

Poringland Singers Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Poringland

7.30pm Tuesday September 6th 2016

Apologies for absence: Audrey, Carol E, Claire LW, Celia, Christina, Diana, Evelyn, Jon, Jono. Joyce, Julia, Polly, Rebecca R, Sandra, Wendy W.

Minutes of the Poringland Singers AGM 8th September 2015: Agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts: Copy enclosed with these minutes. Nicola Fowler delivered her report with the additional information that we had £1,362 banked with £240 cash-in-hand. She also stated we were down on takings for weddings and still owed £1,220 to Trevor Beckford for the choir sound system.

Mark Fox had audited the accounts and found them to be in good order. As there were no matters arising, the accounts were adopted.

Chairman's Report: Copy enclosed with these minutes: In addition to the report Trevor Beckford (Chairman) also thanked Ian Elliott (MD) Carrie Hayes (M. Asst) and Mark Thompson (Accompanist) presenting them with Honoraria cheques of £900, £200 and £750 respectively. Nicola Fowler was thanked and presented with a bouquet of flowers and gift token in gratitude for her six years of service as Treasurer to the choir. Nita Bradley was thanked for her support as Secretary/PA and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Recognition was given to the hard work attributed to David Catchpole in his roles as Chair of choir and Librarian. A letter of thanks from David for the gift of Theatre vouchers and plants presented to him at the end of the year party, was read to the choir. Marian Fox was acknowledged with gratitude as she had agreed to take over the role of Librarian.

TB ended his report with thanks to the choir for the support and enthusiasm they had given him during his four years as Chairman.

Musical Director's Report: Copy enclosed with these minutes:

Ian Elliott (MD) commented upon the years' events including concerts and weddings. Ian made particular reference to the auditions which had been offered to the whole choir and which he considered to be a great success. The choir were reminded that this was an "on-going" project and members were encouraged to consult Ian should they wish to take an audition. The benefits of using an ensemble within the choir structure were explained. Ian emphasised that this was an opportunity for those who wished to improve their own skills, as well as give extra support to the choir, to put in the extra work such a group demanded. Jan Jinkerson will be available for further coaching sessions, which may be given in voice part groups. IE also felt we should all be encouraged to learn more music by heart rather than use a score and which he will be investigating during the forthcoming year.

Ian Elliott informed us that flyers were going to be created giving details of our wedding services which will be distributed to churches in the area. Musical clips of the choir will also be placed on the website. We were reassured that extra practise for weddings would be made available whenever possible but this would depend on the final choices of bride and groom and may not occur until the last minute.

The choir was given a precis of the future programme and assured of confirmation of all events as soon as possible.

Ian Elliott ended his report by thanking Trevor Beckford for his contribution over the last four years; stating his work, support and direction has been really helpful. Mark Thompson was acknowledged for his flexibility, ability and hard work. Mark was also thanked for the dedication and extra time he gives which benefits the choir. Thanks were also given to NF for her dedicated work as Treasurer and for to the Secretary for her contribution to the running of the choir. IE closed his report by reminding members to contact him should they ever have any queries

Election of Officers:

All part representatives agreed to continue and were unanimously re-elected.

First Aiders were happy to remain in role: Lyn Mepham, Louise Thompson, Susan McAvoy, Adam Osborne and Patsy Osborne.

Publicity: Rebecca Hartley (absent from meeting) is unable to continue so Sue Allerton and Steve Mortlock have volunteered to discuss the role with her.

Librarian: Marian Fox now in post.

Archivist: Susan McAvoy. Nominated Trevor Beckford 2nd Nita Bradley

Secretary: Nita Bradley agreed to continue but this will be her last year in role

Treasurer: Carrie Hayes nominated John Westwood, who consented to role 2nd Deborah Andrews.

Chairman: CC nominated Ian Kennedy, who consented to role 2nd Susan McAvoy.

Ian Kennedy incumbent Chair proceeded to thank Trevor Beckford, his predecessor, for all his hard work, enthusiasm and support for the choir. IE highlighted TB's many roles emphasising the enthusiasm he brought to each event. TB was then presented with a gift of a walking pole as a gracious thank you from the choir.

Social Committee: Chris Clifford agreed to continue in role supported by Hazel Coupland, Steve Mortlock and Peter Cairns.

AOB.

- IK thanked Adam and Patsy for encouraging him to join Poringland Singers and the choir for their support assuring us of his good intentions for the future and reminding us he was there to talk to and support members whenever they wished him to.

- The sad passing of a former choir member, Peter Harvey was mentioned. His funeral to be held on 16th September at Poringland church.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th September 2017

Agreed a true record:.....Chairman.

Date:.....