

WHITEHALL CHOIR - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 6.30PM 15TH JULY 2021

Philip welcomed everyone and invited people to ask questions today or over the summer. He commented that we have the best accounts we have seen as a choir and invited queries from the SGM and last year's AGM. There were no comments.

The Choir then took the Chair's Report (attached with email).

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Philip thanked Jo for her report and passed onto Sarah. Sarah explained her absence from the SGM. She said we were in a good position last year and continue to be in a good position which is an achievement. She thanked members for their continued support and continuing to pay their subs. This year total income is around £15-16k and expenditure around £12-13k. At Christmas we had donations of £1000 which shows that people want to support us. We also have good reserves and are in a good position for concerts. We should continue to ensure we have good reserves. We were also able to make small ex gratia payments to booked musicians which were gratefully received.

Philip thanks Sarah for her diligence and foresight which has allowed us to plan for the season. Going forward we need to think about potentially different audience sizes, cancellation fees, and increased insurance premiums.

Philip proposed to keep subscription levels the same. There were no objections.

We formally recorded thanks to Sarah.

As we have no one standing for Treasurer we have to make alternative arrangements. We will come back to Choir in September to propose the way forward. In the meantime, we are proposing 2 non-committee roles, one of which will be handling Gift Aid which Bridget has volunteered to take on. We thanked Bridget. We also propose to keep Sarah as Account Holder until we appoint a Treasurer. Philip proposed, Rachel seconded. Sarah to be interim Account Holder.

Philip handed over to Mark who explained there would be three sections to the upcoming votes. Firstly we would vote for the 3 trustees, then, other Committee posts and finally, the Jubilee post holders.

Nominations are as follows:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chair	Philip Pratley	Kate Goulden	Jeremy Barnes
Secretary	Rachel Nixon	Imogen Davies	Chris Williams
Third Trustee and Alto rep	Anne Courtney	Jacky Erwteman	Lis Neale
Account Holder	Sarah Rollinson	Philip Pratley	Rachel Nixon
Soprano rep	Ruth Eastman	Lesley Raymond	Kate Goulden
Tenor rep	Martyn Wake	Simon Hunter	Sean O'Connell
Bass rep	Ian Williamson	David Butler	Jeremy Lucas
Publicity Manager	Martin Humphreys	Fraser Wigley	Ian Williamson
Business Manager	Laura Lowenthal	Deb Dowdall	Lucilla Poston
Librarian	Fraser Wigley	Richard Grafen	Ian Williamson
Events Manager	Aileen Stanton	Ruth Eastman	Katherine Ahmad
Jubilee Fund Custodians	Jacky Erwteman	Anne Courtney	Simon Hunter
	Ian Williamson		
	Mark Graver		

Other non-committee posts not requiring election

Webmaster	Richard Grafen
Account Holder	Sarah Rollinson

All nominated persons were elected by the choir.

Mark handed over to Ian to talk about the Jubilee Fund. Mark explained that Ian and Jackie helped to set up the fund originally.

Richard was thanked for his role as webmaster (non-committee post).

Simon, who was moving on from his Committee post, was thanked for his role as tenor rep and for re-writing our Constitution.

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Ian W reminded members about the social in his garden on 20th July. Members should contact him if interested.

Ruth asked about a future recording. Jo said she would like us to in the future if possible.

Philip thanked Jo, Ian T, Rachel, Sarah and the choir for their continued support.

AGM closed at 7.20pm