**Guildford Vox AGM MINUTES**

**Monday 25th November 2019 8.15.p.m.**

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| 1. **Committee members present:**
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| **Name:** | **Role:** |
| Chris Clarke | Chairperson and events sub-committee member |
| Ben Thomas | Facebook and Twitter information |
| Janet Thomson | Events sub-committee member |
| Geoff Whitehouse | Treasurer  |
| Anna Tabbush | Choir Leader |
| Mark Dunham | Website up-dates |
| David Stokes | Publicity |
| Eileen Griffiths | Secretary |
| **Other choir members present (according to ticks on the register):** |
| Alan Burchard | Cindy Wilson | Judith Hider | Robin Sturdy |
| Alan Thorogood | Elaine Christie | Jurga Sefton | Roy Westley |
| Alasdair Keane | Gary Wicks | Kate Attridge | Sarah Michellotti |
| Ali Hopper | George Page | Kate Pickles | Sue Gross |
| Anna Dunstan | Gillian Blackburn | Liz Lyall | Tim Stansfeld |
| Belinda Smith | Hilary Downes | Liz Randell | Yvonne Whitwell |
| Beth Osler | Jackie Conn | Margaret Bennett | Matthew Ambrose |
| Beverley Healing | Jane Lyne | Margaret Firmston |  |
| Brendan O’Dwyer | Jane Thomas | Marjorie Llewellyn |  |
| Briony Hancock | Janet Paterson | Mervyn Rogers |  |
| Carla Rogers | Jean Empringham | Mike Stanbrook |  |
| Carole Stanbrook | Joanna Al-Zuhairi | Pat Chappell |  |
| Caroline Lloyd | Jocelyn Barker | Paul Beardsell |  |
| Chris Munro | John Attridge | Phil Chappell | **Total: 58 members** |
| 1. **Apologies:**
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| Sally Gorton (Committee Member); Patricia Malcher; Sarah Hegarty; Alison Hutton |
| 1. **Introduction of Committee Members and their roles**
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| All committee members introduced themselves and explained their roles within the committee. Chris gave particular thanks to Geoff for his work as Treasurer and to Eileen for her role as Secretary. |
| Minutes of the AGM November 2018 were accepted as a true record. |
| 1. **Approval of Minutes of the AGM 2018**
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| The minutes of last year’s AGM were unanimously accepted as a true record. |
| 1. **Matters arising from Minutes**
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| There were no matters arising |
| 1. **Chairperson’s report on the last year’s activities**
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| Chris explained that Guildford Vox’s separation from Community Vox was now complete and that we now have our own bank account, which Geoff had arranged. She then listed the successful choir events that had taken place since the last AGM. These included our Christmas Concert with Rosie Hodgson and Rowan Piggott, Carols at The Weyside; The Spring end of term performance in Holy Trinity Rooms; the May Day Dawn sing at St Martha’s; Sangerstevne, the Concert with Charlie Dore at the Electric Theatre and Singing on Guildford High Street in aid of the Street Angels charity. Chris also mentioned two events that have taken place this year. They were the One Moon event at Box Hill and the concert in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice at Frensham Heights. Events planned or proposed for the coming year include the end of Autumn Term Christmas Concert on December 16th; an Afternoon Tea Concert with Guildford Jazz Choir on March 15th; a concert with Cohen Braithwaite Kilcoyne on June 20th and a trip to Freiberg from June 25th to 28th to take part in the town’s 900th anniversary celebrations. For the latter two events, Chris explained that we will need to gauge levels of interest from choir members before confirming arrangements. A list for each will be provided next week for members to sign. |
| 1. **Treasurer’s report**
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| Geoff referred to the summary accounts that had been issued with the minutes of last year’s meeting.**Question from the floor**: Which year are we referring to?Geoff explained that due to the change of financial year the accounts covered 17 months rather than the customary 12-month period. Eileen added that the AGM had been moved to this date because the Choir’s Constitution required that it should take place within three months of the end of the financial year, which is now the 31st of August. Geoff went on to say that the choir had made a reasonable surplus of £2,200.00, which he felt was due to increased membership (as generated by successful ‘taster evenings’) plus the fact that more members were paying subscriptions by the term or half term. The Bank Account had also received a good boost of funds (£4,700.00) from Community Vox, when the choir became a separate entity. Geoff also expressed his thanks to Roy Hancock, who had checked the accounts, as this now has to be done by someone who is suitably qualified and independent of the choir committee.**Jane Thomas proposed that the accounts be accepted, and this was seconded by Robin Sturdy. All members were in favour.** |
| 1. **Questions/Suggestions received in advance from members and from the floor**
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| 1. Door Opening – We need someone to remain by the entry to the building to let choir members in. It was suggested that we try a different system for this so that the task does not fall to one person. This will mean that as each new person arrives for rehearsal s/he will take over the door opening duty up to the point that the rehearsal begins. Thereafter people who arrive late will have to ‘buzz in’ as they do now.
2. Eileen pointed out that the task of unlocking and locking for rehearsals had fallen to her, and she was unhappy about doing this without another choir member present. She also expressed her grateful thanks and that of the committee to Phil Bicknell, who had taken on the task for several months until his recent absence from choir.
3. Another task Eileen said she would be happy to pass to someone else is the organisation of the refreshments and the rota.

**Comment from the floor:** It would also be helpful if people turned up to do refreshments when they have signed on the list!**Janet Thomson proposed that the new system for door opening should be introduced and this was seconded by Tina Fullerton. All members were in favour.**  |
| 1. **Election of Committee Members for the coming year**
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| Eileen explained that all members of the current committee were willing to stand again and that there had been one further very welcome application - from Briony Hancock. As this would still leave the committee short of one member, all those who had expressed their willingness to stand were duly elected.  |
| 1. **Thanks to out-going Chairperson**
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| On behalf of the committee and choir members, Chris expressed thanks to Belinda Smith, who had taken on the role of Committee Chairperson for the last three years and had recently resigned.  |
| 1. **Dates of meetings**
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| * Next AGM - November 23rd 2020
* There had been a change to the published date of Monday May 4th which was previously designated as a Bank Holiday. The bank holiday date has now been changed to Friday May 8th in memory of VE Day, so there will now be a choir rehearsal on May 4th 2020.
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