

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 12th June 2014 at The Friends Meeting House, Alton at 19.00hrs

Committee: Gill Moore (Chairman),
 Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary),
 Sue Lawrence (Treasurer),
 Jenny Hallett (Membership Secretary),
 Carolyn Robson (Musical Director)
 Robin Sturdy (Committee member)

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Apologies	Gill Moore	Sue Lawrence was chosen to chair the meeting.
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 8 th May 2014, proposed by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Robin Sturdy. The minutes were signed.	Approved minutes to go onto website. HB to ask Alison.
Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.	
Financial report	Current bank balance - £6730.86 Charity balance - £609.18	
	Someone is needed to review accounts.	
Membership	Two members have left and their places filled. There is one vacancy and no-one on the waiting list.	
Correspondence	30.5.14 Gill received a request for singers at a memorial service on 3.6.14	ACC unable to help due to short notice.
Concerts	22 May 2014 Pax Hill Care Home. This went according to plan and was well received. 23.5.14 – email from Kate Chenneor thanking ACC.	23.5.14 – bulk email of thanks sent to ACC
	Kate wondered if it might be possible for some of ACC to sing during an afternoon when more residents could attend.	This was discussed but no definite conclusion reached. If the choir was to perform in an afternoon Carolyn would be paid for the session.

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Future Concerts	At War's Command – Sunday 9 th November 2014 at St Mary's Church, Liss. Final time to be arranged. A retiring collection will be made for the 'Combat Stress' Charity.	HB to make contact with St Mary's church office to confirm arrangements and check time of performance. (Done. This will be at 6.30pm. The contact is Michael Oakley, Church Treasurer, tel. 01730 892165)
	ACC members will be needed for readings – details to be finalised in September	
	Winter Concert. 6.12.14. 11.5.14 email confirming details sent to Martyn Wyndham-Read. Unofficial verbal confirmation received. 21.5.14 – email received from the Church Office (Jill Whittingham) with additional arrangements	
CD	The survey 'Shall we make a CD?' was sent to ACC members. 60 replied, 29 in favour, 25 against and 6 abstentions. The 29 in favour was short of the target of 40, so we will not be making a CD.	Thanks to Sue for all her hard work in connection with the survey.
Joint Choirs Venture/s	30.5.14 email from Don Hammond for discussion by committee. All present were in favour to proceed with such ventures. Many comments, resulting from the CD survey, were to this effect.	Carolyn is available for the Saturdays of 21st and 28th March 2015. Julia Burns to be approached to ask at Amery Hill School about availability and hiring charges. (Done 12.6.14. Julia agreed to make enquiries. She has done so. The school is in the process of re-organising the booking system. HB to make further enquiries towards end of term.) (21.6.14 Stanchester Quire emailed CR about the possibility of a choir exchange day with them in Somerset next year)

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Website	Lyrics and sound-files of new songs are now available on the web-site.	
	Choir photo update - possibility still under consideration	(26.6.14 HB spoke to Alison who suggested Helen to down-load photo/s taken at Sarah Morgan Memorial concert and send to Alison to assess for suitability)
	Information re SingFest	At Mellow Farm 30 th /31 st August
Proposed trip to Herborn	We need to ascertain level of interest, availability etc.	SL to devise a questionnaire which will be circulated as soon as she has indications for travel costs.
Term dates	The Autumn Term will be Thursday 11 th September to 18 th December. The start is a week later than HCC schools. There will be no half-term break.	The rehearsal dates take account of Carolyn's trip to the USA and the 'At Wars Command' concert.
AOB	Comments from the survey included suggestions of things we could do with excess choir funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - free concert or other activity for benefit of local community - cover cost of transport to events - hosting or going to a workshop with other community choirs - extra money to our nominated charities - reduce our subs 	
	More bookings – WI Groups or spots in ceilidhs were mentioned.	The committee are happy to consider any bookings ACC are offered. Acceptance depends on availability of a leader and sufficient singers.
	Someone asked if ACC would charge a fee.	ACC do not make a charge, but might for commercial organisations. Groups might be asked to make a donation towards our nominated charities.
	Carolyn will be in USA for 3 weeks in September and October. She suggested Freya Tabbush as a substitute.	All present agreed that Freya would be an ideal substitute.

Next meeting	Thursday 18 th September at The friends Meeting House, Alton	
--------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------	--

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary) 10th July 2014

Proposed by –

Seconded by –