

Minutes of the **AGM** of the  
**WAREHAM CHORAL  
SOCIETY**  
held in the URC Church at  
8.15pm on  
Monday 8th October 2012

**PRESENT:** Jane Oakland (MD) Mike Lewis (Chair), Bob Newnham (Librarian) Jennifer Haworth (Treasurer), Joan Willis (Secretary), Richard Marchant, Jack Haworth, and 37 choir members

1. Welcome: Mike Lewis welcomed all choir members to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mary Norrish, Pam Boddy, Jane Randall, Hilary Jordan, and Robin Ferguson.
3. Minutes AGM – 03.10.11: The Minutes were adopted , proposed by Jane Yard, seconded by Karen Marchant and carried unanimously.
4. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
5. Chairman’s Report. A printed copy of Chairman’s Report was attached to the Minutes.

ML thanked choir members for their commitment, particularly Jennifer and Jack for hosting all our committee meetings. ML also thanked all members for their many good wishes.

The death of Amy had been received with sadness and ML expressed his gratitude to those choir members who had turned up for her Funeral Service.

RM thanked ML for his work over the many years of his term of office. Much of this work is behind the scenes. He also thanked long suffering Val and extended the choir’s gratitude to them both.

6. Music Director’s Report. JO gave a verbal MD report. She thanked everyone for their work and commitment. She emphasised the need for regular attendance at rehearsals, advance preparation and attention to detail. The choir had met the challenge and worked hard at the Spring Concert with the Guild. The Guild gives a great opportunity to sing with a large choir and orchestra. The Guild Concert at the Lighthouse and Wareham’s Christmas Concert had been very well received, we should be very proud, everyone had enjoyed them.

JO wants to encourage those who felt the need for more challenging works, but also the need for support for those who preferred established works. She thanked the choir for their hard work and looked forward to the coming year.

7. Treasurer’s Report. (A printed copy of Treasurer’s Accounts was attached to the Minutes) Jennifer took the meeting through the accounts which were fully set out in her report. Jennifer confirmed her report and said that we were nicely on course.

The transfer of £700 to a different account had so far not produced the expected result.

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

8. Subscriptions : These had been agreed in committee at £42 per term or £80 per year

Proposed that the Reports and subscription recommendations be adopted by Brian Wilkins, seconded by David Kemp and unanimously adopted by choir members.

9. To elect the following officers:-

Chairman - Judith Price has agreed to take on this responsibility.

Proposed by Sarah Welton, seconded by Jack Haworth, and unanimously adopted by choir members.

Secretary – Bob Newnham volunteered to act as Minute Secretary in addition to his work as Librarian. Proposed by Mike Andrew, seconded by Brian Wilkins, and unanimously adopted by choir members.

Treasurer – Jennifer Haworth agreed to continue as Treasurer for a further term.

Proposed by Jane Yard, seconded by Lydia Farrow. Unanimously adopted by choir members.

10. Election of Committee : Richard Marchant outlined the difficulties of his association with the Guild and Wareham Choir Committees. This creates a conflict of interest, so he now retires from the committee, but it was agreed that he should be a co-opted member of the Wareham Committee. RM nominated Sarah Welton as representative of the Guild on this committee, seconded by Brian Wilkins and unanimously adopted by the choir.

Jack Haworth agreed to continue in office for a further term.

Proposed by Horace Plyte, seconded by Lydia Farrow. Unanimously adopted by choir members.

11. Proposed Addition to Constitution: RM outlined a Clause to be added to the Constitution (Section 5b) to ensure that we were legally correct. The necessity for this was challenged by one member of the choir. RM proposed that this addition be adopted, seconded by Sarah Welton. Adopted by choir members with one vote against.

*"The Wareham Choral Society is mindful of the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equal opportunity and to promote positive actions. No individual or groups sharing Protected Characteristics, i.e., gender, ethnicity, age, disability, religion, or sexuality, shall be excluded from membership of the Society, or from being elected as an officer to the Committee."*

12. AOB : The Committee to look into limiting the length of term of service for officers before the next AGM.

There was discussion on the proposed date of the 2013 Easter Concert as Wareham choice of music clashed with Swanage and on the same date. A decision will be made at the first Committee Meeting following the AGM

13. ML again thanked all members for their attendance and support. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

ML apologised for his omission during the meeting and thanked the retiring Secretary Joan Willis for her hard work over many years.