

Sandbach Choral Society
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday Sept 1st 2020 7.30pm
Via zoom

Minutes

1 Present

Committee members - Margaret Smith, Sue Cooke, Pat Arnold, Stephen Newlove, Ena Furber, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Andrew Green, Joyce Watson, Karen Dryland-Wainwright, Sandy Boyle + 27 members

2 Apologies

Val Edwards, Jane Peach, Stella Vallance, Mary Keeley, Kate Hawkhead, Sheila Alton, Linda Norris, Glenda Colemere.

3 Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes were approved

4 Matters arising

Feedback was received from the Musical Director following the Autumn and Christmas concerts 2019.

5 Notification of items for consideration under AOB

None

6 Chairman's report

Previously circulated. No Questions. Approved unanimously

7 To receive and approve the accounts for year end 2020

Previously circulated. No questions. Approved unanimously

8 Music Director's report

Previously circulated. No Questions. Approved unanimously

9 Election of committee officers for 2020-2021

Nominations previously circulated. All nominees proposed by Margaret Smith, seconded by Pat Arnold and accepted unanimously. List attached

10 Election of members to non-committee roles for 2020-2021

Nominations previously circulated. Proposed by Margaret Smith, seconded by Julie Barker and approved unanimously. List attached

Vacancies remain for a Safety Officer and an assistant treasurer. To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

11 Subscriptions for next year

Subs will remain as last year and will be reviewed by the treasurer at Christmas. Under current C19 regulations we are unable to rehearse or perform and members were reminded that they do not have to pay subs at present. Many have continued to pay support the society but were reminded that there is no obligation to do so.

12 Appointment of Independent Auditor

Christine Grove has agreed to continue as Independent Auditor. Thank you, Christine

13 Music and Dates from 2020-2021

A -Sun 8th Nov 2020 cancelled and deposit transferred to Sun 21st March in Sandbach Town Hall. Music to include Duruflé Requiem.

B -Sun 13th Dec 2020 Christmas concert. Deposit paid. Highly likely to be cancelled and deposit will be transferred to another date

C – Sun 21st March 2021 Sandbach Town Hall. Deposit paid (transferred from Nov 2020). Town Hall is now opening in a limited way.

D – Sun 27th June 202. St Mary's Church Hall. No deposit paid. St Mary's Hall is not yet open for functions. When it does open the audience will be socially distanced and no food and drink will be permitted. If the Christmas concert is cancelled we could consider asking if the Town Hall is available on Sun 27th June, and perform the concert there, cancelling St Mary's. The deposit from the cancelled Christmas concert could then be transferred to the June 27th concert. Town Hall bookings on Sundays are £200 cheaper than Saturday bookings.

Deposits from concerts postponed this year will then have been transferred to these two concerts.

Deposits have been paid for Sun Nov 11th '21 and Wed Dec 15th '21. These show as prepaid expenditure in the accounts.

All concert dates will continue to be under review and activities will depend on C19 restrictions.

E - We are unable to return to rehearsals in the church hall in Wheelock at present. Margaret has emailed to enquire about the possibility of starting rehearsals and is awaiting a reply.

F - Karen reported that new tickets will have track and trace information on them. New ticket orders will be half price

14 AOB items submitted before AGM

none

15 AOB

A - Stephen Newlove has contacted Steven Roberts, MD of Altrincham Choral Society to discuss the possibility of virtual rehearsals, No plans in place at present.

B - The possibility of Alsager church as a concert venue was raised. Alsager's booking fee has greatly increased. It would cost approximately £500 to hire for setup, preconcert rehearsal and concert, which is felt to be too expensive.

C - Margaret proposed a vote of thanks to Sue for her service as secretary. Sue thanked members for flowers and good wishes

D - Julie proposed a vote of thanks to Margaret for her continuing hard work during the current pandemic.

16 Date of next AGM

Tuesday Sept 7th 2021 7.30pm