

Sandbach Choral Society

Minutes of Trustees' Zoom Meeting – 10.30am, 20th May, 2020.

1. Present

Margaret Smith, Sue Cooke, Pat Arnold.

2. Singing Day This event is to be officially cancelled. Contact to be made with Jayne Bunn, Sandbach High School, Stephen and Andrew, Stephen Davies and choir members. **MS**

3. AGM Decision: to hold this virtually at the beginning of September. To be chorate we need 30% of choir members to join in and at least 2 of the 3 trustees.

Contact to be made with those who are already doing a job to see if they will continue to do this. **MS**
One person has offered to take over from Sue as secretary, Stephen Davies, and Margaret will contact him to see if that is still the case.

We will contact all choir members to inform them of our plans and to make sure that they can join in with a Zoom meeting. **MS**

4. Returning to rehearsals We are not able to make a definite decision so we will review the situation before the AGM

5. a) November concert This event is to be officially cancelled.

b) December concert This event is planned to go ahead. However, we don't know yet how long we will have to rehearse and it may well be the case that we run a full but modified concert with well-known and well-loved items involving plenty of audience participation. We may well not have time to learn a large amount of new material.

6. Subscriptions Pat proposed that subscriptions be put on hold from July onwards.

This means that we will tell choir members that:

- they can leave their standing orders to run and Pat will credit them with this when we return if members wish to be refunded (some may be happy to continue to support the choir)
- they can cancel their standing orders and set them up again when we return
- if they pay by lump sum this will be paid when we return.

We are set to have a loss of about £1000 but this will include the £2400 spent on the latest keyboard and we have paid approx. £800 in advance for future concert venues so we are in a healthy position. Fees for Stephen and Andrew up to July will be included in this year's accounts which can now be finalised. **PA**

7. Stephen's fees and contract, Andrew's fees Pat proposed that we ask members at the AGM whether we continue to pay their retainer fees until we return to full rehearsals.

We will leave Stephen's contract as it is until we have done four concerts with him which was the condition on which it was made.

8. Emergency funding for charities during Covid-19 There may be some mileage in this and we don't know what the future will hold for us yet so this is to be investigated. **PA**

9. AOB The Gerontius concert will be rescheduled but there is no indication yet of when this will be.

Meeting closed: 11.30am