

SURREY HEATH CHORAL CIO
Trustees Meeting
3rd March 2022 7.15pm
On Zoom
MINUTES



Present

+ Keith Wigglesworth	Chairman	+ Kate Brown	Treasurer
+ Colin Gunner	Secretary	+ Salma Sams	Trustee
+ Tim FitzGerald	Trustee	+ Matthew Sleaf	Trustee
+ Andrew Milligan	Trustee		
+ Sylvia Law	Minutes secretary	+ Ed Bonner	Musical Director

Apologies for Absence.

No apologies received.

Minutes of last meeting

Read and agreed and signed

Matters arising

- There still is a need to push ahead with the 2 year plan for concerts, to enable dates to be verified with venues, and music to be sourced.
- There is still a vacant position on the committee with the resignation of Debra.
- All other matters arising will be dealt with in this meeting

Spring concert and start time

Rehearsals are underway for the Spring concert and are going well. Ed is very pleased with the progress so far.

The start time has been bought forward to 7.00pm. The website still has the later time of 7.30pm and this needs amending. More effort needs to be put into making sure all information about future concerts is correct in all formats.

There was a discussion as to whether the staging was necessary with a smaller choir and it was decided to do without it this time as we are trying to restrict spending in consideration of the reduced state of the choir's finances.

We are still without anyone to take responsibility for running a bar and in the present climate it was decided to limit the interval as in the Christmas concert to 10 minutes. There will hopefully be a raffle, which is a good fundraiser.

Future concerts and July set up change.

- ED is planning that the Summer concert in July should be based around American music. He is suggesting three medleys based around 'Showboat', 'West side story' and Sondheim musicals. It was suggested that we might do a medley based around Rodgers and Hammerstein as well. He was asked to finalise his ideas and let Keith and Sylvia know as soon as possible so that some advance planning can go on as far as budgeting etc and ordering of music.
- It was suggested that we do the Faure requiem in November and include parts of the Messiah in the Christmas concert
- The event at Frimhurst on 25th June is to go ahead and we are well into learning the piece 'Dig Deep'

Frimley lodge Park Jubilee 2 June

- We have been asked by Surrey heath council to participate in the events on June 2nd in Frimley Lodge Park to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Salma is to ask for more information on this and the members are to be asked who will be available to take part

- **Reports**

Treasurer's report.

See report.

Keith had produced a budget for 21/22 which was used as a basis for further discussion

Money is becoming a problem with much fewer members and less income from concerts. We have also lost the Siemens' contract as they are moving out of the Frimley premises soon. There was a discussion of how to minimise our outgoings and it was suggested that we go back to only producing 3 concerts a year instead of 4 and there was a suggestion that instead of a concert in November we join with a local church and produce an event as we have done before at Remembrance. It was decided to cancel our booking for a concert at High Cross in November and investigate the possibility of a joint effort with St Peter's church. Other suggestions

were: - more open evenings to encourage new members, raising the fees substantially in September, perhaps to £150/ year, limiting using of staging at concerts, cutting down on expenditure wherever possible. Our outreach work was also discussed as this often has outgoing costs that have not been recovered. We shall have to charge for this work in future. The event at Frimhurst is being paid for by the organisers who are attracting funding for the event.

Membership

See attached report.

With the budget concerns Matthew was asked to chase up those new members who have not yet paid their fees.

There was also some concern raised that we had no formal records at present of attendance at rehearsals. Voice reps are to be asked to report their data on attendance to Matthew.

Fundraising.

See report.

Salma suggested that we may be able to have a quiz evening as a fundraising event in the near future. She is to pursue this and report back.

SHS Patron

A proposal has been put forward by Tim that we should consider removing Michael Gove our local MP as our patron. As not enough information was available to make any decision as Tim was unable to participate in this part of the meeting this was postponed until Tim can put his case.

AOB

- Andrew asked that there be a review of our governance documentation. Colin is to facilitate this.

Date and venue of next meeting

27th April 2022 7.15pm

**73 Poyle Road, Tongham, Farnham GU10 1DM
Or by Zoom if necessary**