



MINUTES

Management Committee Meeting
held 46 King St, Napier
9.30am Sunday January 29 2017

APOLOGIES Anthony Joines, John Botting

PRESENT Maurie Smith (President), Warwyck Dewe (Treasurer), Taffy Davies, Dick Mitchell, Ray Seymour, Joe Christensen [Music Director]and Royce Dewe (Secretary)

MINUTES of meeting of Management Committee held on 23 October 2016 in Napier were **Confirmed as a true and correct record. Ray/Taffy.**

1. MATTERS ARISING

- **Archives** *Remain on table*
- **Patron Bill English** Maurie has contacted Bill English's secretary and has invited him to the concert. It was indicated that with his new responsibilities he may not be able to continue as Patron.
- **Certificate /Recognition on retirement/Long Service members:** It was agreed that Taffy would look at getting the certificates printed.
- Meeting went in to **committee** at this point. Notes recorded IN COMMITTEE.
- **Funding Grants:** We are waiting to hear from the Lion Foundation. The application was for Music Team Contracts. \$19,500 applied for. It was agreed that applications be made for Music Team travel and accommodation costs.
- **Marketing and Promotion:**
 - **Website:** Anthony wanting feedback on web site. Could the photos on the front pages be more current including the the Canadian tour.
 - **Recordings as a promotional tool:** It was agreed that new recordings are important. This would require a 3 day weekend preferably and will take up to 6 months to learn a new repertoire of 15 songs. Joe has previously worked with New Song Studios of Napier with an estimated cost of \$60/ hour. A suggestion of an application to Creative NZ Trust for funding for this.
- **Professional Funding Coordinator:** It was agreed that a committee be formed to investigate new avenues of fundraising for the Choir. The committee will be: Rob Crabtree, Anthony Joines, Joe Christensen, Maurie Smith and Warwyck Dewe.

- **Wives/partners attending Concerts:** It was agreed that wives/partners do not pay for concerts, except where the sale of tickets is outside of NMC control. Passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Review: To be held over to next meeting.

FINANCES -WARWYCK

- Reports were tabled as received and previously circulated.
- **Appointment of a Finance Committee.** It was agreed that a finance committee of Warwyck, Gordon and Dick be appointed to review the financial payments at least three monthly.
- **Overseas Tour Regulations:** It was agreed that the new Tour Committee would review the current regulations for overseas tours and bring back to the Executive any recommended changes.

Planning progress:

2017 Art Deco weekend February 17-19 -

Two concerts.

- Saturday February 18th 2017 at 4.00pm in MTG Century Theatre. Practice also at MTG.
- Dinner on Saturday night at RSA Napier
- Sunday 10am St Patricks Catholic Church for Art Deco Service.

- **Royal Dunedin Male Choir:** this to be taken off 2017 planning.
- **Wellington Male Choir:** continue to build connections. Wanganui Choir are planning a concert with Wellington choir in 2017.
- **Liedertafel Christchurch.** This has been confirmed for 2018, 28 -29 April. Letter of confirmation on 13 September 2016 sent by Anthony.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **New Members:**
 - Three new members from the South. Norman Phillips, Grant Beardsley, and Alan Ferriss. Two new from the North - Ross Mc Donald & Mark vonDadelszen
 - 17 members in the South. 29 in the North. 46 total currently.

- **Members on LOA**

List of Members on LOA were noted:

Bryan Barrett, Murray Marshall, Rob Ord, Steven Sandbrook, Paul Wieland.

Resignations received from Jim Frater and Keith Spragg .

- **Music Committee:** The purpose of the music committee was to support the Music Director. Also stressed was the importance of the Music committee being unified. It was agreed that the committee will be Ian Gabbites, John Botting, Maurie Smith and Joe as Music Director.
- **Accompanists**
 - Paul is having medical treatment.
 - Alex Wiltshire: Available up until June July and August. Post her commitment to Les Miserable, looking to continue. Suggest month to month contract at this stage. Joe to contact Alex and discuss.
 - Alison in the South. Contract , month by month to end of 2017.
- **Music Contracts**
 - **Music Director;** A new contract has been signed to end of 2018.
 - **Deputy Music Director:** Deputy would be part of music committee and 1 weekend per month. A 24 month contract with flexibility within. It was agreed to make an offer to Alex Wiltshire.
 - Alison to end of 2017, month by month.
- **Lighting purchase:** Remain on the table.
- **E Breve request:** An email received from E breve requesting a NMC membership list for distribution of E Breve. Decision to stay with status quo of NMC receives and sends out to membership.
- **Close Kiwi bank account:** moved Warwyck/seconded Ray. Passed.
- **Lions Tour:** Agreed that Maurie to respond to email from Mark Burrows.
- **Advertising for Concerts.** Anthony to contact the relevant persons and provide advertising templates. Also for Waiarapa and Tauranga concerts.

Planning:

2017-2018 - 2019 REHEARSAL SCHEDULES : Schedules for 2017 & 2018 were confirmed. To be circulated by Royce. Some initial planning on 2019 schedule was done.

2018 Easter Tour of Australia: Adelaide and environs.

It was agreed that an invite to others to join us on the Tour be made. Looking at 3 concerts in Adelaide and surrounding environs.

Agreed that Committee for this be:

- Music Director - Joe
- Treasurer - Warwyck
- Tour Leader - Taffy
- Secretary/Correspondent - Gordon

- Apprentice Organiser. TBA

There is a need to establish where concerts will be and exact dates leaving/returning.

Reconnaissance in April/May 2017

2020 Tour: proposed for September/October 2020. From survey three top choices were Wales, Shanghai and Europe.

Taffy will be in Wales this year and will talk with Mark Burrows re possibilities.

Travel planning & costs for 2020 tour : It was agreed that prices to be equalized across the whole tour group and any additional travel arrangements would be to individuals own account.

Tour Time based in Auckland is used by the Choral Federation and are major sponsors to Big Sing.

Carla McKinnon, House of Travel , Wanganui also suggested.

Recording for promotions: August 26/27 in Wanganui using New Song Studios.

Music Folders: Joe expressed a need to use folders as a temporary measure for up to 6 months in order to learn new songs. 2 songs/month.

Library for new Music: Dave Spier is upgrading and will share with John Kember. Do we need a policy on purchase of new music ? Suggestion for a Grant application for new music. Joe would look to what that music would be and then we make an application.

Applications for funding:

- Apply to Infinity for travel costs for music team.
- Apply for funding for a laptop computer for NZMC.

Confirmed



President

Date 02-03-2017