



Phoenixsingers

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

September 25th 2019

Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Framlingham at 7.00 pm

Present:

William Glasse (Chairman), Peter Moorhouse (Vice Chairman), Barbara Howard (Secretary), Keith Barton (Treasurer), and more than 30 Members.

1. The Chairman welcomed Members to the Annual General Meeting of The Society.

Apologies for absence were received from:

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| i. | Gill Clare |
| ii. | Geraldine Smith |
| iii. | Jill Abbott |
| iv. | Wendy Gourlay |
| v. | Sue Jack |
| vi. | Margherita Baker |
| vii. | Ann Pickstock |
| viii. | Vanessa Seymour |
| ix. | Gilly Newstead |

2. The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday September 26th 2018 had been published on the website after the meeting and circulated with the papers.

They were accepted *nem con* as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. The following people were elected to the committee

Miranda Barclay Proposed by Peter Moorhouse

Seconded by Keith Barton

Marion Kirton Proposed by Peter Moorhouse

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Caroline Foster Proposed by Julia Payn

Seconded by Jenny Hinchey

These 3 nominations were all approved



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4. Chairman's report

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and William spoke briefly to it. He thanked Geoff in particular for his endeavours on our behalf and in helping us to achieve a smooth transition to his new leadership as musical director. William also thanked the committee for all their support and the many other non-committee members that contribute to the smooth running of the choir.

5. Musical Directors report

This had also been circulated prior to the meeting. Geoff spoke to this report and gave particular thanks to the committee and all members of the choir for making him so welcome and for all the hard work that has been done over the year

6. Treasurers Report

Keith began his report by paying tribute to Gill Clare who retired as treasurer last year for making sure there had been a smooth handover leaving the accounts in very good order.

He spoke to the end of year accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He pointed out that the overall balance had increased but pointed out that with 2 concerts at Snape in the forward programme it was necessary for our funds to be in good shape as such concerts normally involved more expense and also carried a higher risk. Also he mentioned that it is hoped to commission a new piece to be written for the choir and this would be costly.

John Francis queried the publicity costs this year which were a lot higher than last year. KB said this could be attributed to the Snape concert for which the publicity was costly.

Liz Barton also reminded us that the finances of the Verdi Concert went through Beccles and we only got a share of the profit.

Finally KB pointed out the date of the Independent Examiner's signature was incorrect and it would be correctly amended

John Francis Proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was Seconded by Stephanie Askew. This was supported unanimously.

The Treasurer was thanked for his hard work throughout the year on behalf of the Society.

