



Affiliated to Making Music
Registered Charity No. 288724

**Minutes of Committee Meeting in the Redvers Room, Lymington
10th May 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present:

Shirley Hewitt (Chairman)
Sheila Hammond (Secretary)
Nichola Kirby (Treasurer)
Barry Kent (Tenor Rep)
Jill Hendey (Fundraising)
Viv Parsons (Publicity)
Ann Lewington (Associate Members)
Ann Blacklock (Librarian)
Michael Goldthorpe - Musical Director

In attendance:

Tim Rice - accompanist

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies from Sue Rusling and Chris Hobby.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting of 31st January 2017 were agreed.
- 3. Matters arising:** Viv hoped that the church would be warmer at the Christmas concert, this would be discussed nearer the time.
- 4. Chairman's Report (attached):** Shirley said she had had no luck re a grant from the Joseph Rayner Trust.

Paul Barnes has offered Joyce's music to the Society to sell. It was thought that this should be offered to members in the first place.

Shirley reminded the meeting of the new Committee structure. At the time of the adoption of the new constitution last year, all members of the Committee became 'First Trustees', the maximum length of trusteeship being 6 years (2 x 3 year terms). In order to avoid a large proportion of Committee retiring at the same time, we now needed to stagger the re-elections. Chris Hobby and Nichola Kirby have offered to retire and be put up for re-election at the October AGM. Ann Lewington would like to retire as Associate Membership

Secretary and was asked if she could think of a replacement.

As Karen Brett had been so helpful with ticket sales, Shirley would invite her to consider working with Sheila on coordination of income and possibly take over the banking.

Musical Director's Report (attached): Michael said that the audience reaction to the May concert was the best since he joined the Society. The choir was confident and the men were particularly good. The orchestra supported the choir well and Tim on organ and harpsichord was especially good.

Michael was asked about the size of the orchestra at the next concerts. He said the Christmas concert would be similar to the May 2017 concert but larger for the May 2018 concert. The budget will reflect this.

Regarding the Christmas concert on 2nd December it was agreed to hold an extra rehearsal on Friday 1st December.

On behalf of the back row of the altos, Barry explained they had difficulty hearing the other altos. Shirley undertook to arrange a better balance of seating at the next concert.

We were very grateful to Tony Lowman coming to sing and also Tom Daish (who was paid) augmenting the tenors.

Oakhaven Gala concert on the 1st July: Input for the programme will be provided in due course.

6. Treasurer's Report (attached): Regarding the May concert the concert analysis was incomplete. Since the report ticket sales income has been banked and Shirley anticipated the deficit would be a few hundred pounds only. Michael confirmed the Josephine Baker Trust grant was anticipated. Nichola said she would provide an updated report to show the new totals.

Fundraising activities would continue through the summer and Shirley expected a good bank balance at the end of the financial year. The fundraisers were thanked for their efforts.

7. Publicity Report (attached): Viv said that one of David's A boards had gone missing. She also asked if we should ask other societies about reciprocal adverts in our programmes. It was agreed we would consider if asked. We had good coverage on Radio Solent thanks to Viv and Sheila. Very many thanks to Viv and her group for all the publicity arrangements.

8. Any Other Reports:

Fundraising: Jill said that once again she would be holding her coffee morning on 7th June and Sheila her tea party on 21st June. Jill has booked the church hall on the 5th May 2018 for the Spring Fair. Judith was organising another fundraising lunch on the 7th July at Milford Community Centre. Michael suggested that we should be prepared to sing at the lunch. Sue Strong weekly raffle raised £675 over the year which was a brilliant result.

Overall our fundraising events have been very successful.

Librarian: Ann Blacklock said that Elizabeth and Deborah had been a great help to her. We had received £60 for hiring music to another music society. All the copies of Messiah had been collected and the music had been ordered for September.

Associate Members: Ann said she would be sending out letters to the Patrons and Associate Members in September and that the numbers have been going down. General discussion included the need for a recruitment drive. It was agreed to approach Michael White as a prospective associate member.

Next Committee Meeting: 26th September 2017 in the Beagley Room.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm.