

## St. Ives Community Choir AGM 10th January 2017

### Minutes

#### **1) List of those present:**

Alison Ashby	Angela Charleston	Barbara Warner
Chris Pearson	Gill Titchener	Roy Brookes
Don Stevens	Mary Whitemoor	Margaret Garood
Judith Tremelling	Lesley Thomas	Johanna Evans
Lynda Thomas	Lynne Brereton	Malcolm Donaldson
Maureen Stevens	Sandra Oliver	Trevor Hoskins
Steve Bassett	Anne Bassett	Carole Doyle
Sue Doggett	Susan Pearson	Tricia Thomas
Vicky Taylor	William Thomas	Julie Cook
Dave Brotherton	Joan Symons	Lisa Farrar
Maggie Marr	Marguerite Butcher	Mike Laramy

#### **2) Apologies**

David Polkinghorne   Lillian Polkinghorne   Alan Thomas   Lauren Kenyon   Margaret Bailey

#### **3) 2016 Minutes were read and approved**

#### **4) Matters Arising**

It was again noted to have another w/e trip away. Those who went last year had a good time and Maureen and Don are looking into this.

William reiterated last year's discussion about pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone and to try and learn words of songs.

The web site has been well received but Alan is still open for anyone to volunteer to do any of the write ups for our concerts.

Subject of subs brought up again. **Make sure if you are away for any reason you pay for the missed weeks at the next attendance week.** Sickness is accepted.

#### **5) Secretary's Report**

We have had a really busy year with 17 events, one of which was over 4 days.

Thank you Don & Maureen for arranging our Torquay trip.

We look forward to the next one which Maureen will hopefully tell you about later.

We have had a few enquiries for events this year, 1 of which we have confirmed.

This is the Christmas tree lighting here at Carbis Bay.

**Can we just ask that you tick or cross the events sheet and if you confirm your attendance at the various concerts that you do make every effort to attend? We understand that illness can't be helped.**

Thank you again Alan for the considerable amount of work you do in maintaining our website.

## **6) The St. Ives Community Choir Accounts 2016 Report**

- \* We started 2016 with £3,478.58.
- \* We had 5 donations amounting to £330.
- \* We had a very generous gift of an iPad from Charles Reynolds of CJ Medical, which Alison will use instead of fighting with the paper music and clothes pegs.
- \* We paid out £186.84 for Public Liability and Keyboard Insurances and our Website Domain Registration.
- \* If anyone has any extra copies of music could you please let Anne have them back as we have to pay for the purchase and replacement of music?
- \* Rent for the Chapel was £540.
- \* £1,094.02 was paid in subscriptions.
- \* The total amount we raised this year for charities, either on our own or in conjunction with others was about £3,800.
- \* Income over expenditure was £323 down this year which leaves us with £3,155.57 to start 2017.

## **7) Musical Director's Report**

William informed us that we have sung 37 different songs over 17 concerts this year. There have been 6 new ones, 3 in Cornish and Kelly's. We have also sung in 6 new venues. We have had a change in uniform, ladies in all black with their Cornish brooch and men in all black with coloured tie.

The Paignton concert was a success. He thanked Trevor and Caroline who came down.

William posed the question, "Where do we see ourselves as a choir in 12 months time?" Most people said no music. Julie asked the question "When was the first concert?" to make sure that we had time to learn the words.

*Mike-* More recruitment evenings

*Steve-* We are a community choir so there must be a fun element and not too serious.

*Lynne-* We need to be stretched.

*Dave -* We need to be careful and not stretch too far.

*Don-* To improve the way we are singing

*Maureen-* To sing in 3 parts. However we do now have more men than we did.

*Joan-* To be perfect.

William went on to say that we need to come to practice especially when there is a concert. **We need to be at at least 4 practises.** Our age profile is increasing. How can we encourage younger people?

William thanked Alan for the website, Bill for the photos and reports, Malcolm for the reports, Don and Maureen for the trip, Carbis Bay Methodist Chapel and Alison. Also David Tremelling and Katrina for filling in with playing the keyboard and Trish for finding the music.

We already have some requests for concerts which we will go through next week.

#### 8) Election of Officers

Chairman	Malcolm
Secretary	Lynda
Treasurer	Lynda
Librarian	Anne
Musical Director	William
Accompanist	Alison
Committee	Donald and Maureen
Social Secretaries	Donald and Maureen

Steve and Lesley have stepped down and Don and Maureen have been elected on. Malcolm has been elected as chairman as William had been doing that job.

#### 9) Engagements for ensuing year

- Christmas tree lighting here at Carbis Bay.

#### 10) AOB / Open Discussion

- Marguerite started discussion for another trip in 2017. Various destinations were mentioned. Dublin - too far. Buxton - again too far. Alison needs to be able to get up there in the day.  
William mentioned Lostwithiel, but this was for a summer concert by the river. Also Looe and the Dartmoor area were mentioned. William says it needs to be somewhere where there is someone to arrange the concert. He asked for people to think about that and relay any ideas back to him, Don and Maureen.
- Trevor and Caroline would like us to sing to their daughter for her birthday in Becks restaurant, but no decision made.
- Steve would like when possible for men to be in the middle, but William said he would have to position people according to the balance of the people present.
- Anne asked if we wanted another dinner, and the answer was yes.
- Lynda has applied for a grant from the Operatic Society. Did we want personalised folders? Yes, if we can get the funding.

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