

Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 3rd November 2020

- **Minutes from 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 –approval /action** The minutes were approved. There will be no further attempts to encourage people to rejoin choir until we are back to face to face rehearsals.
- **Possible future plans considering recent advice and examples from other choirs** The committee were told of two other choirs who had plans in place to meet, before the present lockdown. One choir were due to meet at St Peter's in small groups. The other choir were due to meet at Northgate in mixed groups (SATB) of thirty. It was noted that this venue is expensive to hire.
  - It would be prudent to consider how we could operate with smaller groups ready for when we are allowed to start to meet again. A possibility could be small mixed groups of S/A and T/B. Although these groups would not provide the full experience of choral singing that we are used to, it would give an opportunity to practice singing in harmony, or against another part rhythmically, with another section. The Musical Director will consider various options so that we are ready for when the socially distanced rules are relaxed. **NC**
  - The seating plan of our usual rehearsal venue has been changed. The new arrangement of screens and pews would make it difficult for us to move in readiness for rehearsals. Alternative venues may need to be considered.
- **Charging for members to access Zoom meetings** IF prepared a financial projection up to April. Although we are still financially secure, the reserves are dwindling. Consideration needs to be given to the fact that our expenditure will increase when we return to real rehearsals for the Musical Director's fees and a possible venue hire. IF suggested that, to future proof our financial position in a reasonably painless way for the members, we will ask them to consider donating their outstanding credits for the Spring Term 2019 (£12 each). This request will be made by email. **FH** The responses will be collated by the secretary. **Di**
- **Committee response to personal message from a member** Committee members who have been contacted will respond personally. Ongoing contact will be made **AV**
- **Another Christmas recording – as suggested on Wednesday** There was a poor response to the last recording opportunity, Once in Royal David's City. This may have been due to technical problems as the single verse practice track needed to be repeated.
  - If we ask the members to record another Christmas track, it will need to be very familiar eg Winter's Tale. It may be possible to ask for audio only and overlay the track with stills from our previous Christmas events interspersed with winter scenes. This would be easier to put together than another video. **IF** (if workload allows)
- **AOB** We may wish to consider changing the format of our Zoom meetings, offering sectional breakout chats. This will be discussed at the next meeting after we have all read the Making Music document circulated by FH. **ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
  - IF has contacted a former member who may return in the future
  - The Musical Director will compose a hundred word statement to accompany our recent recording ready to be submitted to Making Music. This will be circulated to the committee members. **NC**
  - FH suggested we pay for NC's Zoom subscription. NC confirmed that he is happy to continue paying for the higher rate Zoom subscription from his own funds.

**The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm. NC to set up meeting invite prior to the date.**

