



Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 15th October At SWF Village Hall

	Action
Present Haydn Price, Richard Sowerby, Alan Pearson, Ivan Lambert, Brian Griffiths, John Trent Wallace, Kevin Mead	
1. Apologies for absence Richard Bull-Domican, Lachlan Munn	
2. Minutes of previous meeting Were approved and signed by the chairman	
3. Matters Arising - None	
4. Agree any items to discuss under AOB Members not attending regularly Time of rehearsal Email from Chris Gee data breach Male voice choir conference 3 members names were raised and it was established there was a good reason that they were not attending and we looked forward to their return very soon. The other 3 items will be raised in AOB	
5. Wickford - what happens next? After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we stop Monday rehearsals at Wickford with immediate effect due to no potential members coming along. It was agreed that the acoustics were excellent but other facilities were not as good as the village hall. We agreed to revisit the possibility of alternative venues in the new year. We would ask members for suggestions. Haydn would let the Church know of our decision	All HP

6. Charity commission request. I was felt that we complied with all Charity Commission requests but that we would review all our relevant documents in the new year. ie Constitution, Safeguarding Policy, Privacy Policy	BG
7. Concerts 2024/25 23rd November - Lights switch on SWF Our slot is 4.35 - 4.55 on the main stage (immediately after the switch on.) Brian will ensure we remain in contact with Debbie for final arrangements. 4th December - Cathedral concert 7pm. This will be items from our usual programme with the addition of a carol which will be for audience participation and we will finish with 'we wish you a merry Christmas' also for the audience to join in. John and Haydn are in conversation with the organisers and it will be a piano only accompaniment. We would ensure that the organisers would be responsible for any royalties New year concert 2025 It was agreed not to go ahead with this as we felt it would be very difficult to sell tickets. Richard would cancel our booking 2025 It was agreed we will try and do another sing out at High Chelmer possibly in Feb - Brian would make contact with them to establish available dates. Haydn had agreed with Andrew Skinner he would sponsor a concert at Billericay Theatre. We would also try and organise another concert with Chelmsford MVC Other possible venues included StowMaries the Museum of Power St Mary's at "Top Woodham" The bandstand. Alan, although with limited availability over the next couple of months, would make contact.	BG JTW/HP RS BG HP AP AP AP
8. Music report John is pleased with the progress of our music and proposes to reintroduce Africa after our next concert. He also hopes to introduce 'Biblical' in the next couple of weeks John had contacted Angus and had noticed an improvement in his preparation but would continue to monitor	JTW JTW
9. Succession Plan It was agreed to defer a discussion on this but it remained an important topic.	

10. Financial update The rolling summary sheet is attached. Considering our outgoings for social media and recruitment we remain in a healthy state	RS
11. Website Following the potential data breach it was decide to permanently remove the address list from the website John said he would update the concert list which is currently out of date and update the committee listing	RBD JTW
12. Social It was agreed that as neither John or Clare were available we would not have a rehearsal on 1st November and would switch the social night to that date at the village hall. Ivan would make sure we could access the bar from the hall. The committee apologised to Kevin for messing around with the date but sometimes circumstances dictate. The Quiz night will go ahead on 8th February. Richard will check the booking which doesn't seem to be in village hall diary.	KM/IL RS/KM
AOB An e mail from Chris Gee raised the subject of choir behaviour during concerts. John said he would address this before the next concert. It was also noted that everyone was pleased with the job Lach was doing and felt we were getting on and off stage with ease. It was also raised that perhaps now was the right time to change the time of our rehearsal to 8.00 - 9.30. John would ascertain whether Clare would be OK with these times. It was agreed that we not attend the male voice choir conference in Peterborough.	JTW
14. Date of next meeting - 19th November	
The meeting closed at 10.05	

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Rolling Summary Sheet for 2024

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Balance for the year to date	£335.78
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Membership total = 33

NOTES

MD and Deputy: fees to the end of September

Accompanists: fees to end of September	
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SWFVH: end of October

Subscriptions are for 2024.Total for subscription year (April-March) is £7583

Concert Proceeds: These are booked concerts where we try to cover our costs

Men2Sing Concerts:Concerts arranged by us for us

100 Club: Raises £80/month

Fund Raising:

Gift Aid refund : £2504.29 received 29th May 2024

Publicity: This is Facebook and Media work by Simom Baldock

Music Purchases: Includes arrangements, backing tracks and printing of scores

Website: Hosting and Domain costs (5 sites).

Recruitment:

Sales: CD's etc

Sundries: Costs include -

Donations: 100 Club returns

Financial balance is for the current year at each calendar month end