



Phoenixsingers

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th September 2024

7pm at Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School, Framlingham

Present: William Glasse (Chairman), Caroline Foster (Secretary), Geoff Lavery (Music Director), Keith Barton (Treasurer) and approximately 49 members.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The papers had been posted on the website in advance.

Apologies for absence: were received from Tim and Frances Barker, Claire Heard, Anne McPhail, Ray Fenning, Anne Pratt, Jane Slade, Catherine Ball, Barbara Howard and Esther Mower.

The Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 had been published on the website after the meeting and circulated with the papers.

They were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Committee Elections:

Esther Mower and Penny Cook had been co-opted to the Committee during the last season. The Committee proposed that they become full members of the Committee. This was carried.

Caroline Foster had concluded her first term as Secretary and was prepared to stand. The Committee Proposed her election and this was carried.

Barbara Howard had completed a three year term as a Committee Member and did not wish to stand again. The Meeting thanked Barbara for her tireless work on Committee matters, especially in her role as Secretary.

Chairman's Report - William Glasse

The report had been made available to members in advance and was taken as read. William reminded members that a Chair will be required from the next Annual General meeting. There were no questions. Adoption of the report was proposed by Mike Turton, seconded by Kaye Dawe and carried.

The report will be filed with The Charities Commission.

Music Director's report-Geoff Lavery

The report had been made available to members in advance and was taken as read. There were no questions.

Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts '23-'24 - Keith Barton.

The draft accounts were available to members in advance of the meeting and had been Independently Examined and signed off.

Keith reported that this year had proved successful both artistically and financially. Stronger ticket sales than in the previous year and sponsorship for the Snape Concert led to a surplus of £5,341 in our accounts.

Jill Abbott queried the music sales costs in the current year compared with previous. KB explained that those who purchased their own scores for the Vaughan Williams Concert had done so in the previous year giving rise to the larger figures. Music sales and Music Purchases cancel each other.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Linda Sherman and seconded by Michael Dawe. This was supported unanimously. Keith was thanked for his sterling work.

Any other business:

Kaye Dawe proposed her thanks to the committee on behalf of members, for all their hard work over the year.

Next meeting

The proposed date for the 2025 Annual General Meeting is Wednesday. 1st October.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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