

## Wayfarers Committee Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Present: D. Andrew ( Chair ) I. Homewood, C. Whittaker, J. Andrews, F. Hughes, R. Fieldhouse and G. Smith ( Minutes ) Minutes of last meeting; These were accepted as accurate.

**Matters Arising: a)** The chair complimented all those involved in the recent charity concert at Gild Hall Formby.

**b)** Afterglow is now regularly happening and is well attended.

The Chair welcomed new membership secretary Frank Hughes to his first meeting.

**Secretary's Correspondence:** Babs Conference next year is at Harrogate and the Chorus Competition is on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Great Western Chorus 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday show is on 27<sup>th</sup> September in Bristol.

Vernon Keeling of Liverpool Barbershop chorus has thanked us for participating in their rehearsal last week. They enjoyed it very much and Vernon expressed the wish we can make the exchange an annual event.

MIB have had a request to perform at Lakeside View on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have annual total income ( subs ) of £3632 plus £200 approx from weekly raffle.

Our outgoings are as follows. Babs £1800, Web Site £70 rent of Cons Club £960.

This leaves £802 disposable income annually.

All fees from sing outs are held in our charity account. This has always been the clubs policy. It is proposed we "borrow" £1000 from the charity account. This will be used to fund possible vocal coaching and publicity to attract new members. Any unspent monies will be re-allocated to the Charity Account. This will be brought to the AGM for members approval.

Following the report an interesting discussion took place which centred on our involvement with Babs magazine HEX. John Andrews is preparing a piece for the magazine which will focus on Wayfarer's Community presence and our support to local charities.

**Chorus Manager's Report:** Nothing to report as Colin has been absent for some time due to poor health. It was great to see him at the meeting however and still eager to contribute to events.

**Membership Secretary's Report.** Ray Parker was absent from the meeting as it is understood he is not well at the moment. The Chair paid tribute to his many years of service as Membership Secretary

A.O.B. David proposed we donate a portion of our charity monies to the Southport Soup Kitchen. He has produced a paper extolling the virtues of the kitchen and the essential work it undertakes in supporting the most vulnerable people locally

On the same subject Ian proposed we consider the Southport Life Boat as they do not receive any government grants and are not part of RNLI.

Music Committee; This is to be chaired by Ian Homewood. The music committee consists of reps from the 4 parts of chorus and the director and assistant director. Ian has organised the quartet night for 4 years now and it would be helpful if we could find another to take over this role after this years event.

Publicity: Ian has sent a piece to the Local Life Magazine which features our 30 year celebrations.

Recruitment: Ian proposed that we invite friends, neighbours to our practice nights occasionally ( say once every 2 or 3 months ) in the hope we may attract new members. It is noted from HEX that some clubs have gone this route with some success.

#### Club Constitution:

Roger has undertaken a review of the clubs constitution and a number of amendments have been made to take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The amended constitution was approved by the committee and it will be distributed to all members in due course.

Of particular interest is the notion that although the club is not a registered charity it is good practice that we follow the same principles as a charity. It is noted we perform on occasions for a specific charity ( Macmillans, Stroke club etc ) and monies raised from these should go to that particular charity. Monies gained from general performances may be forward to local charities of our choosing.

Future Events: Roger, as chairman of Southport Dramatic Club, is hosting the Chairman's Dinners at the Bliss Hotel on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He would like the chorus to provide the entertainment for this.

D.O.N.M December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm