

Fakenham Choral Society

Minutes of the AGM held on 1st Oct 2019 at the Salvation Army Hall, Fakenham

Attended by 67 members

1. **Apologies** – received from 12 members
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 2nd Oct 2018** had been circulated since the start of term via email and available as a hard copy at rehearsal. Agreed as true record (proposed Charles Davison, 2nd Guy Hewitt) – carried unanimously
3. **Matters arising** – correction of two spelling errors
4. **Chairman's report** – Roger's report centred on how a choir is only as good as the people involved and how they all work together
 - thanks to loyal members, including non-committee members, who do a whole variety of vital jobs
 - he noted that the Society runs so smoothly because of the hard work and dedication of its committee
 - Mark had settled into the MD role quickly and had enthusiastically led the choir in three wonderful concerts
 - Roger called on members to step up if help was asked for as any request was in an effort to improve what the Society does
 - He re-iterated that it was the members' Society, that the Committee was there to facilitate its smooth running and called on members to raise any suggestions on how we could improve
 - Finally Roger looked forward to the new season and called on everyone to bring their highest level of commitment and standard
5. **MD's report** –
 - Mark thanked the Society's dedicated committee who were a joy to work with
 - He noted the members' hard work over the last 12 months. In particular he emphasised the that the time taken doing 'homework' had contributed greatly to the success of the choir
 - Mark would like to see more people attending our concerts. He called on members to help achieve this by encouraging friends and neighbours to come along
6. **Treasurers' report** – full copy of accounts with minutes. A copy of the accounts had been circulated to all members before the meeting. Gill made the following points
 - £2,240 surplus for the year at 30th June 2019. Total balance of £10,015.31
 - Society in a more stable financial position, due in the main to the rise in subs although concert expenses were also reduced (c£1,900)
 - Not included in the accounts were two years of Gift Aid recently and successful submitted by Barbara. This amounted to £2641, illustrating the importance of this revenue stream to the Society
 - Gill concluded by stating that she and Barbara couldn't fulfil their roles effectively without the help of others, in particular with collecting subs, running raffles and sales and the Come & Sing
 - There were no questions raised. Adoption of the accounts (proposed Sonia Radley, 2nd Bert Etherington) – carried unanimously
7. **Election of Officers** – there being no nominations from the floor and all having been duly proposed and seconded since the start of term, the following were elected:
 - **Chair:** Roger Burbidge
 - **Vice Chair:** Rosemary Dear
 - **Secretary:** Tracey Thompson
 - **Treasurers:** Gill Ashby, Barbara Wyvill
 - **Librarians:** Sue and Tim Burton
 - **General Members:** Philippa Allen, Colin Blackmore, Charles Davison, Diana Lyons

- There was one committee vacancy and members were asked to consider volunteering

8. **AOB**

- A request for the inclusion of more secular music in our programming. Mark responded that part 2 of the Christmas programme included several such works. The summer 2020 concert was also secular (based on Shakespeare and Aesop's fables)
- An increase in talking during rehearsal and on stage was distracting, bad manners and unprofessional. Applause at this point. Reminders about concert protocol would be made nearer the time, but it was up to all members to curb this habit

9. Meeting closed at 7.48pm

Signed as a true record

Date **Print Name**