

## Scottish Chamber Choir

### Minutes

#### Committee Meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 At 79 Craiglea Drive Edinburgh

**Present:** Pauline McClellan Julie Morrice, (Joint chairs) Graham Drew (treasurer) Guen Innes, Stephanie Robin, Milda Zinkus, and Iain McLarty (by online conference)  
In attendance: Walter Thomson, (Minutes)

<p><b>1. Apologies</b> None</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes:</b> of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 approved. Most matters arising will be in main agenda.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes should be circulated to the committee as well as put on the website...some questions about access to members' area of website for minutes.</li><li>• WT to follow up with Jim re Cookies in Website re GDPR requirements.</li><li>• Easter Committee meeting to be attended by IM as we will discuss next season's repertoire, otherwise he is available where possible on Skype.</li></ul>	<p>PM</p> <p>WT</p> <p>IM</p>
<p><b>3. Rehearsal Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayfield availability is confirmed. PM to circulate new schedule.</li><li>• We will stick with venues for this year. WT to compose "nice" letter to Stew-Mel re arrangements for booking.</li></ul>	<p>PM</p> <p>WT</p>
<p><b>4. Open rehearsals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During September. 4 people interested so far. Music will be Pärt and Jackson. IM to let MZ know which sections of the Jackson will need copied for rehearsals.</li><li>• Publicity: JM to put in Choral Singers wanted. MZ will ask Jim to put on website...various posters were distributed.</li></ul>	<p>IM/MZ</p> <p>JM, MZ</p>
<p><b>5. AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notice to go out 3weeks before. Will include invite to express interest in committee, especially Hon Sec.</li><li>• Short reports needed from IM, GD and JM.</li><li>• Other papers to go out week before.</li><li>• WT to check Constitution for Charity Trustees.</li><li>• MZ outlined plans for choir consultation following AGM.</li></ul>	<p>PM</p> <p>JM,IM,GD</p> <p>WT</p>

<p><b>6. November Concert (24<sup>th</sup> November, Canongate)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All arrangements the same as last March.</li> <li>• OUP only asked to send cello part for Jackson. IM to pass on parts to cellist and percussionist.</li> <li>• Tickets are on sale.</li> <li>• Dress, blue tops for women, black for men. JM to announce to choir nearer the time.</li> <li>• Publicity in hand...try walking groups, French Institute, Spanish Consulate.</li> <li>• PM to prepare list of choirs with contacts to pass on to SR for publicity.</li> </ul>	<p>IM JM SR JM PM</p>
<p><b>7. Christmas Concert</b> There are no plans for a Christmas concert this year.</p>	
<p><b>8. Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 14/1/19 or whichever week IM is away.</li> <li>• To be a topic for discussion at AGM.</li> <li>• Format to be decided by end of October.</li> </ul>	<p>IM MZ</p>
<p><b>9. March concert (23<sup>rd</sup> March, Canongate)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IM to decide edition of Bach by end of September.</li> <li>• Chamber organ has been booked from Dunedin. It is only needed on Saturday. GI will ask John Kitchen to supply and play harpsichord.</li> <li>• IM will fix players and consider organist.</li> <li>• Solos to be arranged, especially Evangelist soon.</li> </ul>	<p>IM GI IM IM</p>
<p><b>10. June concert (15<sup>th</sup> June, Old St Paul's)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire of Macmillan from Elysian Singers would be £130. Try NYCOS first using JM's name.</li> <li>• John Kitchen is booked</li> <li>• The Commission: Creative Scotland say "no" but encourage rethink and reapply. We would need some money from another source and GD awaits replies from PRS and Binks Trust per Cheine and Tait CA. We also need to increase exposure. Time is short and answers could be too late for Tom Harrold to start. If we get some money he could be asked to proceed in the hope we get CS award.</li> <li>• Repertoire. IM intending to include Inchcolm Plainchant, Scottish Post Reformation etc.</li> <li>• Suggestion we might have a day tour to Inchcolm to publicise.</li> </ul>	<p>PM GD, IM</p>
<p><b>11. Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to after show party in June. MZ has details of former members who consented to be contacted. A preliminary contact should be made to keep the date.</li> <li>• This will need to be organised after Christmas.</li> </ul>	<p>MZ</p>
<p><b>12. Touring</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SR reported group had thought about Festivals in Scotland and N of England. “Professional” festivals probably not possible. Going abroad is too costly.</li> <li>• Best to make a long weekend in Scotland probably in the summer.</li> <li>• Choir to be asked in October and SR, GI and Catrina Clyne will take forward.</li> </ul>	SR, GI, CC
<p><b>13. Conducting Internship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person interested has not followed up so no need to proceed this season.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>14. Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MZ had circulated note of numbers for November, two would miss 4 rehearsal which was the absolute maximum allowed to miss.</li> <li>• Noted that health checks completed last year, but seating plan for men not yet in place. Follow up?</li> </ul>	IM
<p><b>15. Choir social</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decided we will attend a pub quiz</li> </ul>	JM
<p><b>16. Treasurer report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GR presented annual accounts not yet externally examined (attached) but this should be completed by AGM. The Committee approved the accounts subject to examination and they will be presented to the AGM. Noted an operating surplus for 2017/18 of around £2300 largely thanks to Christmas events. Noted that we might use this to part fund commission but with rider that the Bach concert will be expensive.</li> <li>• Purchase of a music stand and light for IM was approved.</li> </ul>	GD
<p><b>17. AOB</b> None raised.</p>	
<p>Thanks to PM for hospitality.</p>	

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