

**ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 13<sup>TH</sup> February 2014 at The Friends Meeting House,  
Alton at 19.00hrs**

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Comments</b>
Apologies	All members of the committee were present.	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 was proposed by Gill Moore and seconded by Robin Sturdy. The minutes were duly signed.	The approved minutes will shortly be on the website.
Matters Arising	Alison appreciated being thanked for her work on the website.	Alison does a really great job!
	ATTA membership – subs now paid	Information re ATTA is on their website.
Finance - banking	There has been confusion re. where paper copies of statements etc. should be sent since the change over of treasurer.	SL has been dealing with the bank and believes the problem is now rectified.
Financial report	Current bank balance - £6893.34 Charity balance - £243.00	The hire of the room for last term has still to be paid.
Finance – insurance	Insurance premium	This has been paid
Membership	Membership – 62 3 new members to start after half-term. There is no-one on the waiting list.	
	Jenny presented a draft ‘welcome/ information’ letter for new members.	The idea was unanimously accepted. A few minor alterations were agreed. The letter will be given to new members.
Correspondence	26 Jan 2014 – email from Anna Tabbussh re. ‘Spring Sing’ for circulation to ACC members. Further details are on the ACC website.	26 Jan 2014 – circulated to ACC members

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Correspondence (cont)	30 Jan 2014 – email from Gill Marsden re. Holybourne Singers Concert for circulation to ACC members	30 Jan 2014 – circulated to ACC members
	5 Feb 2014 – email from Don Hammond re. ACC’s commitment re. At War’s Command – time, money etc.	Don’s comments were considered and will be born in mind as the ‘At War’s Command’ project is developed.
Previous Concert	25 Jan 2014 – Treloar college – Burns Night	Programme was modified from 2 sets to a single set of 5 songs. The singing went well and was appreciated by the audience. The organiser expressed her immense thanks. The refreshments served to ACC were excellent.
Forthcoming concerts	Pax Hill Care Home. The original date of 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb needs to be postponed – possibly to a date in March	Carolyn to contact Pax Hill Care Home re. a suitable date.
	13 April 2014 (Sunday). Sarah Morgan’s Memorial concert at Winchester Guild Hall, 15.00hrs to 22.00hrs with a 1 hour break at about 17.30hrs. ACC have been invited to sing 2 or 3 songs. Further details are on the ACC website.	SL to draft an email for HB to circulate to members re availability of members and number of tickets required (done 21.02.14). Jenny to request info on attendance sheet on 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Numbers are needed ASAP.
	Joint Choirs Concert	No further action at present.
	At War’s Command	No dates have been arranged. It is hoped to perform a number of concerts.
	12 July 2014 - Proms in the Park	(Since the committee meeting Carolyn has received an email explaining that ACC is not being invited to perform on this occasion.)
	Alastair Gordon has suggested that the Millennium Hall in Liphook might be a suitable venue for a concert. Carolyn and Helen know the hall and agreed it could be a possibility at some time.	

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Summer party	Judy Burt has kindly offered her home as a venue for a summer party on a Thursday in August. Dates suggested by Judy are 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> August.	The only date Carolyn is free is 7 <sup>th</sup> August. (After this committee meeting Judy asked HB if the item had been on the agenda and if any date was OK. HB thanked her and said the 7 <sup>th</sup> was best.) (14 Feb '14 – email from SL to Judy)
CD	Several choir members have asked about the possibility of recording a CD. It was suggested that recording might start in Jan 2015 – then on a termly basis, with the CD being completed by Dec 2015. Some sort of formal agreement with ACC members needs to be decided upon.	The consensus is that it is not the intention this will be a money making exercise, but will be a record of ACC's repertoire. It may well be necessary to use some of ACC's financial reserves to fund this project. This will need the approval of ACC members.
Website	Alison keeps updating the website as and when necessary with diary dates, songs, minutes of committee meetings etc.	Thank you, Alison.
Trip to Herborn, Germany.		No further action. (Ursula Vollmer is the contact in Herborn.)
AOB	Term dates need to be adjusted	Final practice this term will be on 10 <sup>th</sup> April. The summer term will start on 1 <sup>st</sup> May.
	Carolyn will not be available to lead the choir on 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Carolyn will arrange for a substitute – probably Anna Tabbush.
	Concert in Liss. CMR had a provisional booking in 2013 for 'At War's Command' in St Mary's Church in Liss, it has been suggested that perhaps ACC would be able to do a concert.	The situation needs to be clarified. It is thought Judy Burt was a contact. (14 Feb '14 – email from SL to Judy)

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AOB (cont)	Carolyn introduced the idea of a combined Winter/Christmas performance with David Oliver, Laura Connolly & Stewart Hardy in the show they have devised 'The Holly and The Ivy'.	This needs further discussion and consideration.
Next meeting	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March at 19.00hrs at The Quaker Meeting House, Alton.	

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary)      28 February 2014

Proposed by – Carolyn Robson

Seconded by – Jenny Hallett