

# Lymington Choral Society

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting 17 September 2019 7:15pm

### LCA Beagley Room

#### Present

Shirley Hewitt	Chair
Karen Brett (KB)	Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Maureen Askin (MA)	Soprano Rep
Chris Hobby (CH)	Bass Rep
Sheila Hammond (SH)	Membership Sec/Fundraising
Viv Parsons (VP)	Publicity

#### Ex Officio

Michael Goldthorpe	Musical Director
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#### Apologies for Absence

Barry Kent	Tenor Rep
Sue Rusling	Alto rep
Nichola Kirby	Treasurer
Ann Lewington	Patrons/ Associate Members
Jill Hendy	Fundraising
Timothy Rice	Accompanist

#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed unanimously with no amendments.

Proposer Chris Hobby

Seconded Viv Parsons

#### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 3. Chairman's Report

- a. It was emphasised that extra help will be required in the lead up to and on the day of the December and May Concerts. The May Concert in particular will need careful planning.
- b. The Chair again reminded the Committee of the requirement for nominations for replacements for Committee members who were nearing the end of their terms of office. The benefits of new members 'Shadowing' existing members was discussed.

#### 4. Musical Director's Report

- a. The balance of the choir was discussed. It would be beneficial to have a greater number of Tenors and Basses but we continue to have trouble recruiting these voices. This is in line with many other choirs. The possibility of supplementing the Tenor and Bass members with accomplished friends, for concerts was thought to be a good idea. The current balance places some restriction on the works that can sensibly be performed.
- b. Chris Hobby reiterated how well the choir had augmented The Milford on Sea Choir at the Cornwallis Celebration and what a fantastic sound had been produced. He will come back with details of the film of the event that is being produced.

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#### 5. Treasurer's Report

- a. MG will thank the Trusts for their generous support of the society
- b. A thank you will be sent to Wendy Eathorne, our Patron, for her donation from her 'Stars of Trinity Laban' Concert
- c. NK emphasised and commended the balance sheet surplus. This is due the management of costs and the maximisation of income.
- d. An analysis of Concert income and expenditure will be circulated to the committee.
- e. An application for Gift Aid is to be made

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Chris Hobby and Seconded by Maureen Askin  
They were approved unanimously.

#### 6. Publicity

- a. To date no one has come forward to replace VP as head of publicity and a committee member.
- b. A new head of publicity should be computer literate.
- c. It was agreed to sponsor a tree at the St Thomas' Christmas tree festival in order to publicise the Society and in particular the 14 December concert. The Theme of the tree to be Wassail!
- d. Thanks were registered to Pauline Stevens for her painting for the Society Christmas cards. Quotations for printing had been obtained but a further quotation was to be obtained from Smith and Son of New Milton.
- e. It was agreed to have 500 cards printed.

#### 7. Any Other Reports

There were no other reports.

#### 8. Choral Day

- a. Organisational details were discussed
- b. VEC Acorn Trust are contributing £500 to the cost of Alexander L'Estrange

#### 9. Any Other Business

- a. Milford on Sea Historical Society have made a donation of £100 to the society in recognition of their contribution to the Cornwallis celebration. A letter of thanks to the Historical Society will be written
- b. The possibility of performing a concert at Priestlands school was mentioned.

#### 10. Date of the next meeting

21 January 2020 19:15

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Start of next term 4 September 2019