

Monthly meetings to respond to Covid 19 changing advice

Minutes from the discussion at the Zoom meeting on 6th October 2020

- **Minutes from 2nd September 2020 –approval /action** The minutes were approved. A committee member will contact both a more recent member who we hoped would rejoin and a past member to see if they are interested in taking part in the virtual choir. **PR**
- **Possible future plans considering recent advice**
 - We are still getting positive feedback from our virtual members and numbers are steady, if not slightly increasing.
 - With the recent rise in cases of Covid 19, we appreciate that the company who manage our rehearsal area will be even less positive about our return to face to face sessions than they were before.
 - It was recognised that although the members are grateful for our virtual meetings, it is impossible to recreate the uplifting feeling of singing together in a group which we are all missing.
 - If we went back whilst stricter national restrictions are being called for, it may invalidate our insurance.
 - It was decided to continue with Zoom sessions for the rest of this term. We will continue to review the situation monthly.
 - At our next meeting we will discuss whether we need to start charging fees for our current service. A projection will be prepared to help us reach this decision. **NC**
- **IAA feedback PR** This meeting was held just before the stricter measures were announced so may not be of much help in this time of change.
- **Feedback concerning members contacted following the recent poll** The soprano member was happy with an explanation of all the steps that the committee were taking and expressed her trust in us. An alto member is still to be contacted. **FH**
- **Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening – new date** The whole event has been cancelled for this year. A date has been set for next year, 26/11/2021, and we have been invited to take part again. It was decided that we would be happy to attend.
- **AOB**
 - The idea of a social at the Selkirk was suggested with members being encouraged to sit/interact in tables of six to comply with the current guidelines. Although we are all missing the social side of choir, it was decided that this would not be a responsible thing to do as the temptation to mingle with other tables would be too great.
 - PR suggested that we could experiment with unmuted singing with videos turned off in our Zoom meeting to see if the tracking was more in time. **NC**
 - The video links from IF have gone down well. He is happy to continue to experiment and improve these whilst they are still useful to others. **IF**
 - A new recording project will be given to the members so that it can be included on our Facebook page. This would probably have a Christmas theme. **NC**
 - The Hospice will be contacted to see if they are expecting anything from the choir this year for their Remembrance Service. **FH**
 - NC advised that not all of the music resources are on the website for the songs named in the rehearsal schedule. He is currently working on this. **NC**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm.

