
Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Bedfordshire Orchestral Society
held on 16th October 2024 at 7.30pm
Goldington Academy, Haylands Way, Bedford, MK41 9BX

Present: Officers

Louise Radok	Chairperson	LR
Clive Bachmanis	Treasurer	CB
Nicola Phillips	Secretary	NP

Elected Ordinary Members

Julia Robinson	BSO representative	JR
Caroline Cartwright	BS representative	CC
Dominic Mills	BS representative	DMS

Ex-Officio Member

Caroline Waters	BSO leader	CW
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Apologies:

Benjamin Phillips (Publicity BP),
Julia Smith, Ann Martin, Jane Thomas, Julia Dunmow, Pam Rogers.

1) Chairperson quorum and declarations of interest

The meeting was quorate. Forty-two members were present.

There were no declarations of interest.

2) Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

It was agreed these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were proposed by Dominic Mills, seconded by Julia Robinson and signed by Louise Radok.

3) Matters arising

- There were no matters arising.

4) Chairperson's Report

Please see LR's separate document.

5) Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Report

Please see CB's separate documents for the report, and investments, cash and Current Account amounts.

- In summary, CB said that over last season, there was a fall in revenue from approximately £34,000 to £25,000 as there had been a fall in ticket sales, and the amount of donations and grants was less. The cost of artists, including extras was approximately £20,000.
- CB said that there was approximately £24,000 in the bank and £150 cash.
- The report was approved; proposed by Andrea Kilpatrick and seconded by Susan Bradley.

6) Election of President

The RT Hon Baroness Young of Old Scone has agreed to stand again. She was proposed by Caroline Waters and seconded by Lucy Norton. There were no objections, and she was thereby re-elected as President of the Society.

7) Election of Officers & Trustees

- Louise Radok is stepping down from the role of Chair.
 - Nicola Phillips is stepping down from the role of Secretary.
 - Caroline Cartwright is stepping down from the role of BS rep.
 - LR thanked the committee for their hard work and support over the year.
 - David Mercer and Susan Bradley stood for election as Chair. After a vote from members, David Mercer was duly elected as Chair, proposed by Sara Brindley and seconded by David Williams.
 - The other members of the committee were then each proposed and seconded for election without objections as officers and committee members:
Hon Treasurer Clive Bachmanis - proposed by Jan Kaznowski, seconded by Dominic Mills.
Hon Secretary Julia Lence - proposed by Vicky Owen, seconded by Ann Collins.
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BSO reps Julia Robinson, Sheila Kaznowska and Vicky Owen – proposed by Julia Lence, seconded by David Mercer.

BS reps Dominic Mills and Benjamin Phillips – proposed by Lucy Buckland, Seconded by Sara Brindley.

Publicity Coordinator (including social media) Ann Collins – proposed by Caroline Waters, seconded by David Mercer.

BS librarian David Mercer is willing to continue – proposed by Fei-ling Lim, seconded by Caroline Waters

BSO librarian Andrea Kilpatrick – proposed by Julia Lence, seconded by Ann Collins.

Other roles will be covered by members of the committee and the orchestras as needed.

Ex-officio member BSO Leader Caroline Waters.

8) Election of independent Examiner

CB is waiting to hear from John Sheehan about standing again. In the meantime, he was proposed by Andrea Kilpatrick and seconded by Dominic Mills. There were no objections, and he was duly re-elected as Independent Examiner for the Society.

9) AOB

- The annual subscription will remain the same as last year at £150.00.
Susan Bradley asked whether we could afford to keep the price the same. It was felt that more publicity including podcasts and Instagram could help to generate more income from ticket sales.
David Mercer also commented that more money could be raised by ensuring that everyone pays their subscription.
This was approved; proposed by Alison Randall and seconded by Jan Kaznowski.
- Dominic Mills proposed that Louise and Uwe Radok should become Honorary members of the Society following their retirement from horn playing and Louise from the committee. This was seconded by Nicola Phillips.
- Jan Kaznowski asked whether the lighting at the CNS North site hall used for BS rehearsals could be discussed with the school so that the lights stay on for the entire rehearsal.
- Clive Bachmanis gave a vote of thanks to Louise for her work as Chair of the Society and she was duly presented with some gifts from the committee on behalf of the members.

The meeting ended at 7:47 pm.



BEDFORDSHIRE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

President: Baroness Young of Old Scone



Approved:

Date: