



# WHITEHALL CHOIR

## Minutes of a Whitehall Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2006

### Present

Ken Holmes, Ruth Eastman, Rachel Salisbury, Laurence Grace, Miranda Douce, Samantha Foley

### Apologies

Andrew Hyde, Moira Purkiss, David Pite, Paul Spicer, Martin Humphreys, Kate Goulden, Jen Brzozowska

### 1. Minutes of last meeting - matters arising

Martin to find out how much is costs to advertise the next concert in Metro & Evening Standard - **action Martin**

### 2. Handel/Haydn SJSS, 6 July 2006

Performer numbers will be S1/S2/A/T/B 10/10/19/8/17, 20 players, 5 soloists and conductor making a total of 90. All arrangements in hand.

### 3. Financial report

If the upcoming concert performs (financially) as forecast, we should end the season with a deficit of c.£3,100, compared with a budgeted deficit of c.£3,800. (Last season's surplus of £6,570 was almost exactly wiped out by the - as budgeted - loss of £6,525 on the postponed concert at Cadogan Hall, so that if the two seasons had run as planned we might have broken even last season and ended this season with ac.£3,000 surplus.)

At present we have c.£7,000 on deposit and c.£2,000 in the current account. We are on course to end the season (after funding the planned deficit of c.£4,800 on the final concert) with a carry-over of up to £7,000, which could give us up to £3,000 to use on exceptional items next season. After wide ranging discussion, it was agreed to use this to: hold subs at their present level (cost: £435); subsidise a "come and sing" event (cost: £500); professional costs for tour (net of any assistance from Jubilee Fund); possible tour bursary fund to achieve voice balance (cost: >£1,200).

It was agreed to recommend to the AGM that subscriptions should be held at their present level (the default position being an increase in line with inflation). Action Ken.

### 4. Annual General Meeting

Arrangements discussed. Nominations for Committee posts will be accepted up until the start of meeting and only from the floor during the meeting if no nominations for a particular post have been received. Details of nominations etc to go on the Website.

Sam to ensure that all persons who had worked hard for the Choir in the last year were thanked explicitly at the AGM. Action Sam.

A Member of the Choir to act as Returning Officer – Sam to action. [Role subsequently undertaken by Katherine Howes]

## **5. Come & Sing event**

After discussion, the decision was made to hold this event at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham. Ruth to continue to liaise with the Church - including co-ordination of publicity - and to facilitate a visit. Action Ruth.

## **6. AOB**

Sam to ask Bob Porter (Brandenberg Sinfonia) about the possibility of another concert at St Martin's in the Fields, our best times would be the spring term or possibly late in the summer. – **action Sam**

The choir's involvement in the Songs of Praise recording next term is a firm commitment. [since cancelled].

The Ritz Hotel has booked us for Xmas 2006 – dates to be confirmed.

The new folders have arrived and we will use them for the next concert. Choir members will be asked for £5, to be refunded if they leave the choir at a later date and wish to return the folder. Action Laurie.

## **7. Dates of meetings for next season**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006

November date to be chosen (depends on Come and Sing event etc)

Thu 25 January 2007 (TBC)