

New Zealand Male Choir Management Meeting

Thursday 5 September 2019 7.pm, via ZOOM

Present: John Botting [Chair] Brian Patchett, Maurie Smith, Rob Crabtree, Andrew Baber, Tony Ross, Warwyck Dewe{Treasurer}, Taffy Davies, Joe Christensen [Music Director], Royce Dewe [Secretary]

Apologies: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 4 July 2019		Action:
Minutes:	Approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved: Brian Patchett / Seconded Tony Ross. Carried.	To be uploaded on web site.
Matters arising:	<p>CONTACT WITH CHOIRS for Tour 2021: Emails were sent to all choirs across NZ on list provided. To date 25 individual expressions of interest to join the choir and Tour 2021. An interest letter specific to the Tour and an application form have been sent out and ongoing email communications with those keen to pursue. Encouragement to attend a rehearsal as soon as possible. Joe is focussing on upskilling all choristers to facilitate better learning.</p> <p>BANNERS: These have been made and are in Nelson.</p> <p>SYMPOSIUM: Joe reported that there has been no response to his communications for the Surround/ Fringe Festivals.</p>	Royce Joe Maurie & Brian as North & South Chairs.
Correspondence	LOA – John Masters. Accepted.	Royce

Financial accounts for AGM		Action:
	<p>The Financial accounts to 30 June 2019, showing a deficit for the year of \$10,939 were presented. The treasurer explained that the deficit was primarily a result of not receiving the same level of community grants as the previous years. The 2020 year was looking much better with grants already received of \$16,000.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the financial accounts as presented be approved for presentation to members at the Choir AGM. Carried.</p>	Warwyck

ART DECO 2020		Maurie.
	<p>Maurie reported that NZMC Concert at ART DECO all organised. We are organising concert independently but advertised in the ART DECO Magazine and tickets available through Art Deco ticketing. No Church service this year. Focus to be on the Gatsby Picnic on the Sunday morning. New Art Deco CEO yet to start and Maurie to meet with him.</p>	.

Southern men feedback – Prayer Before Concert		Brian
	Brian gave feedback from a discussion in response to an email sent to all southern men by John Masters prior to the Southern AGM with regard to prayer before concerts. It was pointed out that this had been discussed in the November 2018 Management meeting and it was resolved by a motion at that meeting that John Masters be invited to raise this at an NZMC full AGM. The Executive reaffirmed the decision of the November 2018 meeting.	John

Patron		Andrew/ Joe
	Patrick Power has been approached by Joe and has said he would be honoured to be Patron of the NZMC. Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Bill English and a formal approach be made to Patrick Power to become the Patron for a 5-year period. The guidelines prepared by Andrew & Joe were accepted and to be implemented. A person to be appointed to keep Patron up to date - Financial position update, Tours and Membership status. 2 Free tickets to concerts. Art Deco could be the first official event for new Patron to attend.	John/ Royce

2020 Schedule		Maurie/ Brian
	2020 Schedule had been emailed prior to the meeting. Discussion. No September rehearsal in South as whole choir in Upper Hutt for AGM & Concerts. Greymouth moved to November Schedule to be posted on Website and copies handed out at AGM.	Rob
Choir History		Rob
	Gordon has choir history ready for print. Warwyck commented this should be \$ neutral. Suggestion to print 4 copies to have at Reunion for ordering with payment. A donation of \$1000 was received with thanks in order for the original printing of 4 copies.	.

Reunion Update		Taffy
	Minutes/Action Plan received from meetings 30 July & 20 th August. Committee has become a 3-man committee. Rossi responsible for décor at venues. Lorraine Masters coordinating catering for rehearsals. 116 people booked for Meet & Greet and dinner. 17 Original members attending. Norman Phillips keeping track of financials and coordinating with treasurer.	

Tour 2021		
	<p>Draft Tour Newsletter No 1 received prior to meeting. Details in newsletter discussed.</p> <p>23 days and 21 nights' accommodation estimated at \$9,500 per person. World Travellers confirmed as the travel agent. Newsletter to go out prior to Reunion weekend. Also a letter to be sent out for choristers to give indication of commitment to the tour.</p>	Taffy

Uniform Concerts		John B
	<p>Suggestion of an additional clause to Regulation 9 had been circulated. A brief discussion.</p> <p>Motion: Dewe/Smith</p> <p>That this be considered as part of the Concert Guidelines Review which is in process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	Review committee

General Business		
	<p>Whanganui Concert: No contract signed. Complicated by subscriber members of WMC. 197 people attended free of charge and door sales were 79 people. No monies credited to the concert proceeds from the WMC subscribers. The net surplus for the concert based on actual cash received and expenses paid was \$596 of which 25%, \$149, was payable to the WMC.</p> <p>Motion: Dewe/ Patchett - That \$149 be paid to WMC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carried</p>	Warwyck
	<p>Taranaki Festival of Male Choirs: Rob reported that NZMC share would be \$2145.66 less room hire of \$250 for the practice room at the New Plymouth club.</p>	Rob
	<p>Te Aroha concerts: 12/13 October. In Concert with Te Aroha Community Choir. Organisation underway. Posters to be distributed. Tickets to be sold locally. Two concerts on the Saturday. 4pm & 7.30pm A light meal will be provided in between concerts.</p>	Maurie
	<p>Concert Guideline Review: increasingly the concerts are pointing to how important this review is. A discussion paper has gone out to the review committee. [M Smith, Brian Patchett, Tony Ross, Warwyck Dewe]. Plan for those who can to meet in Nelson on the Friday. Importance of treasurer being involved in beginning. Contract to be set up at the beginning.</p>	Warwyck
	<p>REMIT RECEIVED: Remit for the AGM received from Oliver Lane seconded by Dennis Brown. This was circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion re content which was that an additional independent person be elected on to the Management committee. After discussion motion was put.</p> <p>Motion: Smith/ Baber</p> <p>That the executive committee do not support the proposed remit. Carried.</p>	

	Leave of absence: The five members who have been on leave of absence to receive a letter asking them to clarify their position. Bob Williams, Stephen Sandbrook, Patrick Day, Paul Wieland, Murray Marshall.	Royce
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Meeting Closed: 9.33pm

Next meeting: 7th November 7.30pm.

Minutes confirmed 7/11/19