

Sandbach Choral Society
Committee Meeting Tuesday 9th May 2023 6.30 wheelock
Minutes

1 Present

Margaret Smith, Pat Arnold, Julie Barker, Stephen Newlove, Sue Powner, Cheryl Bolton, Sandy Boyle

2 Apologies

Frank Barker, Ena Furber, Kelvin Leslie, Mags Daly

3 Matters arising

- a Chairman's job description updated and circulated to committee.
- b Spring concert actions from 14th March completed.

4 Concert update

- a) Summer concert

Soloists from within the choir will be required.

'Three Little Maids' - Julie, Jayne, Charlotte

'Take a pair of sparking Eyes' - Stephen

'Oh, Is there not one maiden breast?' - Mark (Pirates of Penzance)

Suzanne's availability uncertain but will be asked to be a soloist if possible.

Proposed running order as follows :-

1 Yeoman (I have a song to sing, O!)

2 Iolanthe

3 Stephen: Take a pair of sparkling eyes.

4 Mikado beginning with 'Behold the Lord High Executioner' and trio solo.

Interval

5 Pinafore and Mark's solo

5 Pirates

Narration between items

Stephen will produce a full revised running order and send to Margaret to circulate

Stephen

Julie will write narration. Narrator yet to be decided

Julie

Concern was expressed about the number of possible absences from the concert. Some members will be on holiday and some have not yet confirmed their attendance. Margaret will remind members to complete the attendance sheet this evening.

Margaret

Pat will ask if any members of Altrincham choral would be able to join us.

Pat

- b) Come and sing Day Sept 2nd

Margaret will produce the poster

Margaret

Proposed works Handel coronation anthems OUP, arr. Clifford Bartlett

Jayne to be asked to organise the day.

Sue volunteered to do refreshments.

Members to be asked to make cakes for sale.

Margaret

- c) November Concert

Purcell and Fauré Requiem. Purcell Anthology OUP Bruce Wood edition to be used.

Tenor/bass and soprano soloists required, probably from within the choir.

- d) Christmas concert

Stephen to look at programme to include some carols and possibly some additional singalong items

Stephen

Sandy to enquire with concert series organisers and Sandbach Music school about the possibility of a children's choir.

Sandy

5 AGM preparation

Margaret circulated lists of committee and non-committee roles. She will be standing down from the chairman role this year and Cheryl Bolton has agreed to stand for election. Other committee members have agreed to continue in post. Margaret will check with Ena and Mags.

Margaret

All choir members will be asked to consider standing for chair or any other committee posts.

Proposed that a Concert Manager role should be included in the non-committee roles. This person to develop a small concert organising team to ensure that equipment arrives at and leaves concert venues. Julie will take role of publicity officer. Along with other publicity matters she will have access to choir Facebook page. An updated list of non-committee roles to be produced and will be available at the rehearsal next week.

Margaret

Reports from Pat, Margaret and Stephen to be submitted to Sue by Aug 19th so that they can be circulated with the Agenda to all members two weeks before the AGM on Sept 5th

Margaret/Pat/Stephen

AGM will start at 6.30, followed by tea and biscuits before rehearsal at 7.30. Sue will bring tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits.

Sue

6 Folders, labels and banners update

Still awaiting contact from company. Frank to follow up.

Frank

7 Social events

Sun Aug 13th 2.30 to 6.00. Picnic in garden of 152 Colleys Lane CW5 6NU. Bring your own picnic and a chair.

8 AOB

a) Recruitment. We are in urgent need of new members. Margaret to ask choir members this evening. Main agenda item at next committee meeting.

Margaret

b) Some members' names were missed from the programme for the last concert. Text to be checked for the summer concert.

Margaret

c) Holding folders. Some members find it difficult to hold several books in folders for a whole concert. Music stands are available and could be used if needed. Music can be photocopied from books which we have hired or which are individually owned. Members to be informed.

Margaret

9 Next meeting

Tues 6th June, 6.30 Wheelock