



# Phoenixsingers

## Extraordinary General Meeting - Minutes

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September 12, 2012

Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Framlingham

### Present:

Giles Pebody, William Glasse, Celia Blois, Claire Rowell, Maggie Smith, Marion Banyard, Peter Moorhouse and all others who signed in for the rehearsal following the meeting.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Gillian Howell, John Francis, Miranda Barclay, Colin Hamilton, Liz Hamilton, Marian Lanyon, Susie Starke, Hilary Weston, Linda Sharman, Michael Dawe, Kaye Dawe

### **2. Welcome by William Glasse (WG)**

- Explanation as to why WG is Chairing the meeting, due to Gillian Howell being away.
- Members had received various letters explaining updates
- Issued an updated copy of the EGM Notice detailing people available for election as Officers and Committee Members

### **3. Proposed first item, appointment of positions below until the AGM:**

- Chairman: Giles Pebody
- Vice Chairman: Peter Moorhouse
- Secretary: William Glasse
- Maggie Smith agrees to stay in Treasure's post until AGM, request for new candidates
- WG offered all positions to other choir members, no one responded
- Proposal was put to the vote  
27 in favour  
0 against  
**Majority achieved**

- Other positions on offer on Committee with proposed members:
  - Marion = Librarian
  - Liz Hamilton = Stage Manager
  - Judith Russell = offered support
  - Claire Rowell = Publicity
- Proposal put to the vote  
**Obvious majority achieved**

NB Gillian Howell and Celia Blois offered to take care of catering

- WG spoke of the Trustees working hard to find a Musical Director over Summer and were lucky enough to find:
  - Musical Director (Interim) – Andrew Cantrill
  - Accompanist – Geoff Lavery



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- WG thanked Giles Pebody and Peter Moorhouse for their tireless work, interviewing and meeting potential MDs. Also, Marion Banyard for kindly pulling together the music for programme, which remains largely unchanged.
- Finally, WG thanked everyone in the Choir for their toleration in a difficult time, particularly those who contacted him with helpful comments.
- Handed over to Giles Pebody as the newly elected Chairman

#### 4. Giles Pebody, Chairman, addressed those present

- Thanked everyone for remaining patient, coming along today and for their faith in the continuation of the Phoenix Singers.
- Made reference to Agenda with regard to our new Mission Statement as starting point
- Handed over to Maggie Smith for Treasurer Report

#### 5. Treasurer's Report by Maggie Smith (MS)

- MS pointed out that in 2010-11 £5,000 was taken out of our reserves.
- 2011-12 we have managed to replenish 1/3 our reserves, therefore a distinct improvement.
- This was in the light of the fact that we only did 2 formal concerts and the Verdi didn't lose us very much money at all.
- We are not likely to have another year like this again.
- The Committee felt we should have 3 concerts and we will have 3 this year.
- We have to be careful with funds.
- We may have to dip into our reserves again but hopefully not too much looking at how many people we have here today.
- The next concert will be accompanied by a small ensemble. We need to be able to sing with a small accompaniment instead of a full orchestra as that is where all of the money was spent. The committee will be looking into this.

Question from the membership: What is the current reserve?

- £7,800 - ideally should be £10,000.



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### 6. Closing comments by Giles Pebody, Chairman

- Mentioned that Maggie will be sorely missed thanking her for her endurance during some very difficult times
- Introduced Andrew Cantrill.

Stephanie Askew pointed out that WG also needed to be thanked – all agreed

**The meeting closed at 8:00 pm with the introduction of the Musical Director, Andrew Cantrill. The first rehearsal of term followed.**

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....