

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE CHORAL SOCIETY HELD IN THE URC AT 8.00PM MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT: (Chair), Jennifer Haworth (Treasurer), Joan Willis (Secretary), Jack Haworth, John Astley, Richard Marchant, (Music Director) and 30 choir members

1. Welcome: welcomed all to the AGM and thanked them for coming.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Nancy Baynes and Margaret Duncalfe.
3. Minutes AGM – 13.10.08: Approved unanimously. Proposed that they should be adopted by Peter Barker seconded by Val Bartlett.
4. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.
5. To formally accept the reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and Musical Director. Written copies of Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports were attached to the Minutes. ML thanked Jack and Jennifer for their hospitality at their house for our Committee Meetings. AS gave a verbal report. He thanked ML and Bev and all members of the Committee for their untiring work and commitment and all members of the Choir for their continued support. We had a rousing Christmas Concert. Our Easter Concert had four soloists who did us proud. The choir is maintaining its usual standard, the altos sing with their usual ability. The sopranos have dropped a bit, we need to maintain what we have got and encourage further singers to join us. AS thanked the new singers who have joined.

We have done very well and were able to make large donations to outside bodies but we must increase our efforts for greater ticket sales.

ML informed the meeting that John Astley wished to retire from the post of Librarian. JA outlined what is required to perform this task

The Reports were accepted unanimously. Proposed that they should be adopted by RM seconded by Jack Haworth

6. To formally accept the accounts for the year. Jennifer reported that there was nothing to add to the accounts. There were no questions from the floor. There had only been £8 profit from the last concert. It was important to encourage greater ticket sales! £504 had been received from the Government in Gift Aid and the importance of signing a Gift Aid Form was stressed. It helps to keep subscriptions down, which at the moment are set at £20 plus £15 for the DGS. Proposed that the accounts should be adopted by Peter Barker seconded by Brian Wilkins. Unanimously accepted
7. To elect the following officers:-
Chairman -
Treasurer – Jennifer Haworth
Secretary – Joan Willis

It was proposed by Sarah Welton and seconded by Brian Wilkins that the existing officers should remain for a further term. Unanimously accepted.

8. To elect any additional committee members. Richard Marchant, Jack Haworth remain on the Committee. John Astley wishes to retire but will remain on the Committee until a replacement can be found. Proposed by Martin Richter and seconded by Brian Wilkins . There were no additional committee members elected.

9. AOB: None, other than a reminder of the DGS AGM at 10.30 on Wednesday 14th October.
10. ML again thanked all members for attending. Peter Barker thanked the committee for all their hard work. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.30pm