

Sandbach Choral Society

Zoom Committee meeting 20/07/21

1- Present

Margaret Smith, Frank Barker, Julie Barker, Karen Dryland-Wainwright, Joyce Watson, Linda Norris, Pat Arnold, Ena Furber, Stephen Newlove, Andrew Green, Sandy Boyle

2- Apologies

None

3-AGM

The AGM will be held via Zoom on Tuesday Aug 31st 2021 at 7pm.

There will be a one vacancy on the committee and two additional roles to fill, publicity and tickets. Elsie Alcock will not be standing for President again. Agreed that Margaret will approach Kelvin Lesley about taking on the role. **Margaret**

AGM notification with the Musical Director's report, Chairman's report, Treasurer's report to be sent out via email with the Zoom invitation to the AGM to members no later than Tues Aug 17th.

This will be sent by post, with voting slip for president, to the two members who do not have internet access. Votes to be returned by Mon 30th August. **Stephen, Margaret, Pat**

4- Return to rehearsals

The first live rehearsal will be Tues Sept 14th. Margaret to contact church to check they are happy to receive us and if there will be any limit on numbers. The rehearsal will be shorter, 1.5 hrs with a brief comfort break. To minimise movement and mixing, no refreshments will be provided, members to be advised to bring their own water to drink. Members should wear masks at their discretion. **Margaret**

Arrangements for Andrew are to be considered. The possibility of a perspex screen was discussed. Pat and Margaret to investigate costs. **Pat, Margaret**

5- Contingency plan for further COVID restrictions

Agreed that no additional planning for live rehearsals in the event of any further restrictions could be made now. If restrictions should be introduced, Zoom rehearsals would resume. Outdoor live rehearsals could be considered if the weather is good.

6- Summer social

Sun Aug 15th 2.30-5.00 pm 152 Colleys Lane, Willaston CW4 6NU. Bring your own picnic and garden chair. Gazebos available if wet.

7- Content of next concert.

There will be only one concert next term on 15/12/21 at Sandbach Town Hall. Members' views about content of the concert have been considered. Committee members felt that a concert of fairly simple music, appealing to the public and generating the "feel good factor" would be appropriate for this first concert after lockdown. The need to warm up members' voices, not used for over a year, should also be considered. We may also be down on member numbers. The concert will have some of music introduced via Zoom sessions in the first half and Christmas music/ carols in the second half with some readings.

Dates for 2022 concerts to be finalised at the next meeting. **Linda**

8-AOB

a – A few members (possibly 3) have notified Pat that they will not be returning next season. Some other members may not feel comfortable about rehearsing live in September, whatever safety

arrangements are made. Numbers will not become clear until rehearsals resume. It may be that a recruitment drive will be needed in the autumn term.

b- Christmas activities.

The possibility of the December concert being free or reduced admission with a retiring collection for a local charity such as St Luke's Hospice, was discussed.

Carol singing in the town, possibly at the switching on of the Christmas lights, with collection for a local charity was also discussed. This could be combined with recruitment through distribution of leaflets. Linda to enquire with Sandbach Today and the Town Hall about permissions needed and a decision to be made at the next committee meeting.

Linda

9- Date of next meeting

Tues Oct 26th 10 am via Zoom