

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 2nd February 2021

- **Minutes from 5th January 2021 –approval /action**
 - An amendment was made and the minutes were agreed.
 - The end of year financial report will be prepared before the AGM. **IF/NC**
- **Possible future plans including feedback about breakout rooms and consideration of other Zoom uses eg. sectional rehearsals**
 - There has been a very positive response to the breakout rooms. However, although many members enjoy the sectional breakouts, a request was made to have more random groups. In answer to this, it was decided that the random facility on Zoom would be used approximately once a month. **NC**
- **Feedback from Making Music meeting of 14th Jan – refer to notes circulated by PR**
 - The importance of shared goals was discussed. This will be borne in mind when NC is considering the Summer Term schedule. **NC** Summer term goals will be discussed at the next committee meeting. **DI to put on agenda**
 - As well as using the shared screen facility, it is possible to use a shared sound facility. This means that a backing track will start at the same time for all recipients which may be useful for recording visuals for Facebook or website recordings. The share sound facility was tested during the meeting.
 - Zoom polls are instant. Although we have a successful poll system on our website, the Zoom poll could be used to give instant feedback during a choir rehearsal eg for NC to ask the members to make a choice between two pieces of music.
 - **NC** We have addressed the importance of Zoom social events to vary the group experience by hosting quizzes. Other ideas will be considered next month – PR has experienced an online murder mystery and NC enjoyed a race night. To encourage more involvement with the Facebook group, a Desert Island Disc challenge is being planned. **IF/NF**
- **New recordings for our website**
 - A goal for this term will be recording another track for our website and Facebook page. The track will need to be short and well known to most of the members. Under consideration are:
 - Supertrouper
 - Cups
 - Downtown
 - I'm Alive
 - A Kind of Magic
 - My favourite Things
 - Somewhere
- **Phil's feedback from investigating the recording app spoken about at the last meeting**
 - PR has signed up to planetchoir.com as a choir member and with NC as the MD. This will allow NC to upload a track and members will be able to hit record to start the track on their device. NC will be able to check who has recorded their part, how many times and he will be able to download the resulting music. This application will not work on Windows or MAC. The committee will trial the app and discuss the results at the next meeting. **PR to send details. NC to upload a track.**

- **Attendance at IAA AGM**
 - PR has agreed to attend the meeting on our behalf.
- **Membership**
 - It is encouraging that we have regular attendance from twenty five members online.
- **AOB**
 - Post-pandemic it may be possible for us to return to the hospital site for our rehearsals. However, we will investigate alternative venues in case this is not possible. **DI**

The next meeting will be on 2nd March at 7.45pm.