

Scottish Chamber Choir

Minutes

Committee Meeting Monday 11th June 2018 At 33 Oxford Street 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)

Minutes: of 5th March 2018 approved. Matters arising will be in main agenda

1. Summer concert

- Good doing two concerts
- Roslin Part 2 was good. We did tricky music quite well
- Craill cost £250...profit from summer concerts was £188
- In rehearsing, started well but stalled half way through as some people didn't learn notes early enough. IM will make expectations clearer sooner.

2. Next year there will be 11 Monday rehearsals for each concert

- No Christmas concert arranged
- We will rehearse some Bach in the autumn
- Workshop on 14th January when IM is away, options to be explored...this year's wasn't entire success
- AGM on 17th September, will be half rehearsal
- Open rehearsal during all September to be shown on website/Facebook/ music library
- Stewarts Melville have been approached re rehearsals . WT to check if hall at Mayfield is available on two October dates, 11th Feb, 8th and 15th April and 6th May
- Discussed tour in summer to two or three venues with easier repertoire...needs to be put to choir and a sub-committee formed, GI and SR to lead. Some names were suggested to think about details including cost, sponsorship, external funding

3. November Jackson concert as cancelled in March

- Canongate 24th November with rehearsal on Thursday 22nd. Saturday rehearsal to be afternoon. The same instrumentalists are booked. PM will contact OUP about hiring parts. Publicity will be the same as for March cancelled concert but with 50th anniversary logo. SR to explore. Re-use programme for March

4. March Bach concert

- St John Passion in German. IM to check if Barenreiter edition is to be used. Choir to buy own copies.
- IM will fix musicians and will explore hire of music
- Use students as solos. (We paid £100 each for Mozart.)
- Saturday will need afternoon rehearsal at 2pm
- Chamber organ will be needed – GI to explore

5. June anniversary concert and after

- 15th June in Old St Paul's
- Music will include history of Scottish Choral music with McMillan "Cantos Sagrados", commission if we get funding, possibly Inchcolm plainchant, post reformation from Woode Music book etc.
- Preference for printed copies of McMillan. The manuscript we have is difficult to read...choir to buy at about £10 or hire from Elysium singers
- We should have a party for members and ex-members which someone will be found to organise, names suggested.

6. Scholarships/internships

- Critical comments for this year but generally a good practice. Get someone for September 2019, advertising in Autumn
- Choral scholarships for alto and bass possibly as all four parts too expensive, but not this year

7. Membership

- We will have a year off health checks but review seating plans
- Choir expectations discussed and stats noted for attendance. There will be a choir discussion lead by MZ as facilitator at AGM. To include repertoire and membership, note learning expectations, individual responsibility, rehearsal etiquette

8. Financial GD presented the financial statements to date as attached

- The policy of financial reserves was agreed
- Agreed that a budget should be prepared for each concert
- The budget for season 19/20 should be agreed at the September committee meeting.

- We can keep subscriptions as they are
- PRS application for funding for the commission has been submitted. The next point will be the stage 2 submission if we get through. This will look for more detail, and some confusion from them about the timing of this stage
- If PRS is unsuccessful others discussed, probably Binks Trust and Creative Scotland open fund.
- Hope-Scott Trust, Henrickson(deadline passed) and Musica Scotica less likely

9. GDPR

- The Privacy Policy was adopted subject to amendment to include cookies policy as it is unlikely they are not featured on the website. WT to check with Jim Murdoch
- The personal info on ticket source and their management of it to be checked.
- Committee members should put SCC emails received and sent in a separate folder

10. Next meeting

Monday 27th August.

- We should decide matters for the agenda of meeting throughout the year so that it is known if IM's input is required. PM to follow up.
- First rehearsal 3rd September

11. No other business. JM thanked for hospitality