

MINUTES of the AGM of the WAREHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

held in the URC Church at 8.15pm on Monday 3rd October 2011

PRESENT: Jane Oakland (MD) Mike Lewis (Chair), Bob Newnham (Librarian) Jennifer Haworth (Treasurer), Joan Willis (Secretary), Richard Marchant, Jack Haworth, and 35 choir members

1. Welcome: Mike Lewis welcomed Jane to her first AGM, all choir members, particularly the new members to whom the Committee were introduced.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mary Norrish, Chris and David Kemp, Peter Barker and Perilla Kinchin.
3. Minutes AGM – 04.10.10: The Minutes were adopted and carried unanimously, proposed by Jane Yard and Mike Andrew.
4. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
5. To formally accept the reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and Musical Director. Printed copies of Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports were attached to the Minutes.

ML welcomed Jane for her ongoing hard work for the choir; we all looked forward to an exciting future!

It was with sadness that ML reported the death of both Meg Wilkins and Margaret Duncalfe prior to the Christmas Concert and also the retirement of Amy who reaches her 92nd year. Amy has been singing with the choir since 1947.

Thanks to Jennifer and Jack for hosting all our committee meetings.

JO gave a verbal MD report. She said her work with the choir was a real benchmark and was really proud of the work members were putting in but we should not be complacent. She was particularly pleased with our production of 'Messiah', and we need to build on that reputation to be 'The Best Choir in the Area'. The idea that it was always alright on the night was not good enough. We should aim to develop, and attendance and punctuality at rehearsals was a priority. JO concluded by saying she was looking forward to the coming year.

6. To formally accept the accounts for the year. Jennifer took the meeting through the accounts which were fully set out in her Report. Jennifer confirmed her report, adding that we were on track to cover the extra expenses. Each concert had been covered by ticket sales but it was essential to work towards greater ticket sales to cover future expenses.

A question from the floor was put on the possibility of greater interest rates from a different bank but JH confirmed that existing accounts compared favourably with others.

ML thanks JH for her continuing work with the choir's finances.

ML reported that the New Year commences with an increase in subs from £35 to £40 for each of the two terms (which includes the Guild). We will require £1,200 to keep things ticking over. The extra £10 will take us half way through, if extra is needed an Extra-Ordinary Meeting will be called. RM pointed out that subs have been the same for the past ten years but we now have the benefit of two professional musicians who must be paid accordingly.

Proposed that the accounts and reports should be adopted by Sarah Welton, seconded by Marten Richter.

Subscriptions for 2011/2012 @ £40 per term adopted by Brian Wilkins seconded by Peter Hulbert. Unanimously accepted

7. To elect the following officers:-
Chairman - Mike Lewis

Librarian – Bob Newnham
Treasurer – Jennifer Haworth
Secretary – Joan Willis

In the absence of any nominations, ML expressed his gratitude to the officers and committee members Richard Marchant and Jack Haworth for agreeing to continue in office for a further term.

Unanimously accepted.

8. AOB: RM informed the meeting that the Guild AGM would be held at the URC at 6.30pm on the 17th October, prior to the choir rehearsal. Two new nominations are required as existing officers (Chairman and Treasurer) can only remain for five years and their term has expired. There was question from the floor regarding the Choir's Spring Concert. This will not take place as the Puccini "Missa di Gloria" for the Guild Concert (conducted by Nigel Perrins) will need intensive rehearsal time.

Other items will include JO performing the Easter Hymn. There will also be choruses from La Traviata, Donizetti, the Anvil Chorus and Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves.

An additional choir for the 2012 concert will be the Sturminster Marshall Singers. Organising concerts for the Guild was done years in advance and work was already in progress for 2014.

ML pointed out that singing with the Guild was an opportunity to sing with a full orchestra at the Lighthouse.

9. ML again thanked all members for their attendance and support. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Dated

Signed