

SURREY HEATH CHORAL CIO
Trustees meeting

2.00pm 25th June 2020
On Zoom



MINUTES

Present

Keith Wigglesworth	Chairman	Kate Brown	Treasurer
Matthew Sleep	Trustee	Salma Sams	Trustee
Andrew Milligan	Trustee	Tim Fitzgerald	Trustee
Sylvia Law (Minutes secretary)			

Apologies for Absence

Angelica Thompson, Debra Sheffield.

Minutes of last Meeting

These were read and agreed. To be signed at a later date

Matters arising

The last meeting was cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and the resultant lockdown. The lockdown also made most of the actions from the last meeting redundant. However the recruitment process has continued by Zoom meetings, this is on the main agenda. Liz Rae has left the choir and this will require finding a replacement Publicity lead. .

Recruitment process

This has been continuing throughout the lock down. All the committed candidates were interviewed, (11 see Attached report). of these it is the intention to audition 6 candidates in the future when it is possible to have rehearsals. It was suggested that those to be invited for audition should have this confirmed by letter but that no firm date given except that they would be contacted as soon as it became possible for the choir to restart.

There would be an initial rehearsal and welcome back to the choir and then three weeks of auditions, with 2 candidates taking 40 minutes each with the choir. We would hope that the successful candidate would be able to start ASAP.

Autumn term

It is hoped that we shall be able to restart the choir rehearsals in September, but this is still uncertain with the government guidelines at present. We shall be able to use the sanctuary at High Cross for rehearsals which would help with social distancing. The first few weeks would include auditions for the new Musical Director and Karen Phillips has agreed to fill in during the interregnum before the start of the new MD.

It is hoped that if we start in September there will be no problem asking for the full annual subscription but this may have to be amended if we are not allowed to start until after Christmas.

There was a discussion about the musical programme for September until December. It was decided to retain the Rossini and Puccini Copies if possible from Surrey performing arts. They would give the choir something to continue working on and give the people being auditioned pieces to choose from to work on with the choir at audition. If the new MD cannot start until after Christmas then the committee will have to make some decisions about the November and Christmas concerts with Karen.

Matthew was concerned about our previous commitment to Krystal Hewitson to take part in sung evensong at St Peter's church, which has been postponed until later in the autumn. It was thought that this could be offered to the members of the choir as an opportunity for individual members to take part in if they so wished during the autumn term.

Reports.

Secretary's Report

Vacancy

Angelica has shown some interest in this role and Keith has pursued this and she is willing to try out the role. Unfortunately she has had some family problems recently and this may delay her take up of the role. Keith will write to her to clarify her position.

Treasurers report.

As attached report

Fundraising

As attached report

Membership

As report

Social secretary

Nothing to report

Publicity

A new leader for this committee will have to be found

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1. There was a suggestion that a Zoom meeting be set up with all members of the choir as possible sometime in July. Tim agreed to set his up on a Monday in July. This could include some singing at a later date.
2. As some members of the choir have found the online choirs to be a good substitute for proper rehearsals. It was suggested that an article about this should go on the web site to give contact details for some on line choirs for members to join if they wished.
3. It was suggested that the interviewees should be asked of their Zoom experience as it was thought that this may be a way of helping members of the choir in their learning of music in future. Matthew and Tim to have a further discussion on this topic.

- **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 30th July 6pm

Venue

73 Poyle Road Tongham Farnham GU10 1DX

In view of the outdoor nature of such a meeting it was suggested that we could use High Cross instead. Keith will investigate.