



Annual General Meeting Minutes

1) Welcome.

A warm welcome to all members was given by Chair – Pat Mennie.

2) Apologies.

Daphne Johnson, Nicole Billing, Sue Cook, Veronica Sacco, Barry and Judy Kent, Bill Darley, Judith Ridout, Diana Barker Benfield, Celia and Ron Swan, Sally Prince, Rita Ford and Brian.

3) Minutes of the Covid email.

No objections.

4) Matters Arising.

None

5) Committee Elections.

Chair – Pat Mennie

Proposed by: Monica Bonnet

Seconded by: Pauline Stevens

Secretary – Maureen Askin

Proposed by: Monica Bonnet

Seconded by: Pauline Stevens

Treasurer – Karen Brett

Proposed by Monica Bonnet

Seconded by: Pauline Stevens

All other committee members are willing to serve another year:

Soprano rep.

Jane Gibbons

Alto rep

Sue Rusling

Tenor rep

Barry Kent

Bass rep

Chris Hobby

Associated Members and Patrons

Ann Lewington

Librarian

Ann Blacklock

Membership secretary and fundraising

Sheila Hammond

Fundraising and Archivist

Jill Hendy

6) Chairman's Report

Pat opened her report by giving a very important, heartfelt 'Thank You' to Shirley Hewitt for her 6 year tenure as chairman. **PM** informed us that LCS started in June 1961 with 30 singers and was known as The Lymington Choral Union. Denis Gilbert, conductor and Betty Day Treasurer. The choir has made a good start to the term after

such a long break with a pleasing number of new members. Pat thanked the committee for all their valuable work and specifically Karen Brett. She paid tribute to sadly missed members, David Parsons and Elizabeth Thorn. Only three and half weeks to the concert, so **PM** made a plea to push the ticket sales.

7)The Position of Musical Director.

An over whelming response in favour of appointing Phil Handy as our new musical director. PH said he was excited about his new role.

8) Treasurer's report.

The trustees expressed their thanks to VEC Acorn Trust, Elizabeth Thorn and the Rachel Sharman Trust for their generous donations. A claim was made for tax to be recovered under HMRC's Gift Aid scheme and going forward a claim will be made annually and all members are asked to consider participating where possible. £175 was raised over the summer from two fundraising Garden Parties.

9) Members 'Subscriptions.

PM highlighted the high cost of hiring the Gates Hall, which we all find light and airy. She also asked us to consider how much we pay to sing with LCS and what we should be paying to cover all our costs. It was suggested that the subscription should be increased to £60 per term (£120 per year)

Proposed by: Shirley Hewitt Seconded: Chris Hobby -Unanimous support

10) Fundraising

Jill thanked the summer fundraisers and she is looking for volunteers to run LCS Quiz Night. Sue was thanked for all her work running the weekly raffle.

11) Librarians Report

The pandemic obviously has caused problems for music ordering. Ann has book returns and borrowing well organised. The Armed Man scores are in our cupboards ready for next term. There will be a sale of 'Carols for Choirs'

12) Associate Members and Patrons

Renewal letters went out to Patrons and Associate members in September and their renewed subscriptions total is £510. Letters and tickets are all written and ready to go in the post. Anyone who would like to become a patron with reserved seating please contact Ann Lewington.

13) Date of next AGM

October 19th 2022

The meeting ended with a celebratory glass of bubbly and cake for the 60th Anniversary. Thank you to Pat and Sheila for providing this.

