

WCCC Virtual Committee Meeting 16th January 2021 at 1100 - Minutes

Present:

Present: Stephen Shellard (SS), Judith Aldridge (JA), Carole Oliver (CO), Kevern Oliver (KO), Rebecca Jones (RJ), Anne Renshaw (ARn), Eileen Roberts (ER), Sarah Donaldson (SD), Michael Brierley (MB), Phil Crowther (PC), Mark Wilson (MW), Robin Walker (RW)

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| 1 | Welcome and apologies Apologies: Helen Randall (HR) Absent: Richard Holroyd (RH), Sue Stanford (SSt) | |
| 2 | Minutes of meeting on 21/11/20 and Matters Arising Minutes unanimously agreed. Minute 7 211120. ToR will be sent to all members and revised Committee roles will be sent to Committee members. | KO |
| 3 | Financial Report 3.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RJ's/CO's report reviewed and accepted There is a predicted loss of £113 for 20/21 3.2 Subscriptions Lengthy and detailed discussion about subscriptions during which following points were raised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £75 is a reasonable sum, especially compared with other choirs Need to have a detailed look at 20/21 outgoings and produce a bare bones budget for 21/22 Minimum level subscriptions should be based on above with invitation to donate more Continue offer of payment by instalments Agreed that RJ and CO will produce analysis of 20/21 and outline figures for 21/22 for discussion at next meeting | RJ, CO |
| 4 | Return to Singing 4.1 Covid-19 Review and Christmas 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 arrangements for rehearsals and Christmas services worked well. Thanks to ER, HR and KO SS delighted with the standard of singing from so few rehearsal. Cathedral delighted with our contribution to services and has invited WCCC to sing a Nine Lessons and Carols in December 21 Ian King carol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARn thanked for arranging BBC H&W coverage SD thanked for creating social media presentation 4.2 What next? It was unanimously agreed that the current Covid situation was such that there would be no coming together until after Easter 21, when the choir would be consulted about returning. The decision was based on Government guidance forbidding amateur choirs, need for social distancing, members' health and welfare, likely vaccine roll out, estimates of scale and pace of return to normal. | |

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| 4.3 | <p>Impact on 20/21 plan</p> <p>All commitments up until end of 06/21 cancelled.</p> <p>In particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lichfield wedding 23/04/21– KO will contact bride• Evesham concert 24/04/21– Organisers have asked for postponement• Recording 23-25/06/21 – postponed until June 22. This will allow time for pursuit of sponsorship, public launch etc in time for Christmas 22. CO will contact Chorum <p>Still scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curradine Barns wedding 20/12/21• Nine Lessons and Carols at Cathedral, Kempsey and Sedgley | KO CO |
| 4.4 | <p>What else?</p> <p>Possibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncertainty about 3 Choirs at end of July but assuming it goes ahead and a return to rehearsals in June there is a possibility that WCCC could sing opening evensong• Cathedral services and low-cost concert in autumn term• Contribution to celebration of 400th anniversary of Worcester City’s charter <p>Keeping the choir together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idea of Zoom based rehearsals explored but rejected after SD related her experience of limitations and difficulties. SS not keen and has limited resources• Agreed that<ul style="list-style-type: none">• there will be a repeat of the autumn 20 exercise. SS agreed with ARn’s suggestion that 3 Choirs music is an obvious choice followed by distribution of music for possible events later in the year. RW will support and KO will distribute music.• there will be a monthly Zoom get together which will include<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ expert talks on some aspect of music making. SS will recruit suitable speakers.○ vocal technique sessions based on normal Zoom meeting protocol i.e. audible/ on screen leader with singers mute/private. Just like a Joe Wick’s session (ARn)○ RW will continue to host quizzes and explore possibility of Murder Mystery Zoom session with Peter Sheppard <p>KO will write to choir, updating them on all of the above</p> | ARn SS, RW, KO SS, SS RW KO |
| 5 | <p>Becoming an integral part of the Cathedral Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sam Hudson and KO have agreed basic administrative procedures• RJ and CO will contact Debbie Harding with the object of having financial procedures in place for a changeover at the beginning of next financial year i.e. 01/04/21 | RJ, CO |
| 6 | <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>27/02/21 at 1100 by Zoom</p> | KO, MW |