

Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 2nd March 2021

- **Minutes from 2nd February 2021 –approval /action**
 - The minutes were agreed.
 - Following feedback about the shared sound feature on Zoom, it was decided that we may test out other methods of sound sharing at the next meeting, in order to avoid the time lapse for Nick leading us. **NC**

- **Change of chairperson**
 - FH has decided to stand down from her role as chair of the committee in order to prioritise the increasing workload of her studies. She was thanked by the committee, on behalf of the members, for her excellent leadership during this unprecedented year.
 - IF has offered to hold the post of acting chair until the AGM. He is keen to expand the committee and offer different roles at the AGM eg. events coordinator. Further thinking about new roles will be included on the agenda next time. **Committee**
 - To support Ian, who now technically has three roles, the committee will share the responsibility for sending out the weekly catch up emails for the members. **DI to devise a rota for this.**
 - FH will explain the change of leadership with the members. **FH**

- **Future plans in light of government road map**
 - Although the news is more positive now, we will wait until rules become clearer for communal singing. At the moment there has been nothing specific on sites such as Making Music. It is hoped that we may be able to get together before the Summer break.

- **Summer term shared goals**
 - To have a recording ready to share for the IAA Virtual Arts Festival (Cups)
 - To complete one or two other recordings.
 - To meet together at least once before the Autumn Term.
 - To enthuse the members about participating in future events – hopefully the Halloween concert and the Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening.

- **Planetchoir trial**
 - NC is ready to trial this app for recording. He will send us simple instructions, which can be used when we ask the members to record, and we will try to upload our parts. **NC then committee**

- **IAA AGM refer to Phil's notes from 17th Feb**
 - PR shared his notes from this meeting. There will not be an Ipswich Music Day this year but we will contribute to the Virtual Festival – see above.
 - PR has expressed his willingness to attend the IAA meetings in the future. **PR**

- **Alternative venue hunt DI**

- We are still hoping that we will be able to return to an area of the hospital when we are allowed to resume face to face rehearsals.
- DI shared her findings which showed that there are alternative venues available that may suit our needs, if the hospital can't accommodate us. Ipswich based venues would be preferred.
- **Suffolk Remembers (Hospice)**
 - This is an outdoor event in Felixstowe on Monday 21st June. We have been invited to contribute.
 - We would need three songs which would be appropriate to the event.
 - The concern is that we may not be able to rehearse in person before the event so we wouldn't be performance ready or confident. FH to respond showing our interest, but explaining the situation and our reluctance to commit at this stage. **FH**
- **Social ideas eg race night, murder mystery**
 - PR has run a murder mystery evening before and is happy to repeat it for choir in the summer. **PR**
 - NC has hosted a race night before and is happy to repeat it for choir. As this event would involve money paid in advance to fund the winnings, we would have to ask the members for their views in case people object to the gambling aspect of such an event. **NC**
- **AOB**
 - A member has suggested that we include members' names on videos that we produce. This may cause GDPR issues. If we want to pursue this idea, we could add an extra tick box to the membership form for consent to have the member's name included on videos, programmes etc.
 - The treasurer has noticed that bank transaction numbers are visible (not account numbers) on our payment records. As these serve no purpose, they will be taken off the records. **NC**
 - Suggestions for future music for our repertoire, requested by a member were noted.

The next meeting will be held on April 6th 2021 at 7.45pm.