

SURREY HEATH CHORAL CIO
Trustees Meeting
13th January 2022 7.15pm
On Zoom
MINUTES



Present

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

Apologies for Absence.

No apologies received. Salma arrived late as she was stuck in traffic.

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 a vacant position on the committee with the resignation of Debra. Keith is to ask Rosemary and/or Tish Mason if they would be willing to join the committee.
- The committee meeting was postponed for week due to Covid considerations.
- Ed thought the Christmas concert went very well and the joint effort with Wholenotes was exceedingly well received. He would like to make our next Christmas concert include Wholenotes with similar music.
- It was agreed that under the present Covid situation we need to keep the format of the concerts as simple as possible, to ensure the safety of members and audience. We can open up more when the situation is more stable.
- Voice reps have been appointed for all parts and Rosemary and Tish have taken on the role of selling Raffle tickets at Rehearsals.

Spring concert

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

Action:- Keith and Rosemary to progress the design of the advertising flyer.

Future concerts and events.

- Ed has liaised with Alison for some ideas of an event at Frimhurst, June 28th, in which we may participate. There is to be a summer Fete/Event in an afternoon and evening to celebrate the Queen's 70th anniversary of her reign. It is proposed that we join with Wholenotes to present a musical contribution. It could be based around a piece by Peter Churchill 'Dig Deep' which could be included in our Summer concert as well. It was agreed that this should go ahead if possible.
- ED is planning that the Summer concert should be based around American music. He was asked to finalise his ideas and let Keith know as soon as possible so that some advance planning can go on as regards music and budgeting.
- Keith has booked the Dates with High Cross up to and including some next year dates but until the 2 year plan is finalised he is limited in what can be done.
- There was some discussion of the rehearsal date in March which has to be changed from Monday. We are unable to use the hall but have been offered the chapel instead. It was agreed that Matthew would enquire through the Doodle poll which date (Wednesday or Thursday) would be most acceptable to the members.
- **Reports**

Treasurer's report.

See report.

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 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 that we must raise the ticket price of the Spring concert and with no soloists this should help with the budget. There was also a discussion of raising subs for members which focussed around the actual cost of the rehearsals and whether members should be asked to pay for the music hire on top of their usual subscription. No final decision was made but is to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Membership

See attached report.

Fundraising.

See report.

SHS Patron

A proposal was put forward that we should consider removing Michael Gove our local MP as our patron. As not enough information was available to make any decision this was postponed until the information has been circulated.

AOB

- Tim proposed that we should make an effort to move all our files onto the Cloud using the SHSCCS. This would make things more secure and more easily accessible. He is to send round more information the committee members.
- Salma has asked Keith to take up with High Cross the very inadequate heating we have been experiencing in our rehearsals. Most members are singing all evening in their coats.

Date and venue of next meeting

3rd March 2022 7.15pm

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