**NATIONAL MALE CHOIR OF NEW ZEALAND INC**

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 2014

At Wakatu Hotel NELSON AT 7.00 PM

**Welcome**: The Acting President, Anthony Joines welcomed Warwyck Dewe, Treasurer, John Botting, Norm Collie, Taffy Davies, Jim Frater, Ian Gabites, Dick Mitchell, Maurie Smith and Lesley Willemsen, Secretary, to the meeting. **NOTED**: Apologies for lateness were received from Judy Barrett and Dick Mitchell.

**Apologies** Were received from Robert Aburn

1. The Agenda was confirmed

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on August 10 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

* Website
* Uniforms
* 2015 Canadian Tour Report including next CD
* Commissioned work
* Regulation changes – role of Secretary
* Funding Grants
* 2015 Programme including ANZAC Day

NOTE Recommendation from Southernmen Committee

That the mid-April Timaru concert be cancelled. (John Botting)

* Nelson concert

Held on Agenda:

2016 Choral Festival

Short Overseas Tour 2017/2018 Victoria Welsh

It was **AGREED** that as all the above would be covered under various Agenda items there would be no discussion of Matters Arising at this point.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** INWARDS correspondence was RECEIVED and

OUTWARDS correspondence ACCEPTED.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Warwyck Dewe presented the revised Financial Report to members. An earlier circulated draft report had been amended at the 11th hour by Auditors. The Accounts showed a surplus of $4,896.00. This surplus was due to donations by members.

Some debenture holders had expressed a desire for their debentures to be repaid. However, at this stage there was little chance of this being possible.

It was **AGREED** that at the AGM members be asked to consider “standing in place” of Debenture holders, some of whom were no longer involved with the Choir. Jim Frater volunteered $1,000 towards this. (**NOTED** Warwyck did not raise this matter at the AGM but did raise the matter with the Southernmen.

Warwyck presented a Budget for 12 months to 30 June 2015 showing a deficit of $7,797 which needed to be made up from grants and surpluses from other choir activities.

Accounts previously paid between 1 July 2014 and 30 September 2014 were presented for ratification. **Moved Warwyck Dewe, Seconded Jim Frater,** that they be ratified.

**SUBSCRIPTION for 2015 financial year**

It was **AGREED** that the motion for the 2014/2015 Subscription be presented for ratification by the AGM at $125pa for active members and $35 for those on LOA and Subscribing members. Warwyck noted that invoices had been sent out and that the response to payment had been excellent.

7. **MUSIC DIRECTOR/MUSIC TEAM REPORT**

In the absence of Robert Aburn, Judy Barrett said that the standing of the choir continued to go higher and higher but that there was a need for each chorister to practice in between regular rehearsals. Judy said it had been a pleasure to work with the Southernmen in Timaru recently.

8. **MEMBERSHIP**  – Resignation of Chris Ingram post November 8-9, Resignation of Tom Luxton post

Nelson and of Ralph Ward forthwith were NOTED and accepted with regret. Ian Gabites advised the

meeting that he had received the resignation of John Hunt, of New Plymouth. This also was accepted with

regret.

Discussion took place on membership generally – there had been a number of resignations, and possibly

more would occur as the choir continued to age. It was **AGREED** that this was an issue which required

**wider discussion at the November Planning Meeting.**

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**:

* AGM Management Committee Nominations

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Anthony advised that his acceptance of nomination for President was dependent on a Vice President being appointed. The role was too demanding without a VP. After discussion Jim Frater **AGREED** to be nominated for Vice President, on the understanding that he would not necessarily become President in two years’ time. John Botting offered Jim his full support, and the MEETING RECEIVED JIM’s nomination for Vice President of the NZ Male Choir with enthusiasm.

Other Management Roles – would remain as is, with the addition of Jim Fisher alongside Dick Mitchell, and Maurie Smith who had already been nominated as Northernmen Zone Chairman.

* **MOTION FROM NORTHERNMEN AGM** “That a recommendation be sent to the Management Committee to review the current zone structure of the choir”

After brief discussion it was AGREED that the current zone policy was working. There were some legal entity issues which could be investigated especially relating to funding of concerts – Tour Funding sponsorship was also an issue which could be clarified It was **AGREED** further investigation of the obligations of the legal status of the two zones would be undertaken but all were in support of maintaining the two management structures supporting the North and South teams.

* **SUBSCRIBER MEMBERSHIP**

**AGREED** this item be carried over for discussion at the November Planning Meeting. Keeping in touch with ex members was an important role which had been recently neglected.

* **MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

The need to regularly meet without undue cost to the Choir funds was paramount. Anthony had been hoping to obtain sponsorship funding and would continue to pursue this. There must be a technical solution to the problem. This to be **further discussed at the November Planning Meeting.**

* **November Planning Meeting**:

To be held in Christchurch Saturday November 29th and Sunday November 30th. Starting at 9.00 am. Robert Aburn to organise venue. Programme/Agenda to be advised.

* 2016 Programme – to be considered.
* **ROLE OF SECRETARY**

Changes to the Regulations covering the Role of Secretary were tabled. These changes reflected the fact that some duties had disappeared and new ones had taken their place. **MOVED JOHN BOTTING, SECONDED NORM COLLIE** that the tabled Regulations changes to the role of Secretary be **ADOPTED. Carried.**

* **NZMC** **ADVERTISING IN NZ CHORAL FED NEWS**

**NOTED** that John Heritage had suggested that the NZMC be more proactive in advertising for new members and concerts in the NZ Choral Fed. News. Anthony advised that he was planning on meeting with the NZCF Executive Officer to establish a relationship. NOTED also that NZ Choral Fed. had updated their website and that it would be much easier to maintain a higher profile on that site. This to be investigated further by Lesley/Anthony.

* **NZMC 2015 REHEARSAL/CONCERT SCHEDULE**

Discussion took place on the latest Schedule. A number of issues were raised:

a) Southernmen unhappy with Timaru concert scheduled for April 11-12 This was impractical in relation to the Canadian Tour and other scheduled events in the South.

b) ANZAC Day concert was to remain INTACT

c) Look at rescheduling concerts between May - September.

d) Concern was expressed at the scheduled **Praise Be** recording in June. Not sufficient return for NZMC, added to individual pressure and expense. **Moved Anthony Joines, Seconded Taffy Davies** that the NZMC pull out of Praise Be participation for 2015 and revisit for 2016 year.

e) NOTED it was important to have a full concert prior to the Canadian Tour. Suggested that a two

day rehearsal maybe more value than an extra concert. **To be discussed at Music Committee Planning Meeting.**

f) Hoped that a video of the choir in concert could be made prior to the Tour – so choristers could observe onstage persona.

g) **Workshops** were briefly discussed – noted that we could do better – need for good hosts, and improved managing and marketing.

* **CANADIAN TOUR**

Ian Gabites reported that arrangements were proceeding well. The cost at this point would be $7,750 with possible small fluctuations due to changes in the exchange rate.

* **CD’s**

Dick Mitchell reported that CD’s were still moving, but slowly. NOTED that several Canadian Tour venues had facilities for recording music live. If these were up to Radio NZ Standard it would be worth pursuing doing a live recording during the Tour. **To be discussed further at the November Music Committee Planning Meeting.**

* **ARCHIVIST**

**Noted**  that Clide Wilks had retired as Archivist. A new Archivist needed to be found as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed as a true and correct record: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Anthony Joines Acting President

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