

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5TH JUNE 2023 18:15-19:25

MINUTES

1. Attendance

- a. Lou, Ben, Andy

2. Apologies

- a. Brian

3. Finances Update and action 202301

- a. Action 202301 completed and item closed
- b. Balance £958.62
- c. Upcoming payments - Hall, BABS membership second instalment, cash for retreat attendees
- d. New payment approved - monthly to Andy for the cost of the website

4. Review Action Plan

- a. Members 202104
- b. Ongoing action -voice checks and one-to-one coaching to continue where appropriate

5. Formal Attire 202205

- a. Actions completed and item closed
- b. Two shirts donated to the chorus by Leanne and Rachel

6. Convention 202114

- a. We were proud to have achieved what we realistically expected to achieve. Pitching was generally good. There are a few small skills and techniques that we could work on to improve our performance rather than anything major.
- b. Thanks were given to Ben for his outstanding directing
- c. Lou's list was really helpful in ensuring that the organisation went smoothly
- d. Members will be consulted about interest in competing next year, but we will have to be prepared to work even harder if we want to improve our standing

7. Teaching Resources 202214

- a. Actions completed and item closed
- b. Lou will donate a whiteboard, Ben will bring a poster of useful information,
- c. Andy will loan projection equipment when required

8. Care and Support 202302

- a. The deadline for this item has been extended to December

9. Fundraising 202212

- a. No further fundraising activities are necessary at the moment apart from our Music Day in September
- b. Actions completed and item closed

10. Events/Excursions 202212

- a. 05/07/2023 12:00 -Folk at the Boat. Might be a fun afternoon out for some members. We want to remain on the radar of the organisers
- b. 18/06/2023 12:00 -Wendy's open gardens. A lovely afternoon out. Singing might break out!
- c. 05/07/2023 19:30 (doors open at 19:00) -Chorus Icen and Stellar Acapella at St Mary's Church for the Bures Music Festival
- d. 27-29/10/2023 -LABBS Convention, Harrogate
- e. tbc Happy Sundays/Bakewell Tarts, somewhere Up North
- f. LA will coordinate and add updates in the WhatsApp chat

11. Sing Outs 202210

- a. Our next busking event will be in Felixstowe in July. Date to be confirmed. All members are encouraged to participate in the songs they know
- b. We will also busk in December at the Buttermarket

12. Recruitment 202211

- a. Sing Out's and word of mouth are proving effective
- b. Ongoing item, see action table

13. Music Day 202204

- a. 16/09/2023 from 12:00 at Freston Village Hall
- b. Two choruses have accepted our invitations so far -VIPs and Ouse Valley Chorus

14. Repertoire 202207

- a. Two Christmas Songs were chosen -12 Days of Christmas and Felice Navidad
- b. Five songs for our future rep were approved for consideration
 - i. Make Your Own Kind of Music
 - ii. Earth Angel
 - iii. Here Comes The Sun
 - iv. Get Happy
 - v. It Don't Mean a Thing
- c. The scores and full mixes will be shared with the Committee as they become available
- d. Ben will make the final decision after considering feedback from the Committee
- e. Andy has the technology to change the key on teach tracks
- f. To start with we want one quick win and one that is more challenging
- g. Everyone is welcome to send new suggestions to Ben, but a score must be available

AOB**1. Developing the Chorus****a. Rehearsal Nights**

- i. Rehearsal Etiquette needs to be adhered to more strictly
- ii. Quiet after pitch is blown
- iii. Quiet after songs are finished until MD has given feedback
- iv. Raise hand to ask questions
- v. Quiet and listen when MD is demonstrating singing
- vi. Members are encouraged to volunteer to lead sections of rehearsals eg: Warm ups; Skills and Techniques; Tags. Really anything that you feel inspired to offer.-

Please let Ben know if you want to contribute

b. Performance Director

- i. We would like to have a PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR. Please talk to Andy or Lou if you would like to take this on
- ii. As performance director you will work with Ben and Andy to develop the interp and enhance the songs with movements
- iii. The role will be acting until the AGM at which all roles are tendered for and voted on by the chorus
 1. The role will then be official and you will be in post for 12 months

c. Convention 2024

- i. Sing 24 will be at Harrogate
- ii. It will be the 50th anniversary convention and will be a full on weekend
- iii. If we decide to compete at Sing 24 we will have 4 retreat days starting in January
- iv. Convention songs to be "off the sheet" by Jan 24

Provisional Meeting Schedule:

- 4th September 2023 AGM
- 4th December 2023 ExCom
- 4th March 2024 ExCom
- ECC ExCom Page 3 of 4 March 2023
- 3rd or 10th June 2024 tbc

ADDENDUM

During the rehearsal:

We watched and discussed our Convention performance and some others.

There was a lot of interest in competing next year.

Thanks were expressed to our Honorary Members, Leanne and Rachel for their tremendous support for the chorus

And of course to our awesome director Ben! He has worked extremely hard to shape us into the Chorus we are today.

All comments and questions arising from these minutes are to be given to Andy or Lou for rectification or clarifying