**Derby Hospitals Choir – Minutes Meeting 11th January 2023**

Present:

David Henshaw Chair

Kath Cawdell Secretary

Shirley Searson Treasurer

Michael Wilcockson

Kathy Greig

Joy Walsh

Anne Mellors

Apologies: Ann Loach

Return of music and storage:

Following agreement on 9-January, the music is expected to be returned on 12th January to David and subsequent storage could be temporarily with Phil Harrison or (ideally) at the hospital. **David** to ask Hospital about our previous Store Room availability.

Finance summary:

The £2,400.00 was paid to Blood Bikes on 9-January and £75.00 is being paid for transfer of the music, this latter amount directly by a donation from a choir member.

**David** circulated a copy of the accounts and transactions (attached) and indicated that he proposed to transfer the monies back into the Barclay Accounts which are now functioning properly. This was agreed by all present. The balance after concert bills should be £1835.94.

It was agreed to request use of the same church for rehearsals in 2023 with an anticipated cost of £400 - £800. As we may need a slightly larger venue for the concert, hire costs could be £400 - £600.

We therefore need at least £1,400.00 accepting that there may be further increases due to rising fuel costs.

It was agreed to at least continue the £10 subscription charge at the rehearsals. (52 members paid £10.00 each last year), and review whether it should be increased to £20 at a future meeting.

It was agreed to donate £1000 from the £1800 concert proceeds to the Diabetes & Endocrinology dept and retain the rest to help cover future costs.

Concert review:

Everyone seemed to enjoy the smaller venue and the structure which gave people the opportunity to stay at the end for as long as they wished. There were mince pies and drinks left over and the suggestion is that we should aim to cater for ½ - ¾ of the number of people expected.

All of the music has been returned, some card folders do need replacing.

The donation boxes were a good idea and raised £241.00, ticket sales raised £1508.24 Apologies for absence were received from Jill Matthews and **David** will contact her to arrange payment of £1,000.00. **Kath** to send thank you letters to Coop. **David** to call and thank the compere with a small gift.

The website to be updated with the amount raised and the beneficiaries - **David**

Next concert:

Start date for rehearsals is Wednesday 6th September 2023 in St John’s Methodist Church, with Friday 8th December suggested as the concert date.

A venue of 250-300 seats would be ideal; David has information about Landau Forte and St Benedict’s, both ~250 seats for consideration, although Landau Forte is not available on 8-Dec – (they have offered 16/17/22 December) – Any other suggestions to David – **ALL**

Beneficiary to be decided in consultation with the hospital. Discussion re storage of music and possibility of alternating Hospital Charity with Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisation also to be included – **Kath and David**

A query was raised about uniform - no change at present but may need to consider if numbers increase.

Constitution:

Michael suggested registration as a Charity as there may be some advantages to doing so, e.g., ability to reclaim tax – **Michael** to gather more information on this; **David** to look at revising the constitution.

Choir name:

As we do not have any affinity with Burton could the name be Derby Hospital (Community) Choir. This suggestion to be discussed tentatively with Jill Matthews.

Membership of choir association:

There is a charge for joining this but also some advantages – **Michael** to gather information.

Events other than Christmas Concert:

The choir will need to hold an AGM, possibly with a social, on a Wednesday in April. **David** to circulate a doodle-poll.

Recruitment:

Word of mouth is bringing in some enquiries but definitely more men are needed. Details to go on website – **David**

AOB:

Joy has offered to take charge of the ticket sales for next year.

Thanks to Joy for the hospitality.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.00pm at 2, Napier Close, Mickleover, Derby

Finance Summary

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| **Assets at start (Sept-2022)** |  |
|  | Community | 819.77 |
|  | Savings | 4059.89 |
|  | **Total assets** | **4879.66** |
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| **Restarting Costs** |  |
|  | Louise Expenses | -80.00 |
|  | Donation Air Ambulance | -2400.00 |
|  | Donation Blood Bikes | -2400.00 |
|  | AGM surplus | 5.50 |
|  | **Total costs** | **-4874.50** |
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| **Total Assets after restart** | **5.16** |
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| **Concert** |  |  |
|  | Subs (52 members) | 520.00 |
|  | Tickets cash | 1380.00 |
|  | Tickets Online (14 tickets) | 128.24 |
|  | Donation for Refreshments | 150.00 |
|  | Donations Concert Night | 241.23 |
|  | **Total Concert income** | **2419.47** |
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|  | DataDiary | -10.00 |
|  | Insurance | -56.00 |
|  | Venue (estimate) | -434.00 |
|  | Refreshments | -88.69 |
|  | **Total Concert Expenditure** | **-588.69** |
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|  | **Concert Net Profit** | **1830.78** |
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| **Assets Post Concert** | **1835.94** |
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| **Next year** |  |  |
|  | Rehearsals | £400-£800 ?? |
|  | Concert venue | £400-£600?? |