

**Sandbach Choral Society**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**18/07/19**

**1 Present**

Pat Arnold, Margaret Smith, Sue Cooke, Andrew Green, Stephen Newlove, Ena Furber, Joyce Watson, Sandy Boyle

**2 Apologies**

Julie Barker, Frank Barker

**3 Minutes of meeting 25/07/19**

Accepted as correct record and signed

**4 Matters arising**

none

**5 items for AOB**

75% rule

Welcome pack

website

**6 Treasurer's report**

Pat presented the completed accounts which have been sent to the auditor, Christine Groves. She will meet with Christine in August prior to AGM. Pat drew attention to interest received from the Virgin account, £26.22 at the end of May and the claim for Gift Aid, £2022. We made a profit of £978 this year

**7 Review of Summer Concert**

Enquiry about use of kitchen as a fridge door was left open and some food was spoiled. The kitchen was not used during the concert.

Red and white roses now on ebay. Picnic format went better in the larger room with oblong tables.

Concert was well received and enjoyed by audience. Compliments received both for the choir and soloists. Thanks expressed by SN and committee to AG for his excellent work.

**8 Next Season's music**

Full discussion with Stephen and Andrew, with guidance from Stephen.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> '19 Sandbach Town Hall  
Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle Ricordi Edition  
4 soloists

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> '19 Sandbach Town Hall  
Bach Cantata Wachet Auf  
Handel Christmas sequence  
Pergolesi Magnificat  
+ Carols inc Rutter Wessex Carol  
3 soloists

**March 28<sup>th</sup> '20 St Mary's Sandbach Please note that it is 28<sup>th</sup>, not 29<sup>th</sup> as said in the meeting**  
Durufle Requiem  
selection from European Sacred Music  
2 soloists

July 12<sup>th</sup> '20 Bridgewater Hall

Elgar Dream of Gerontius

Most of the choir has responded and Sue will submit the list of singers tomorrow

Joyce will produce bookmarks with the new season's events for distribution at Singing Day **JW**

### **9 Singing Day 31<sup>st</sup> Aug '19**

80 places are now booked. Linda Bradley has refreshments in hand. Mayor of Sandbach to be invited. Photos needed for grant report (£400 from Sandbach Town council) Pat will ask Red if he would take some. **PA**

Sue to contact caretaker who will set up the hall. Peter Doughty will bring podium and stand. **SC**

Margaret will include reminder about cakes in newsletter **MS**

### **10 AGM preparation 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019 6.30 Wheelock**

Agenda and last year's minutes circulated. Members invited for cup of tea at 6pm, AGM at 6.30. first rehearsal of season at 7.30.

Most jobs, both committee members and additional roles, now have names against them. David and Delia Silverwood have agreed to do press and publicity. Alison Jenkins has volunteered help.

Margaret to approach her re taking on ticket sales and possibly posters **MS**

Jayne Bunn has agreed to be social secretary. Sue will liaise with her. **SC**

Joyce will possibly do posters if Alison Jenkins is unable do them. **MS**

Voice reps will look after concert singing lists and report to Ena Furber who will monitor the register. Voice reps will not be given the email addresses of their section.

### **11 AOB**

a - 75% rule and Welcome pack

As discussed previously, the rigid application of this rule can work against us. SN felt that it was better to allow members to make their own decision about their preparedness to sing in concerts .

Need for regular attendance to be emphasised. To be in revised Welcome Pack. **MS**

This led to a discussion about voice tests. Existing members have completed voice tests. Felt that new members should do so after 3 or 4 rehearsals to make sure that they are singing in the right section of the choir. To be in revised Welcome pack. **MS**

b- Website

Sue asked SN for a biography and photograph for the website. SN was asked about timetabling additional rehearsals. Felt it was not necessary to timetable these at the beginning of the season. If an additional rehearsal was needed it could be arranged nearer the time. Timetable for concerts and rehearsals can now go onto website. **SC**

**Date for the next meeting:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2pm at 152 Colleys Lane, Willaston, CW5 6NU