

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 30th October 2013

Present

20 members were present

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Carole welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sue, Rosita, Greta, Katie Hill and Katy Lawrence had sent apologies.

2. Treasurer's Report

Current Account = £954.40

Savings Account = £2002.06

There had been some outgoings and income since these figures were produced.

Books had been balanced and audited by Barbara.

Books were available for perusal by all members.

There were no queries from those present.

3. Election of New Committee Members

The following appointments were made:-

Chairlady - Loraine Groves

Treasurer – Shirley Clancy

Secretary – Sarah Middleton

Marketing and Publicity Officer – Carole Goldsmith

Wardrobe Mistress – position to be filled

The Chairlady stated that she was looking into alternative arrangements for storing uniforms.

Thanks were given to all the outgoing officers.

4. Budget and Fundraising

The Chairlady presented a budget statement and forecast to the members. A shortfall of £489 was predicted which hopefully will be covered by fund raising events in addition to those already planned. Members' ideas for fund raising included a golf tournament, a float at a carnival, a sponsored walk, singing at the County Show and singing for the cruise ships.

A major expenditure is the purchase of sheet music. Members discussed the problem of issuing music to new members when all too often in the past new members had decided not to stay with Cantabile and then had not returned the music. Various ideas were put forward including the production of a new members' music pack which could be kept in the Albany Hall filing cabinet.

6. Issues raised by members from the floor

- A vote of thanks was extended to Sarah Middleton for her fund raising efforts, the recent quiz and the Body Shop Grid.
- Cantabile now had the go ahead to serve apple cake and mulled apple juice at the forthcoming Autumn Music Celebration concert in the Tabernacle, Haverfordwest. The Autumn Music Celebration concert was a fund raising event for the choir, it was confirmed.

ACTION Carole to check with Sue, MD the arrangements for rehearsal on the day of the concert.

- A vote was held on whether to have a tea break or not. The majority preferred to have one with the proviso that it was restricted to 10 minutes so as not to eat into singing time.

ACTION Loraine to organise rota.

- Carole explained the new members' induction procedure, referring again to the issue of music problem (see agenda item 5). Normally by week 4, once contact details had been received and some subs. paid, new members are issued with the music. New members are issued with uniform when coming up to a concert.
- Thanks were extended to MHAOS for supporting the Cantabile quiz night and details of their forthcoming concert were communicated (November 14th and 15th at the Pill Centre in Milford Haven).
- St. Peter's Church in Carmarthen was a possibility for an event in the summer, according to Carole.

7.AOB

Members wished to discuss the use of folders for concerts. It was confirmed that the long term aim would be to give performances without folders but in the short term members will use folders, as so many changes have been made recently. Members should use them as a prompt only and ensure that it did not detract from the performance.

Members wished to discuss the topic of performance etiquette e.g. how to carry/hold folders, how to turn pages etc. In relation to this, it was pointed out that the professional demeanour of Cantabile was very important and facial expressions needed to be animated.

Members commented that Cantabile seems much happier and more relaxed these days. It was stated that all we need is to have more confidence in ourselves.