**Derby Hospitals Choir – Minutes Meeting 8th March 2023 by Zoom**

Present:

David Henshaw Chair

Kath Cawdell Secretary

Shirley Searson Treasurer

Michael Wilcockson

Kathy Greig

Joy Walsh

Anne Mellors

Ann Loach has stepped down for the time being.

Previous minutes and matters arising:

David reported that the music can now be stored at the Florence Nightingale Hospital and he has a key to the room. Half of the music has been transferred however Derventio Choir have borrowed the Mary Poppins medley and so the remainder will be moved when that is returned.

Finance summary:

Current account – £2332.94 Deposit account – £3.79

There is little change in the accounts as the invoice has not yet been received from St John’s Church, Allestree. **David to contact with reminder.** David can now be reimbursed for the Data Diary and Insurance. The donation has not yet been paid but now can be.

Michael had consulted Nick at Community Action re Charitable Status and suggests that we become a Charity Incorporated. This can be done on-line and requires the Trustees to be listed. We would get a Charity Number to display on any paperwork and would be able to reclaim Gift Aid. Agreed to proceed with this. **Michael to complete application**.

It was agreed to increase the subscription to £20.00 per year. **Joy to provide template for membership form**.

It was agreed to invite the 2022 Beneficiary to attend the AGM for the presentation of the £1,000.00 cheque or to make other arrangements if they are unable to do so. **David to approach.**

Constitution:

**David agreed to re-order the Constitution** with the preferred name being Derby Hospitals Choir and it was agreed that going forward incorporating the intention to alternate donations between the Hospital and a health charity would be ideal. **David and Kath** to meet with Jill Matthews to discuss.

It was decided to hold the AGM on Friday 14th April at St Alkmund’s Church, Kedleston Road, Derby. **David to book.** Refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits to be provided at 7.00 pm – **Joy and Kath.** Meeting to commence at 7.30pm. **David to propose** a vote of confidence in the current Committee which is in place for three years however anyone interested can be co-opted in the interim. Michael suggested including the option for a Vice-Chairman. **Reports to be presented by David as Chair and Shirley as Treasurer.** It was agreed that the Audit of Accounts would not be undertaken for the part-year just gone.

**David to enquire if Cathy Maclean wishes to continue as Patron**. Maura Teague was suggested as an alternative. The beneficiary of the 2023 Concert to be decided following discussions with Jill Matthews.

**Kath to send out invitations.**

Concert 2023

The concert will take place on Friday 1st December at 7.30 in St Alkmund’s Church, Kedleston Road, Derby and rehearsals will start on Wednesday 6th September, 7.30 – 9.30 at St John’s Methodist Church, Allestree. Subscriptions to be paid at 1st rehearsal with membership form completed. **Kath to provide** with gift aid included. The final rehearsal will be in St Alkmund’s Church on 29th November. The Concert format to be as last year with refreshments provided at the end. **Joy to design poster**. **David to update website,** includingcall for new members. **Kath to approach** Community Male Voice Choir. **David to produce Newsletter** with application form for distribution and recruitment during Summer – **Shirley to put on Practice website.**

**David to shortlist music**, final decision to be made at July Committee meeting.

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There being no other business the date for the next meeting was set as:

**7.00pm on 10th May 2023 at 2, Napier Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9JL**