

Lymington Choral Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 7th September 2021 at 7.15

LCA Hayloft

Apologies Jill Hendy, Barry Kent, Phil Daish – Handy, Tim Rice.

Present

Pat Mennie	Chair
Karen Brett	Treasurer
Maureen Askin	Secretary
Sue Rusling	Alto rep.
Jane Gibbons	Sop. Rep.
Chris Hobby	Bass rep.
Anne Lewington	Patron/Associate members
Ann Blacklock	Music
Sheila Hammond	Membership Sec./ Fundraising

1) Position of Musical Director

Chair gave a potted history of PDH's achievements and it was agreed that PDH is a strong candidate. Positive views of last week's rehearsal were aired by the Committee. Choir's reaction to be monitored in the next few weeks in readiness for a decision at the AGM in October. **PM/MA**

Ticketing online and Facebook were discussed. **PDH** has agreed to help us.

2) Rehearsals, room and safety.

The Gates Hall has been booked at double the cost for September. It was agreed that it is a large airy space in which to sing but storage of music is a problem. **AB** to sort unwanted music and possibly hire out our music to other choirs. **PM** to ascertain use for further weeks

3) Finance

Finances are buoyant because we spent no money between 2019 and July 2021. The church is paid for, for the Faure/ Nov Concert. **PDH** orchestra covers the cost for the Christmas concert.

KB not heard from the Josephine Baker Trust.

Membership to be left at £40 this term. **PM** to discuss with Choir at AGM about increasing membership cost in light of LCS increasing costs, especially room costs nearly double.

KB found £8,400 in an old account with unknown signatures. Account closed down and KB to transfer to current.

Raise ticket price to £15 to cover the whole church – no wine as no interval due to COVID

4) Associate Members

Tickets issued to patrons for Dec. and May concerts. AL discussed a rise in what patrons pay.

PM to discuss at AGM.

5) Faure Concert – 13th November

PDH has suggested 7.30pm start for our November concert with no interval. Concert to include: Tallis – If You love Me – Lord Bless and keep You- Rutter. Meditation Messanet

PDH to help source.

To include Irish Blessing? **PDH** to confirm. **PDH & PM** to advise about a suitable poster

- 6) Christmas Concert.
Nutcracker
Zadok the Priest
Hallelujah Chorus (Try to encourage audience to sing along)

Plus favourite and traditional carols for audience and choir.

Rathbones have not responded to enquires about their Christmas Carol Concert & Crib Blessing yet to be confirmed
- 7) May Concert
7th May. The Armed Man- Rutter
- 8) Plans for AGM
October 20th.
PM to thank Shirley for all her hard work whilst Chair.
To report on what is about to happen to LCS
Pay tribute to Michael.
- 9) AOB
Reminder to renew Domaine address. **KB** to okay with Viv for another 5years.
Music still outstanding from last concert!
SH booked Spring Fair for 30th April.
Next meeting to be arranged after AGM.