

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 13th April 2021

- **Minutes from 2nd March 2021 –approval /action**
 - The minutes were agreed.
 - The “record by” date for Cups will be extended after the change to the Virtual Choir app. NC will provide feedback after creating the track about whether to continue with this app in the future. **NC**
 - Suffolk Remembers – We will give them access to our recording of When You Believe for their summer event. We will let them know that we are available for the Remembrance Service later in the year. **NC**

- **Future plans in light of government road map**
 - There is still not any definitive advice regarding choirs being able to resume face to face rehearsals but we are working on 23rd June as a possible starting date.

- **Venue update (including hospital parking)**
 - IF will advise the hospital canteen of our proposed start date and ask if they are happy to let us use our usual venue. **IF**
 - The hospital has started a number plate recognition system for parking which means that members’ press passes will be invalid. IF has suggested asking the parking company if we may be allowed a finite time to park for free eg. Weds 5.45 – 9.00pm **IF**

- **Possible testing of different methods for sharing sound so that the time delay is lessened. NC**
 - There does not seem to be a perfect method for this to happen but, as hopefully there will only be eight more Zoom meetings, we will carry on as before. **NC**

- **Committee positions**
 - To increase the number of members on the committee, two new posts will be created – an event co-ordinator and a membership secretary. Members will be asked to register an interest in either of these posts. **IF**

- It is possible that the tenor and bass sections could be combined and served by a single rep.
 - FH stated that she might be happy to take over the role of treasurer after the AGM if IF is voted in as Chair of the committee.
- **Recordings**
 - NC is happy to continue to set recording challenges but not all members take part so that the tracks are not a true representation of our sound.
 - We would like to submit something to the IAA virtual music event.
- **Performances**
 - We still only have two proposed events scheduled – the Halloween concert and the Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening.
 - We need the hospital to know that we will be available to support their events in the future. DI will contact the Hospital Volunteer Co-ordinator to offer our participation in their Christmas party this year when we are back together. **DI**
- **IAA Zoom meeting March 25th 7.30pm - refer to notes from PR**
 - As PR suggested in his notes, this meeting was mainly a catch up with each group to see what they had been doing since the last meeting. Some groups were hoping to resume rehearsals from 12th April with a maximum of 15 attendees.
- **Charity donation**
 - We still have our charity donation from 2019 in our bank account. We will contact the Charity Co-ordinator to find current Ipswich based appeals and vote on which one to support. **IF**
- **AGM**
 - This will take place on 14th July. We will clarify the new committee roles at the next meeting. **DI to add to agenda**

- **Social activities**
 - PR will run a Zoom Murder Mystery Evening on 12th May. **PR**

- **AOB**
 - Rehearsal schedule – NC will be unavailable from 2nd – 6th August so this will be one of our two week summer break dates. An early break will give us a longer time to prepare for the Halloween concert in the Autumn Term. **NC to publish schedule**
 - When we restart it will be important to encourage previous members to return. **Reps**
 - Moving forward, we want to recruit new members. More hospital staff would be welcomed.

The next meeting will be held on 11th May 2021. Venue – the Black Tiles or PR's new social area TBC