

24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 20.45

# AGM ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

CHAIR – HUW JENKINS

Committee members:

Caroline Franks, Jenny Leitch, Carole Kaszak, Lewis Thompson, Tessa Rock (minutes)  
Olivia Tomkins, Fay Skinner, Heather Howard and Andrew O' Brien

Part reps:

Sue Pegram, Suzie Harrison, Anthony Pigg, Chris Lee

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Huw Jenkins opened the meeting and apologies sent via part reps were from Zoe Allen, Fay Skinner, Jenny Heinzelman, Ellie Kirby, Sylvia Harris, Jenny Rhodda, Penny Morgan, Janey Bennett, Jenny Gilsome and Chris Holt

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES FROM 2018

The only comment made was by Huw regarding the staging, Due to the fire at Royston church in December this was now not appropriate to be discussed further at this time.

For the acceptance of the minutes: Proposed Jenny Leitch, seconded Cynthia Pike.

Acceptance made

## 2. CHAIR REPORT 2019

See Appendix one ( chair report)

Special thanks need to be mentioned for Anne and Nick Keep and the Methodist church who stepped in to provide us with a rehearsal venue after the fire at Royston Church.

Huw also wanted to thank David Boarder for arranging the orchestra for the St Johns passion.

This led on to the point regarding the future of putting on such events, that if we wish to remain solvent we need to sell more tickets.

Huw also wished to thank all that helped with the clearing up in Ashwell church – it made a huge difference.

He also wished to thank Sue Sanders along with Chris Lee for photos and marketing and also Jenny Leitch and Neil Heywood for the program writing and marketing. Suzie Harrison for sponsorship fund raising.

A huge thank you too to Carole Kaszak for her incredible fundraising which has helped our financial position enormously and Caroline Franks for all the many roles she has within the society.

Michael Smith with all his help at rehearsals.

He also wished to thank Janet Backer for the tea rota role which she has done for the last few years.

This leads on to the jobs that need replacing outside of the committee

1. *Tea Rota manager*
2. *Librarian*
3. *Website manager*

Huw asked for members of the society to consider putting themselves forward to Huw for these roles.

### 3. TREASURERS REPORT

See appendix two ( treasurer report)

There were no questions arising from the presentation of accounts

Caroline Franks gave a resume as follows:

1. *Concerts overall £100 loss but funding next year will go down – we need to sell more tickets*
2. *It will cost £6500 to put on the B Minor mass – we MUST sell more tickets*
3. *Only 50% of subscriptions can we claim gift aid.*
4. *Music sales provide income ( wholesale vs retails price to members) and by loaning out our music to other choirs. Thank you to Melanie as assistant librarian for doing this.*
5. *Fixed costs of making music insurance - keep us legally intact.*
6. *We are £2500 up on revenue compared to 2018 with £21500 in reserve*

7. *Thank you to Tom Furnival for auditing the accounts and Lewis Thompson for the introduction*

Caroline proposed adoption of the accounts seconded by Cynthia Pike.

#### 4. MUSICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Andrew O'Brien started his report by giving thanks to Caroline Franks and Huw Jenkins for the enormous amount of work they do for the choral society.

He congratulated the choir on a great season and reminded them of how far they had come in three years. An incredible achievement.

We have had 7,500 viewings on social media of various performances.

Andrew reminded us of the amazing works that we had put on which without the support from Haileybury would not have been possible. For example the Britten – War Requiem would have been too costly.

The plan for Christmas which will be kept in Royston will be for lighter carols and brass group playing. B minor Mass will be the Easter concert.

This year for Gerontius in November 2019 we have Rosie Aldridge singing which will be a privilege.

We have a choir trip to Rome planned for July 2020.

November concert for 2020 will be a smaller piece as at Easter 2021 we will be looking at St Matthew Passion which will be a big piece to put on.

Andrew also thanked Richard Prince for stepping in at various times when needed and keeping the rehearsals on track.

#### 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

All the committee were happy to stand again for next year. Huw made it very clear that anyone who wanted to join the committee this year would be welcomed.

All were re- elected on bloc – Proposed Cathy Smith and seconded Nick Keep

For details of the names of the committee see above.

#### 6. END OF MEETING AT 21.15