**KELSBORROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 9th June 2022 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Janice Anderson, Jim Edwards, Veronica Barnett, Irene Wilkinson, Mary Stubbington, Heather Oulton, Malen Johnson, Alan Burgess.

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Corlett, Christine Tickell, Chris Davies, Sue Witter.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022 were noted to contain a typo – The word “seed” in paragraph 5 should read “send”. Apart from this the minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** 
   1. **Lanyards.** It was noted that Jo Wakem owns a laminator. Jim agreed to ask Jo if she was prepared to print labels for those that do not own them. **|AP01JDE|**
   2. **Tea Break.** After some discussion it was agreed that upon our return to Choir after the summer break, we would resume a tea break. Choir to bring their own cups/mugs or will have to use a disposable plastic cup. Coffee and Tea would be available at 50p per cup. Irene agreed to prepare a rota. **|AP02IW|.**
4. **Correspondence**:
   1. **RNIB** Jim advised that he’d received an email from the RNIB in the North West asking for our help in raising funds via a concert. Jim stated that he’d replied positively; but also making it clear that whilst the choir could organise a concert and sell some tickets, the bulk of the ticket sales would have to be via the RNIB. Disappointingly, the correspondent had replied that the RNIB could not themselves offer to sell tickets.
   2. **Margaret Corlett.** Jim read out an email from Margaret which had been received after the impromptu concert in the Kelsall Methodist church. In brief summary, Margaret was making two points. Firstly, that in her opinion, the Choir management (the Executive) is unnecessarily large and should be trimmed. Her second observation concerned the night of the Kelsall concert, and the organising thereof. Of particular concern was the lack of organisation concerning setting out chairs, clearing away afterwards, and lack of planning re the drinks. In the discussion it was quite clear that changes to the Committee may only be effected via the AGM as the present make up is a matter for the constitution. Concerning the Kelsall concert, the Committee reflected upon the fact that that concert was a last minute “change of plan”. A reaction to the cancellation of the Chester concert and therefore did not receive the timely planned attention which concerts deserve and receive. Jim agreed to reply to Margaret along these lines. **|AP03JDE|.**
5. **Treasurer’s Report**: Heather presented a set of accounts for consideration by the Committee. The £700.00 has now been paid to The Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. Elaine asked how many Choir members have yet to pay their subs? Heather replied 5. The subject of a card reader was raised again. If we were raising funds for a charity would they lend us a reader, say, for the Christmas period? Heather pointed out that as we are changing over to Nat West imminently, she would find out their costs. It was noted that the bank will take a % for its use, but it was noted that it was a cost worth incurring if it meant that we could take donations which otherwise might not be forthcoming.
6. **Choir Dates**. It was noted that Margaret had submitted a Choir Calendar, setting out a plan for the next twelve months such that everyone has a forward picture of when the Choir would be open and closed. Jim expressed his concern that the summer break looked lengthy. Many Choir members avoid taking holidays during the school holidays, either because they had grandchild care obligations, or simply it was an expensive holiday time. September will see a number of absences for this reason. It was noted that along with the date plan there was an expectation that Margaret would come forward with a Music plan for the year. The meeting agreed that the six week summer break was too long and that we should try to shorten it with a couple of social evenings. Two ideas were put forward; a talk by Graham Fifoot on bees, and Margaret had put together a talk on her visit to Sierra Leone. Maybe a cheese and wine evening with the talks? Consider asking Graham if he could do the 12th July, and 16th August for Margaret.
7. **Concerts.** Christine has opened up a dialogue with St Helens church Tarporley, but they have yet to respond. It was noted that John Davies is involved with the Methodist Church in Tarporley – maybe they would be interested in taking a concert? Elaine informed the meeting that she had advised Christleton church that we would not be taking expenses from the concert takings. As it was a Tuesday we would have incurred costs anyway so the marginal increase was absorbable.
8. **Christmas 2022.**
   1. **Concert.** Tarvin Community Centre is booked for the afternoon of Sunday 4th December.
   2. **Bolesworth.** Chris Davies is still waiting for a response.
   3. **Carol singing.** The meeting welcomed the success that Chris Davies had achieved in establishing three dates for Carol Singing this Christmas
9. **Any Other Business:** No items were put forward for discussion.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 8th September at 7:30.