Venues**

This will be a major item on the next meeting agenda.

**7 Section Representatives**

Nothing specific to report.

**8 Any other business**

**8.1 Co-op grant application**

LK has submitted an application, which has been acknowledged. We shall not know the outcome until October. Laurie was thanked for his efforts with the submission which he had managed to undertake at short notice.

**8.2 Uniform and music – resigned/retired members**

BP has been asked about the process for return of uniform and music when someone leaves the choir. It was confirmed that this is handled on a case-by-case basis but BP will write as necessary.

**9 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00pm.

Signed

John Powell.....8<sup>th</sup> August 2023