

Minutes of Manchester Community Choir Committee Meeting
Thursday 16th January 2020, at Chorlton Library

Present: Margaret Seaby (Chairing), Lesley Hoyes, Lynne Elliot, Jenny Sewart, Maria Yagudina, Lizzie Gent, Steve Campbell, Annie O'Malley, Tudor Owen (minutes).

1. **Apologies** Jo Melzack, Cath McBain and (belatedly) Carolyn Pugh.
2. **Minutes** of 19th December – correction agreed to 8c.
3. **DBC** – Margaret requested that a laptop/projector volunteer for when Tudor can't make a Sunday rehearsal. Steve and Maria volunteered and Maria will bring her laptop to the rehearsal on Sunday Feb 2nd to check that it is compatible.
4. **Social on Jan 5th** – very good atmosphere greatly assisted by Rose throwing herself into the singing with enthusiasm. Vegan portions a bit small (again). Decided to book S&S again for a mezze in July.
5. **MD liaison** - Margaret reported back from her meeting with Rose, who is very much enjoying being our MD. She likes *Bread and Roses* and Carol Donaldson has agreed to arrange it, for a nominal fee. Rose also looking at maybe arranging *Shout* herself but not definite. Rose will listen to the "Sing for Water Songs" and may incorporate one in our repertoire. Dates of possible events are OK with Rose, except for Victoria Baths in November. Rose is on holiday 20th April so has arranged a substitute MD for that day's rehearsal. She will be travelling on the coach to Llangollen. Lizzie reported a suggestion by a member of the sopranos that we need to come up with a way to make Rose more visible to all singers. **It was agreed** to investigate Lynne's idea of live-projecting Rose's image onto the DBC wall; Tudor to talk to Steve Elliot and report back.
6. **Llangollen Eisteddfod** invitation to send St David's Day message was discussed. **It was agreed that** we couldn't accept because of the religious nature of the event.
7. **Finance Report** – Jenny's written report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved. She added that the Craft and Design Centre had paid us £100 for our recent performance there. **It was agreed that**
 - potential members should normally be allowed one taster session and then, if they continue attending, should be reminded by Lizzie or Annie about the need to register and pay subs
 - and that Wendy Eaden be asked to order 100 more performance badges at a cost of £40 including p&p.
8. **LinkedIn idea** by Maria had been circulated prior to the meeting. After a discussion **it was agreed that** we need to devise a means of co-ordinating all our social media output (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) and

that one or two committee members should be responsible for this. Tudor to talk to Jo and Maria.

9. **Communication and complaints** – Lizzie and Annie’s written report had been circulated prior to the meeting. After a discussion **it was agreed** that the section on the email protocol should be approved with two additional clauses ie

- Does the matter require an email or can it wait till the next Committee meeting?”
- Try to avoid long email trails. Some members find it difficult to follow long trails so please change the subject line and start anew.

It was agreed to put the document onto Dropbox, and to discuss a possible complaints process at the next meeting. (Tudor to action both)

10. **Trustees’ Resource pack** – the feedback was that it is a useful reference point. Margaret proposed that the role of Deputy Chair should become an officer role, reflect the responsibility of the role. **That was agreed**

11. **Possible future events** were discussed:

- a. Emmeline’s Pantry (March 8th); Maria agreed to investigate and report back
- b. Spirit of Kinder event at People’s History Museum (25th April 2020) – Maria agreed to bring a proposal to the next meeting (assuming the organisers have provided details by then)
- c. Manchester Histories Festival (June 7th) – Maria agreed to bring a proposal to a future meeting, when details are clearer.
- d. Victoria Baths (Nov 2020) – we can’t do this, as Rose not available. Agreed to ask Jo to tell Victoria Baths.
- e. International Make Music day (June 21st) – Steve agreed to investigate further and report to a future meeting.
- f. Workshop with Music Action International – Maria agreed to continue to liaise with Caroline Glendinning and report back.
- g. BBC Make Music Day (Sept 2020?) – Rose has a contact at the BBC. Margaret will continue to liaise with Rose, and will report back to Maria.

12. **Members suggestions** – see item 5 above.

13. **Any Other Business** – none

14. **Next meeting** Feb 20th at Chorlton Library 7.15 for 7.30pm start.