

**Minutes of the AGM of South Woodham Ferrers Male Voice Choir
(Performing as Men2Sing)**

Held at South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall on Monday 24th March 2025

Present 18 Members + Musical Director

Apologies were received from Paul Williams, Ken Parry, Dave Watts, Richard Bull-Domican Lachlan Munn, Trevor Rawlings and Stephen Wilson.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 15th March 2024 were approved.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's report - is attached see appendix 1 to these minutes.

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved.

There were no questions

5. Musical Directors Report - Is attached as appendix 2 of these minutes.

This was circulated prior to the meeting and was approved.

The point of revising old songs was raised and John promised to look into this.

It was also requested that perhaps we could look at singing Nessun Dorma and Bob Drake said he had the music from his old choir and would loan it to John so he could have a look see if it was suitable for us.

6. Financial report -This is appendix 3 of the minutes

Richard had circulated the balance sheet and his report prior to the meeting and this was approved by the meeting.

A question was raised about the 100 club and it was agreed that these accounts should also be inspected. Currently the choir account just receives the excess of this but if the accounts were inspected it would be security for whoever is running the scheme at the time.

Jason proposed a vote of thanks to Richard for the amount of work he did on our behalf this was unanimously agreed.

Richard remind the choir that the subscription fees were an annual fee and members could not dip in and out during the year. There was concern amongst the membership that this may be happening and the committee agreed to look at what the procedure should be in place for a member who deciding to suspend their payments.

Members were reminded of the easy fundraising scheme which so far had raised over £140. One member said that he gave up trying to get a credit to the account as it seemed so difficult.

It had been observed that when some members had forgotten a copy of the music they 'borrowed' another copy but forgot to return it afterwards. It was agreed that in future if any member needed a new copy the fee would be £1.50

After some discussion it was agreed that the membership fee would be increased to £35 per month. This was due to what seems like declining membership. It was re-emphasised that if a member had hit some financial difficulties they should have a confidential chat with the Treasurer. It was agreed that nobody should be refused membership because they couldn't afford to pay.

A member asked about our concert fees and it was stated we kept them under review but sometimes had to reduce them due charities being 'hard up'

Richard said he was keen to stand down as treasurer and asked members to give some thought as to whether they would be prepared to take this role on.

7. Questions for the committee

There were no further questions

8. Election of the committee

It was stated that Haydn was standing down as chairman and Brian as secretary and Richard Bull-Domican as our website and social media person.

It was proposed that this would be the make of the chommittee going forward.

Chairman - Ivan Lambert

Vice Chairman - Chris Gee

Secretary - Paul Williams

Treasurer - Richard Sowerby

Concert Manager - Lachlan Munn (this would incorporate the old book sec and manager rolls)

Social - Kevin Mead

Membership - Haydn Price

Publicity - Paul Reid - Paul's daughter Chloe would assist and do our social media and attend occasional committee meetings

In addition John TW had agreed to look after the webpage and Brian would look after keeping the email lists updated. (This would not be a committee position)

9. AOB

Sholto Morton proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for all their work during the past year and in particular to Haydn for his service as Chairman which was unanimously carried

The meeting closed at 21.10

