

Minutes of Scottish Chamber Choir Committee Meeting
 Tuesday 13 September 2022
 online

<p>Present: Brian Kerr (chair), Julie Morrice, Iain McLarty, Valerie Holehouse, Graham Drew, Marjory Lobban, Stéphanie Robin</p>	
<p>1. There were no apologies. 2. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 15 June 2022.</p>	
<p>Brahms concert</p>	
<p>The MCO has decided there will be no second piece on the programme due to lack of rehearsal time, and may thus wish to reduce the ticket price. BK will express our opposition to reducing the price.</p>	BK
<p>Calton Consort are offering 17 singers but have offered to look for more. It was agreed they should be asked to do so and the SCC should ask all deps to join us for the concert. Those deps who wish to sing in the Brahms will be charged a proportion of the membership subscription.</p>	BK ML
<p>SR has produced an effective publicity design and has suggested printing 1000 flyers and 25 posters as well as using social media. She is waiting for feedback from MCO and CC on this. As a way of eliciting a response, it was agreed that MCO be asked if they want flyers and/or a programme advert for the Brahms in time for their next concert which is to be conducted by IM on 1 October.</p>	BK SR
<p>Greenbank Concert</p>	
<p>The venue booking has now been confirmed. There has been a small rise in the price due to energy costs.</p>	
<p>Library</p>	
<p>IM will find time to decide what to jettison. Once decided, the choir membership will be made aware of unwanted scores in case they can pass them on. IM has come across a charity library which may take scores.</p>	IM VH
<p>Membership</p>	
<p>It would be useful to ask prospective members where they found out about the choir.</p>	ML
<p>3. Committee posts</p>	
<p>Walter Thomson has agreed to be Minute Secretary. John Halliday will take on Concert Secretary. SR has agreed to stay on as Publicity Officer. This means all committee roles should be filled at the AGM.</p>	
<p>4. Increase in cost of hiring The Dean</p>	
<p>ESMS has not increased the hire charge for our rehearsal space since we first hired the hall around ten years ago. They are now unable to sustain this subsidy and the price will rise from £25 to £62.50 for a rehearsal in Dean 2. Graham has looked into the financial repercussions and has calculated that a deficit of between £770 and £1,400 could be expected on the season. His advice not to immediately raise membership subscriptions, but to wait for the accounts for 22/23, was accepted.</p>	
<p>JM to liaise with ESMS on an immediate or possibly phased increase in the charge.</p>	JM

<p>BK will discuss possibility of cheaper venues with Neil Dawson, who recently looked into this, and will ask membership if they have knowledge of cheaper and equally convenient venues. GD will find out what Mayfield Salisbury have charged us in the past.</p>	<p>BK GD</p>
<p>5. Repertoire for 22/23 season IM will produce suggested concert titles and outline repertoire so that we can improve advance publicity on the choir website. He will also firm up ideas for the following season.</p>	<p>IM</p>
<p>6. Private event hire This has fallen through but the Events company made positive noises about using the choir in the future.</p>	
<p>7. AOCB Library A past member has lost some music and wants to pay for it. It was agreed he should be allowed to do so. Although not a great deal of music goes missing, it was felt that a system of singers signing out and in scores should be introduced. VH will introduce this idea to members at the AGM.</p>	<p>VH</p>
<p>Tea and biscuits Should we reintroduce refreshments at the break in rehearsals? It would require someone to organise but it was felt it does encourage more social contact within the choir. It will be discussed at the AGM.</p>	<p>JM</p>
<p>Thanks Sincere thanks were expressed to GD for his skilful handling of the finances and his clarity of expression, and to ML and SR for their unstinting, and continuing, work for the committee.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting This is set for Friday 28 October. BK unable to attend. To be discussed with new committee members after AGM.</p>	<p>BK</p>