



## SLEAFORD CHORAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON WED 29<sup>th</sup> SEPT AT 8pm IN SLEAFORD METHODIST CHURCH.

Present: Lew Paterson, Rowland Lee, Doreen Bamford (notetaker), Katy Griffiths, Derek Jacobs.

Choral Members Present: 26

<u>Agenda Heading</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
1 Apologies for absence	Sue Quarmby, Sue Lipscombe, Beryl Risdell, Neville McFarlane, Lorna Boyne, Sarah Butchart, Sue Jackson, Mel Martin, Gill Stokes, Mary-Jane, Carol Scourfield, Elaine Healey, Liz Hills.	
2 Minutes of Last AGM (02/10/19)	Approved as a true record. Signed by L Paterson, Chairman. Proposed: Owen Davies    Seconded: Jo Johnson Unanimously agreed	
3 Matters Arising	No matters arising.	
4 Musical Director's Report	Sadly, our only concert since the last AGM was the Christmas Concert 2019. It was a lovely concert with the Christmas Messiah & Alleluia Chorus in the first half and carols in the second, featuring, amongst others, Jenny Seddon's Donkey Carol - a real highlight! No concerts at all in 2020. The joint concert with Lincoln Cathedral Choir for the Patman Memorial Concert had to be cancelled due to the pandemic - we all sincerely hope that it can be re-arranged and take place perhaps in 2023. We are looking forward to the Christmas Concert this year. Rehearsals have been so enjoyable, like meeting old friends once more.	
5 Membership Officer's Report	50 members currently. 40 have paid. Although fewer overall, the ratio between the voices is much as it was. We hope that members will continue to return as life returns to more normality.	
6 Hon Treasurer's Report	Current account balance shrunk from £1560 Aug 20 to £733.20 Aug 21 Membership & Gift Aid totalled £5320 in yr ending Aug 20, Christmas Concert in Dec 2019 made a small profit of £37 (first time for a long time) - partly due to increased ticket sales, but also no soloists fees. Obviously no membership fees or gift aid gained during yr Aug 20 - 21, but still expenses of staging storage and insurances - unfortunately, staging storage charges have increased to £54, as we had to find another storage provider in December. Staging delivery and collection also each have risen from £40 to £55. D Bamford (pp O Elphick)  Sleaford Choral thanks Oliver for his membership of the society and work as Treasurer over several years. We are sorry to see him leave, but wish him and his family happiness as they move to another part of the country. KK asked if a letter of thanks could be forwarded to Oliver.	<b>DB</b>
6a Approval of Treasurer's Statement & Accounts	Sleaford Choral Accounts Statements 2020 and 2021: Appendix 1 Proposed: Katy Griffiths    Seconded: Kathy Kinnard Unanimously agreed	

6b Membership Subscriptions	No decision has been made yet, but this item will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2021. It is possible that they may have to be increased, but as much notice as possible will be given to members.	
7 Chairman's Report	<p>Obviously, nothing much has been happening as a result of the pandemic. 2019 was a very successful Christmas concert and it is good to be preparing for our forthcoming concert in December this year.</p> <p>Zoom rehearsals during lockdowns were interesting! Time delays made it sound dreadful if we all tried to sing.- Rowland kept his microphone on so that we could hear the piano, and the rest of us muted ourselves. We could only in fact hear ourselves singing - after such a layoff, that wasn't always a pleasant experience!</p> <p>50 members at present is a very good start and we hope numbers will continue to grow. The preparation for the Christmas and the Spring concerts will hopefully help to persuade members to return.</p> <p>Although it had been suggested that Covid restrictions in the Church maybe lifted soon, they have in fact been retained and will be discussed again at their next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	
8 Election of Officers & Council	<p>There are four vacancies on the Council – Hon Treasurer and Membership Services Officer. Also 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Officer has remained unfilled for several years and Publicity &amp; Mailings Officer, which is currently fulfilled by Hon Sec.</p> <p>All other members of the Council agreed to continue for the next year.</p> <p>Hon Treasurer - Nomination: Alan Harrison Proposed: Lew Paterson Seconded: Katy Griffiths Elected unanimously.</p> <p>Membership Services Officer - No nominations or volunteers. (Currently Katy Griffiths) DB (Hon Sec) will continue to head up the Publicity/Mailings role, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Officer post will remain unfilled for another year.</p> <p>Election of Committee 'en bloc' Proposed: Jo Johnson Seconded: Diana Scott Elected unanimously.</p> <p>Vote of thanks by Owen Davies to the Council for all its work, and also to Rowland for his enthusiasm and hard work.</p>	
9 Appointment of Musical Director	Rowland Lee has agreed to remain in this position.	
10 Appointment of Deputy Conductor	Alwyn Kirk has agreed to remain in this position.	
11 Music Programme for 2021-22 Season	<p>Christmas Concert - <b>Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2021</b></p> <p>The programme for the concert is a selection of carols taken from the C for C Bk 1, with individual seasonal pieces - Lully, Lulla, Lullay (P Stopford), O Holy Night (A Adam) and The Holly and the Ivy (Gardner). Emphasis on audience participation and a 'community feel'.</p> <p>Spring Concert – <b>Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022</b></p> <p>Detailed planning has begun with likelihood of The Choral Suite of The Armed Man (A Mass for Peace); Karl Jenkins.</p> <p>Also Hiawatha's Wedding Feast with Tenor soloist (possibly the soloist who sang in The Creation)</p> <p><b>2023</b> - nothing booked, but hopefully can rearrange the Patman concert with Lincoln Cathedral Choir.</p>	DJ

<p>12. AOB</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment to the Constitution  <b>AUDITED ACCOUNTS:</b></p> <p>The financial accounts shall be audited by a person approved by the Council (who shall not be a member of the Society).</p> <p>The audited accounts shall be available for inspection by the members not less than seven days before the date arranged for the Annual General Meeting, at which meeting the accounts shall be submitted to the members for approval.</p> <p><u>Proposal to change this section to:</u>  <b>CHECKED ACCOUNTS:</b></p> <p><i>The financial accounts shall be <b>checked</b> by a person approved by the Council (who shall not be a member of the <b>Council</b>).</i></p> <p><i>The <b>checked</b> accounts shall be available for inspection by the members not less than seven days before the date arranged for the Annual General Meeting, at which meeting the accounts shall be submitted to the members for approval.</i></p> <p>Proposed: Katy Griffiths, Membership Services Officer.  Seconded: Diana Scott</p> <p>Carried unanimously.  The amendment will be made to the Constitution.</p> <p>Thanks to Judith Perry for offering to provide a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival from the Choral Society. Assuming that it goes ahead, it will be a smaller event than normal but it is always a very enjoyable one.</p> <p>Meeting terminated at 8.27 pm</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p>