**Guildford Vox ZOOM AGM MINUTES**

**Monday 23rd November 2020 7.00.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 the number noted from my computer screen):** |
| Ali Hopper | Jane Thomas | Jocelyn Barker | Robin Sturdy |
| Carole Stanbrook | Jean Empringham | Malcolm Kimber | Roy Westley |
| Hilary Downes | Joanna Al Zuhairi | Mike Stanbrook | Sally Gorton |
| Jackie Conn |  | Patricia Malcher | Tim Stansfeld |
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| 1. **Apologies:**
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| Briony Hancock and Janet Paterson |
| 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 thanks to everyone for their hard work on behalf of the choir. |
| 1. **Approval of Minutes of the AGM 2019**
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| The minutes of last year’s AGM were 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 her report would cover from September 2019 to August 2020 as those dates represented the choir year on which she was reporting. Her first comment was that none of us ever thought we’d be in the position we are currently, but she thanked Anna for all she has been doing to keep the choir going and mentioned how pleasant it is to take part in the ‘break out’ rooms and chat to fellow choir members during Zoom choir sessions.The 2019 Christmas Concert had been well-received and included the choir’s customary food and drink supplies and raffle as well as the enjoyable performance and some community singing. Given the lockdown that followed, we felt pleased to have been able to go ahead with our Pirbright Concert, which raised £250.00 for the Phyllis Tuckwell Charity, for which they were very grateful.Prior to that, it had been ‘all hands on-deck’ for preparations for the Freiburg trip and the concert with Cohen-Braithwaite Kilcoyne, but despite all the hard work, neither could go ahead. Chris expressed particular thanks to Janet and Ben for their work on transport arrangements; to David for hotel bookings; Briony for producing a travel guide and Eileen for making the concert booking with Cohen. Chris reported that she is still receiving requests for the choir to perform in person, but has had to refuse for the time being. |
| 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. He reported that this has been a ‘year of two halves’. Up to March, we had a surplus of around £1,100.00, but with the shut-down of choir during the summer term and no requests for donations, the surplus at the end of the year had reduced to just under £300.00. Donations this term brought in £2,000.00, for which Geoff expressed his gratitude on behalf of the committee. He added that we will need further donations for the coming term in order to continue paying Anna and to ‘stay afloat’.Geoff also expressed his thanks to Roy Hancock, who has agreed to check the accounts, as he did last year. |
| 1. **Questions/Suggestions received in advance from members and from the floor**
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| Eileen had not seen any questions or comments in advance of the meeting, unless they had arrived that day, when she did not have time to look prior to the meeting. There had been one suggestion from Briony, however, which was that we should all wear something festive for the last Zoom meeting of the term. Comments received during the meeting were as follows:* Anna told us that the choir was 15 years old this month and it was decided that we would celebrate that fact at some point this year when it was safe to do so.
* Choir member: The videos Anna had produced were wonderful.
* Choir member: Good to hear that the volume problem from the last Zoom meeting had been resolved.
* Choir member: Maybe the next song we learn should be ‘The Tracks of My Tiers’ (‘Tiers’ being a deliberate pun; not a misspelling on my part!)
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| 1. **Election of Committee Members for the coming year**
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| Eileen explained that there had been no applications for membership of the committee, but all members of the current committee were willing to stand again. Current members were therefore duly re-elected.  |
| 1. **Date of meeting**
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| * Next AGM - November 22nd2021
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