

Scottish Chamber Choir Committee Meeting 14.8.20 Minutes

Zoom Meeting

<p>1. Present:Guen Innes, Pauline McClellan, Marcia McDougall, Graham Drew, Stéphanie Robin, Valerie Holehouse, Milda Zinkus, Walter Thomson, Iain McLarty</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>2. Plans for the coming year until post-COVID</p> <p>Guidance around amateur groups is currently lacking. Making music guidance should be available in next few weeks; we will need to follow this. Guidance is available in England with stage 4 currently in place – a socially distanced audience.</p> <p>Discussion within committee on options – would like to continue online rehearsals – will have to wait for guidance on meeting in person.</p> <p>Proposed Plan – continue online rehearsals until further notice; possible Christmas concert which can be decided later depending on guidance.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Choir members’ intentions and payments:</u>Some people may not wish to continue online rehearsals or come back to rehearsals when they are permitted. Pauline will email choir members to find out their preferences and discuss the situation for payment –members should be expected to pay if attending online rehearsals. Costs still incurred for conductor and any money saved will go into future concerts – orchestra/venues. Any disagreements can be looked at individually.</p>	<p>PM - done</p>
<p>3. Content of Virtual rehearsals:Iain sent some suggestions for the Christmas concert which would need recorder and organ.; also plans to do Poulenc, Messaien and Duruflé for spring concert. Also revisit Parry- songs not all done yet. Christmas concert would be decided nearer the time and would require 6-8 rehearsals. If we resume we will start with planned programmes.</p> <p>Discussion of singing along with recordings. Iain not keen to do this as influences how we sing something. Also would be nice to have him conducting rather than playing but this is also difficult. It was agreed that singing others’ parts was useful.</p>	

<p>Discussed having members of choir contribute e.g. to warm ups or to give a 5 min talk at the start of a rehearsal on the background of a piece or composer. Need to ensure we do enough singing and not too much talking but knowing more about the music and words is useful and helps with expression.</p>	
<p>4. Christmas concert: Guen spoke to minister at Greenbank: keen to go ahead if we can – will need to happen at short notice if it is possible. Live stream of Christmas concert possible – could be done in church with choir but no audience-technology already in use to stream services. Church of Scotland guidance is very strict with very few people allowed into even large churches.</p>	<p>Further discussion depending on guidance issued in future</p>
<p>5. Stewart’s Melville: Neil will let them know by end August that we will not be using the hall until later in the year. Planning to use the smaller hall but may need the larger hall Oct-Nov if meeting in person to enable distancing measures. Neil will ask how much notice they need from us and if they have guidelines about usage of the space. Sectional rehearsals were suggested to space people out more.</p>	<p>PM will contact Neil.</p>
<p>6. New members: Milda has had 2 or 3 enquiries. Agreed not to push this at present as not possible to do auditions but will trial these people when possible.</p>	
<p>7. AGM: Date agreed as 28th September. Secretary to give 21 days’ notice of this (by 7th September) to inform of business and any proposed resolutions. Could be added at the end of a rehearsal. Raising subscriptions was going to be proposed but not necessary without concerts. Neil has agreed to remain as concert secretary until next summer. Will need to address plan for rolling committee membership but not yet. Want to avoid everyone leaving at once. Will ask for new volunteers. Reports should be done as usual and made available on line. Questions to be submitted in advance of AGM.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>8. Music: Valerie has 2 of the Duruflé pieces and some Parry. She needs the other music back from the March concert – will email choir to suggest a collection/handover time and place.</p>	<p>VH</p>
<p>9. Next meeting - not decided</p>	