

WCCC Virtual Committee Meeting 8th September Minutes

Present: Judith Aldridge (JA), Carole Oliver (CO), Kevern Oliver (KO), Sarah Donaldson (SD), Anne Renshaw (ARn), Eileen Roberts (ER), Rebecca Fryer (RF), Stephen Shellard (SS), Helen Randall (HR), Robin Walker (RW), Mark Wilson (MW), Sam Hudson (SH).

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1	Welcome and apologies Apologies: Sue Stanford (SSt), Richard Holroyd (RH).	
2	Minutes of meeting on 22/05/21 and Matters Arising Minutes unanimously agreed.	KO
3	Financial Report RF and CO confirmed the figures quoted in their pre-meeting briefing: Balance in Cathedral bank account £11824.38 with £1175 gift aid from previous years outstanding. General discussion on problems with finance system: accessing accounting records, clumsy and slow invoicing and payments system and poor communication. Agreed that RF, CO and KO should meet try to meet Debbie Harding and agree solutions to outstanding problems	RJ, CO, KO,
4	Membership Matters KO reported that there are 31 members. Robert Kingdom (tenor) has resigned. There are 5 try outs for membership in the pipeline: 3 alto, 2 bass. These will take place during the first half of the coming term.	KO
5	Covid and the Autumn Term Unanimous agreement that there was still a need for a cautious approach and that Cathedral T&T and protocols must be followed. Members should be encouraged to do a LFT before coming to rehearsals and that common sense precautions such as open doors and windows and social distancing should apply. ER will update risk assessment and guidance for members. KO will circulate them.	ER/KO
6	The Cathedral's Music Department SH updated the Committee on the reorganisation of the Cathedrals Choirs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cathedral Choir now offers scholarships to both boys and girls (year3/4 to year8/9) with rehearsal and singing commitments shared equally. • The Voluntary Choir has changed. It is now open to boys and girls from year 3 and above from the local area. The aim is to widen the opportunity for Worcester's young singers to be involved in the Cathedral's music through weekly rehearsals and a Sunday evening service. • The Youth Choir is brand new. It's for both boys and girls from year 9 up to 6th form/university. It provides a unique opportunity for young singers to be involved with the Cathedral's music through weekly rehearsals and singing services and events in the Cathedral and local areas. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WCCC is the Cathedral choir which, provides an opportunity for adults to sing in the Cathedral. it is well placed and <i>if ain't broke don't fix it</i>. <p>In the ensuing discussion the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst recognising that members of the Youth Choir were likely to move away, a clear a route from it to the WCCC would be a welcome, natural progression for young voices. • The WCCC will need to rethink its ideas on outreach which up until now have included the idea of working with schools and young people. • Future planning will need to include close liaison with the rest of the Cathedral. <p>SH was thanked for his update with Committee members agreeing that this was a new, exciting era for the Cathedral's music department.</p>	
7	<p>21/22 Schedule</p> <p>Cathedral dates for the whole of 21/22 have been confirmed and circulated to all members.</p>	
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>KO outlined the thinking behind the project Planning pro-formas which he had circulated as part of the briefing paper and that he was researching a simple project management package ASANA.</p>	KO
9	<p>20/21 AGM</p> <p>Considerable discussion about the make up of the 21/22 committee and beyond. Consensus that there was a need to ensure continuity and stability as the WCCC got back to normal but that succession planning and the recruitment of new members to the Committee was vital.</p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WCCC membership would be recommended a way ahead which, included suggestions for nominations made up of members of the existing committee who were prepared to serve for another year plus a new chair (Peter Brook). n.b. ARn suggested that in the future the chair might be either the Precentor or a Patron • The 21/22 Committee would be recommended to use the 2 co-opted posts primarily as a way of encouraging would-be committee members to familiarise themselves with the Committee's work and the role in which they were particularly interested. • Members would be briefed on the above during rehearsal breaks over the weeks between now and 07/10/21. It would be made very clear that the ideas put forward in no way precluded members from making other nominations. <p>KO thanked Committee members for all that they had done over the past 18 months to ensure that the WCCC had coped for so long and so well with such a difficult time. JA thanked KO for the work which he had done to keep things on the road.</p>	KO
10	<p>Meeting finished at 2101 with agreement that date of next meeting will be decided post the AGM</p>	