

WCCC Virtual Committee Meeting 27th April 2022
Minutes

Present: Judith Aldridge (JA), Carole Oliver (CO), Kevern Oliver (KO), Mark Wilson (MW), Peter Brook (PB), Sarah Donaldson (SD), Anne Renshaw (AR), Robin Walker (RW), Helen Randall (HR), Rebecca Fryer (RF), Stephen Shellard (SS)

minute		Action
1	Apologies Sam Hudson (SH), John Paul Hoskins (JPH)	
2	Minutes of meeting and Matters Arising Minutes of 23/02/22 meeting unanimously agreed with matters arising dealt within the main agenda. Minutes of Covid meeting on 21/04/22 unanimously agreed with the following matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KO reported that following the meeting Eileen Roberts had judged that there was no longer a need for her to continue as the committee's Covid advisor but that she would be willing to return if problems returned. Unanimous vote of thanks for Eileen's work. PB will thank Eileen at next rehearsal (28/04/22) KO reported that Covid specific risk assessments are no longer required. This had prompted him to clarify the situation vis a vis risk assessments in general. As a first step he had asked SH for information about the Cathedral's/Music Department's risk assessments. 	PB KO
3	Financial Report Balance of account is approximately £11525. Gift aid for 2020/21 and 2021/22 is outstanding. No figures from Cathedral's Finance department since December 21. Provisional budget There was a detailed discussion of the provisional 2022/23 budget which had been produced by CO. Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal: to increase SS's honorarium to £1650. Proposal: to increase SS' service fee to £45. Proposal: to increase accompanist fee to £45 per rehearsal. Zoom subscription: Agreement that Zoom sessions should in future either use Free version or accept HR's and SD's offer to host sessions. Doodle poll: Existing contract lasts until 09/2022. RF and KO will research alternatives. Music costs: Purchase of VW mass in G scores at approximately £280 agreed. Provisional budget to be revisited. Income Proposal: Subscriptions should be increased to £90 for 2022/23. n.b. Vote on all of the above proposals (proposed and seconded by RF and JA) were unanimously agreed at the end of the meeting without SS and RW being present. CO will produce a further draft of the 2022/23 budget ready for approval at next committee meeting (16/05/22).	 KO, RF JA, CO CO
4	Operational Matters	

4.1	Library Music for summer term will be distributed at next rehearsal 28/04/22.	JA
4.2	Social Media/Publicity SD, MW and KO will be meeting Sarah Bowyer (Cathedral PR & Digital Communications Officer) on 03/05/22.	SD, KO, MW
4.3	Website Nothing to report other than the flow of information about music for services must improve to ensure that the website is up to date.	SS, MW
4.4	Membership There are 37 singers. Unanimous acceptance of SS's plan to recruit another 2 nd soprano in order to improve the balance, particularly in <i>split part</i> situations. n.. b. In the discussion of the above SS assured all that <i>the choir will get no bigger</i> . Two would-be sopranos will be invited to try-out and audition sessions.	KO
4.5	Concert Management Nothing to report.	
4.6	Local Fundraising HR outlined some of her ideas for social media-based fundraising. She, SD and MW agreed to meet in order to explore how to take things forward.	HR, SD, MW
5	Committee Membership PB reminded the meeting that, assuming that CO is elected treasurer for 2022/23, there is an urgent need to find a successor for CO in 2023/24 and beyond. RF suggested that serious consideration should be given to sharing the role. PB will make further attempts, including direct approaches to individuals.	PB
6	What Next?	
6.1	Cathedral Services A schedule of 13 services spread equally throughout 2022/23 has been agreed with the Cathedral. A 2022/23 chart will be sent to members.	KO
6.2	Other Events KO reviewed the progress which SS, AR, PB, CO and he had made on the preliminary viability study of the three events which were discussed on 23/02/22: Brahms Requiem, Venables Requiem, Recording. Brahms Requiem was set aside in favour of an organ accompaniment version of Venables Requiem. May 2023 has been identified as a good and sensible time for the WCCC's first post Covid concert. Venables There is an emerging possibility that the 2023 Elgar Festival (02-04/6/2023) will include the premiere of a choir and orchestra version of the Venables Requiem. If the EF performance goes ahead there is the possibility that the WCCC would be invited to join with another similar sized choir to form the choir for the performance. CO reported that she had submitted an application to the Cathedral for the WCCC to stage a concert in the nave on 06/05/2023. n.b. The original idea was that the performance would be in the Quire. However, on the assumption that there is a wish to attract the largest possible audience this has been changed to the nave.. After considerable discussion, which included serious concerns about the	

	<p>impact on audiences, promotions etc. of two performances of the same work so close together, it was agreed that for the moment plans should continue for a WCCC performance on 06/05/23.</p> <p>Recording KO reported little progress has been made apart from confirming that its content will be Christmas carols and that funding will be crucial. Timescale is such that the earliest time to record is September 2023.</p> <p>A meeting with Cathy Sloan (Cathedral fundraising manager) is being set up in order to explore ways and means of developing a mutually beneficial way ahead.</p> <p>A meeting with Kenneth Woods is yet to happen. This is likely to be mid/end June.</p>	<p>KO, SS, CO, AR, PB</p> <p>KO, PB, AR, CO</p> <p>AR</p>
8	<p>Committee meeting on 25/05/22 KO reminded the meeting that there was an urgent need to ensure that papers for the AGM (09/06/22) were prepared in good time for distribution to members: Approved budget Approved accounts (if data available) Reports: Chair, MD, Treasurer Minutes of October 21 AGM Voting papers In order to allow sufficient time for approval KO proposed (unanimous agreement) that the meeting should be brought forward to 16/05/22.</p>	<p>CO CO PB, SS, RF, KO KO</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 2120 Next meetings 16/05/22 and 09/06/22 (AGM)</p>	<p>KO</p>