

## Okehampton Choral Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 held 6.00pm at Fairplace Church

Present: Bill Sutton-Coulson (Chairman), Pat Stanford (Vice Chair), Mark Betambeau (Hon Sec), Andrew Wilson, Richard Edwards, Daphne Hanlon, Helen Dewhurst, and Jenny Gibbons.

1. Apologies – were received from Ann Ball. It was reported that Jean Ankcorn was still in S Africa.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising:

Telephone Tree – It was agreed this should be retained for the time being.

Accompanist's Fee – the increase in Roger's concert fee had been well received.

OUC Grant – agreed this would not be pursued in respect of website expenses.

Start Date – the start date of the Christmas term had been published on the website.

Half-term break – Andrew would now be available on 17<sup>th</sup> October. No break necessary.

4. Treasurer's Report In the absence of the Ann Ball, the Chairman commented briefly on the Society's financial position and reminded the Committee that the Insurance premium would fall to be paid in the coming weeks. A list of members who had renewed their subscriptions was circulated and whilst numbers were lower than expected others were coming forward to renew.

5. Society Website Jenny reported that the website was now live and whilst there were few hits, numbers were going up. £400.00 was owed to Hills and a further £64.84 owed to Jenny for incidentals. Mark to email Jenny the agendas and minutes back to (and including) the EGM. Mark also to accompany Jenny at the educational session offered by Hills. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Jenny for the work she had put in on the project and this was endorsed unanimously.

6. Future Choral Events

Christmas Concerts these were confirmed as Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Fairplace and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. It was hoped that the concert on 10<sup>th</sup> December would be at Exeter St Thomas but confirmation was awaited.

New Year Rehearsals to resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Spring Concert the Concert timetabled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 would be offered to All Saints Church Okehampton. Andrew had in mind the choir performing the Maria Theresa Mass by Haydn. It was hoped we might agree with the Church a set fee of £50 to OCS with the gate fees being split 50/50 or, as an alternative, we could offer the Church £150.00 for the whole day with OCS receiving all takings. A Raffle might also be possible.

Easter	In 2019 Easter falls on the weekend of 21 <sup>st</sup> April. It was agreed that after the concert on 16 <sup>th</sup> March, rehearsals would continue through until 8 <sup>th</sup> April after which there would be two weeks rest to take in the festivities.
Summer Term	After Easter, rehearsals would recommence on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 and continue up to the Monday prior to the summer concert.
Summer Concert	The date for this has been set for Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019. Programme to be announced later.

7. Date of Society AGM – this was set for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

8. AOB It was pointed out that nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee should be forwarded to the Secretary at least 14-days prior to the AGM ie not later than 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Andrew was asked if he would forward electronic copies of Concert Posters to Jenny for uploading onto the website when they are available. Helen offered to deal with publicity as normal. The Secretary distributed NAS magazines and reported an invitation to attend the NAS Open Forum Meeting in Lancashire – no takers. Apologies to be sent.

9. Next Meeting The next Committee meeting was set for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

The meeting ended at 7.15pm.