

Scottish Chamber Choir Committee Meeting 26.10.20 Minutes

Online meeting (COVID restrictions 2020)

<p>Present: Present: Pauline McClellan, Marcia McDougall, Neil Dawson, Graham Drew, Stéphanie Robin, Valerie Holehouse, MildaZinkus, Iain McLarty</p>	
<p>1. Xmas concert: Greenbank Parish Church: we are assuming this will be cancelled. Neil to email minister to cancel – would like to come back next year.</p>	ND
<p>2. Online rehearsals: good to keep choir together and good attendance – stick to dates we would normally rehearse.</p>	
<p>3. December options: singing outside on 14th Dec in gardens in Drummond place, suggested by Neil who lives there and has a key. Neil will ask the warden. Unlikely to have an audience but may be a few dog walkers. Would need to check the regulations for that – may change before 14th Dec – there are particular performing arts regulations. Pauline will check regulations next Monday: update – currently this would not be permitted due to restrictions on numbers of households gathering outside. Other ideas: finish a bit earlier in December and do something socially on the last rehearsal. Sing Christmas music in the last two weeks i.e. French repertoire until mid Nov then festive music from 16th November. Most have 100 Carols for Choirs. Perhaps Martin could scan music for those who don't have the book.</p>	VH to ask Martin?
<p>4. Stewart Melville booking - Chris Duffy is leaving our booking as provisional at present and will let us know if anyone else asks to book Mondays. No payment required – open arrangement. No further action required.</p>	
<p>5. Spring concert – 20/3 Old St. Pauls – Neil has been in touch with OStP - can leave provisional meantime. No cut off date. We will do the songs we have been rehearsing plus Fauré's Requiem. Probably need a 6 week cut off for making a decision – need 6 weeks of in person rehearsals. No decision made yet about rehearsing there on the Thursday before the concert. Summer concerts: Rosslyn Chapel also kept as a provisional booking on 5th June. Limekilns Church 12th June – also provisional.</p>	
<p>6. Repertoire: Simon booked for Spring concert for organ – PM will send Simon an email – contractual situation – contract not sent to Simon or signed – based on Making Music contract. Cancellation fees proposed differently – there is cancellation provision in the contract. Graham will check this. Music – will need it for the concerts – not to hire yet, but if there are problems there are likely to be churches in Edinburgh or Glasgow that will have the music.</p>	GD, PM VH
<p>7. Making Music Events(see Guen's email)– one about ventilation may be useful. VH may attend.</p>	VH
<p>8. Roles in committee: at the AGM it was announced again that some are leaving the committee and we require new members. Margery has agreed to be membership secretary from Sep 2021. Will need to appoint a new concert secretary and chair from Sep 2021 and then will need another couple of new committee members from 2022; technically people cannot do a job for more than 3 years. Guen used to deal with John Fletcher – would make sure he knew what we were singing and would get the pieces on to the site. – Valerie will do this. Ticket source – financial – Graham will do this.</p>	VH GD

<p>Facebook – Catriona deals with Facebook. Making Music – Graham gets emails from MM – deals with some of it – e.g. returns and insurance. GD happy to do this. Valerie puts the music up on the website. Front of house is part of concert secretary’s role. Valerie agreed to be a trustee .</p>	<p>GD VH ND</p>
<p>9. Iain’s salary: It was agreed to honour the commitments that have been made but we will not offer an increase this year. PM to inform Iain.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>10. Membership: Milda has been in touch with the choir members who haven’t been joining the rehearsals – various reasons for not joining - most of the new ones plan to come back; others will return when there are face-to-face rehearsals.</p>	