



Phoenixsingers

Extraordinary General Meeting - Minutes

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.....