

## Okehampton Choral Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 held 6.00pm at Fairplace.

Present: Jenny Gibbons (Chair), Pat Stanford (Vice Chair), Mark Betambeau (Hon Sec), Daphne Hanlon (Librarian), Andrew Wilson, Bill Sutton Coulson, Richard Edwards, and Jean Ankcorn.

1. Apologies – were received from Helen Dewhurst.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.
3. Matters Arising.

Spring Concert      Jenny felt the Spring Concert had been a huge success. It had impressed the audience at All Saints and had been well received by members of the OUC.

OCS Insurance      Jenny reported that Hiscox were quoting £71.84 for basic insurance and about £137.00 for greater cover. If concert cancellation is required (up to £2,000.00 in any one year) this would be £55.48 extra whichever policy was chosen. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Xmas Concert      Jenny reported that the cost of hiring a coach to Exeter would be a min. of £350 and thus impracticable. She had, as an alternative booked with Crediton Congregational Church for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that 20<sup>th</sup> December might be too close on Christmas for Fairplace and it was agreed that Mark would discuss the prospect of 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> with Ann Drew.

4. Hon Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the Treasurer, it was suggested that Stan be asked to circulate to Committee Members, the up-to-date account balances. Also, to include a breakdown of receipts and costs generated by the Spring Concert. Mark to email request.

5. Summer Concerts. It was reported that Helen had notified a number of magazines of forthcoming events. Tickets would be available via Fairplace shop; and also in Hatherleigh via Sally Vick. Andrew would be rehearsing soloists from 5pm. Podium to be taken. Hatherleigh Methodist Church would be charging £20.00 for hire of hall. Proposed by Mark, seconded by Bill that we hold a raffle in the TB Centre - Bill to organise.

6. Piano. Jenny reported that the piano used for away concerts had been repaired but was not really portable. Bill said he had managed transporting it but admitted it was not easy. It was agreed that there was an outstanding requirement for a good transportable instrument.

7. Forthcoming Concert Programmes. Andrew put forward some ideas for forthcoming concerts:

\*Christmas 2019 - Performance of Charpentier Midnight Mass together with a selection of carols.

Easter 2020 - Possibly Handel's Acis and Galatea or Brockes Passion with string quartet and organ.  
Considering using All Saints.

Christmas 2020 – Handel's Messiah together with a selection of carols.

Summer 2020 - Musical Theatre - choral version.

Easter 2021 – Possibility of: -

Hiawatha's Wedding feast (Coleridge Taylor's) or,  
Bavarian Highlands (Elgar) or,  
Leibeslieda Waltzes (Brahms) or,  
The Crucifixion (Stainer).

\*It was agreed that the Christmas term would commence on Monday 9th September 2019.

8. Elgar Performance. Jenny pointed out that the Elgar Society were offering grants to Choral Societies putting on major works of Elgar. It was felt that OCS was possibly too small to be attempting this on its own and that the piano version of Bavarian Highlands might be insufficient to warrant an application. Jenny to make further enquiries.

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.10 pm.