

IHCC Committee meeting minutes

7.30 Tuesday 28th January 2020

Venue: Phil's house

Nick Coleman, Fiona Hamilton, Ian Floodgate, Alex Vince, Phil Riches, Diane Ingledew

Number	Item	Owner
1	Minutes of the last meeting (29th October 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved.	
2	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Statement of Income and Expenditure A statement of income and expenditure for the period 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2019 was presented and discussed. It showed that the choir is currently financially stable. This will continue to be monitored.All of the financial paperwork has been given to IF so that he can undertake fully the role of treasurer.Equipment needed The banner is available and was shown to the committee who were all impressed. It will be shown to the choir at rehearsal this week. PR has agreed to keep it at his house.	NC IF IF PR
3	Musical Director's reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership/Attendance NC presented a document showing attendance at rehearsals for this term. With only three entries so far, no meaningful pattern has emerged but our numbers are healthy.MD's report NC continues to be impressed by the sound that this amateur choir manages to deliver. The alto 1 and 2 balance was discussed. The recently released rehearsal plan is valuable as a planning tool for NC with so many different events and members' requests to work towards, and also for the membership to know what to practise in advance. NC will aim to produce one each term in the future.	NC
4	New Members' Pack <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of the new document This has been given out to the new members.Reps responsibilities re new members As well as giving out the paperwork, reps are to	REPS

	reinforce expectations with regards to uniform requirements, printing off scores etc.	
5	<p>Formal gigs and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past events • Christmas shopping and pamper evening 22/11 This went well and served as an opportunity for NC to assess progress on our Christmas repertoire. It was noted that the choir were not introduced or thanked publicly at the event although NC received a message of thanks from the organiser. It was decided that, if invited to take part next year, we would do it again. DI to contact Fiona Farrell. • Christmas concert at St Peter's 7/12 It was agreed that this was a superb experience, enhanced by the joint pieces that were done by the choir and orchestra working together rather than using backing tracks. • Volunteers' Christmas party This went well and we were appreciated by the audience. We will be happy to do it again as part of the wider hospital community. • Hospice remembrance service 15/12 NC congratulates the choir on a performance which impressed him greatly. The decision to sing all numbers a capella worked well. Sensitivity about music choices will always be considered for this event. • Future events • Singing on the children's ward (as invited to do so) We would like to take up the invitation to sing for the children but it may be left until 25th April. FH to contact the nurses who accepted our cheque to discuss this. • 25/04 Joint concert with St Peter's band The repertoire for this has been agreed during a meeting between NC and Paul Buckley. We will be singing some numbers with the band and Paul has agreed to arrange the band scores. The choir will have new songs to learn and some familiar ones to refine. NC has bought the score for What's Going On which has come in TTBB format. NC will transcribe this for our choir and make a decision about whether to leave in or take out the middle syncopated section which is very challenging. • 05/07 Ipswich Music Day This has been applied for and will be confirmed later in the year. • 03/10 JessFest2 If we are invited to perform 	<p>DI</p> <p>FH</p>

	<p>again, we will be happy to accept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31/10 Halloween concert NC is attending a meeting with the band leader and three others to discuss this event on 13/2. • 20/11 Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening As noted above, we will take part again but this needs to be confirmed. • FH agreed to highlight the confirmed and proposed dates, to the membership, in her upcoming newsletter. PR agreed to add polls for the rehearsal dates for the St Peter's concert and Ipswich Music Day. 	<p>DI</p> <p>FH</p> <p>PR</p>
6	<p>Section rep reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soprano No concerns reported. The new soprano is keen and confident. The other recently joined soprano did her first public performance at the Remembrance Service. • Alto No concerns reported. Another keen new member has joined. We are losing Michelle as she returns to Australia at the end of her contract. The committee would like to thank Val for buying a card and putting together a photo montage as a leaving gift from us. • Tenor The tenors have requested that they know in advance which pieces we will be working on each week. The recently published rehearsal plan meets this need. • Bass There are reduced numbers in this section due to Will leaving and Bill's poor health. The MD's performance formation is not popular with some. It has been asked if the choir can stand in front of the orchestra for the event on the 25th April. NC to enquire what the plan is with Paul Buckley. 	<p>NC</p>
7	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archive for photos on website It has already been agreed that photos on the website will be removed after twelve months. We need an updated one for the front page of our website and we will request that members wear their choir uniforms on February 26th so that this can be taken. PR will take a timed photo. DI to provide a tripod. • Website management. FH,AV and IF will be shown how to manage their sections' area of the website on 10th February at 7pm. • Social media The committee thank NF for offering to be our social media contact. He will update our Facebook page and Twitter feeds. He will need admin rights for the 	<p>PR</p> <p>PR/DI</p> <p>PR</p>

	<p>Facebook page which NC should be able to arrange. He has also set up an Instagram account details of which will be shared with the membership in the newsletter.</p>	NF/NC
8	<p>Social events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past events • Wolsey panto 13/12 21.00 This was enjoyed by all who attended and, due to the positive feedback, may be repeated next year. The choice of restaurant before the show (Ararat) was also a success. FH will look out for dates/promotional details. • Christmas drinks at the Dove 18/12 This was, as usual, a good evening although the venue at the back of the pub has some disadvantages. • Future events • Spring Term meal out A meal out will be arranged by DI at the newly re-opened Nepalese restaurant. Members will be asked to pay on the night rather than use the bank account. • We will aim to arrange a social event once a term as a minimum. 	<p>FH</p> <p>DI</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soprano rep – maternity cover needed?DI will stand in as soprano rep temporarily during AV's absence. • KIB This will be suspended during AV's maternity leave. A discussion about the value of this initiative took place and, considering the fluctuating attendance numbers, the lack of hospital staff accompanying the group these days and a mixed reaction by the patients, it was decided that this may not be reinstated on AV's return. AV to contact the hospital Patient Experience Team to let them know. We are still keen to contribute positively to the life of the hospital and would prefer to make specific arrangements to perform one off sessions where we have a personal link eg. our invitation to sing on the children's ward or the dementia ward which some members are supporting through SoundCure. We will, of course, be happy to consider other one off requests to perform such as award ceremonies and open days as we have in the past. • PR explained that he would be closing his IT company in September so some of our 	AV

	<p>procedures will have to change eg. emails will be dealt with through the website. He will keep us updated on what to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The summer term will start on 22nd April. 	PR
10	<p>Next meeting date and time The next meeting will be on 5th May at 7.30pm at Nick's house.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.