



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in St Andrews Methodist Church,  
Sheringham on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 19.00

Jo Hurrell, Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed all the members and especially new people who had come tonight or in the past three weeks.

Present: 40 members and associate members of the choir, Philip Adams, Accompanist, David Ballard, Musical Director.

Apologies: Had been received from Hon President, Sir Norman Lamb. Jonathan Anderson, Margaret Bushell, David Allison, Viv Elgar, Karen Sims.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from those Minutes.

Chairman's report. Jo Hurrell's report on the year's activities had been circulated and a copy is appended to these Minutes. There were no questions from the floor, and the report was welcomed by the members. Bob Cumber proposed a vote of thanks to Jo for her years of service as Secretary and Chair and she was warmly applauded by the members.

Treasurer's report. Mike Bossingham's Annual Statement had been circulated and a copy is appended to these Minutes. Mike reported that the accounts had been signed off by the external examiner today. There were no questions on the finances and Mike was thanked for the clarity of the report which was accepted unanimously by the members.

Musical Director's report. David Ballard's report had been circulated and a copy is appended to these Minutes. There were no questions from the floor, and the report was welcomed by the members.

Changes to the Constitution. Stephen Green had circulated a copy of the current Constitution dated September 2021 with suggested changes highlighted, and a copy of the resolutions to be put to enact those changes. In response to a question on the first resolution, Pam Thompson explained that the changes to the wording 'shall' was in line with the latest Parliamentary guidance on legal documents. Those changes to the wording were agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by John Rattle and seconded by Peter Twigg that all the rest of the changes be accepted en bloc and this was agreed by the members unanimously

without discussion. They resolved that the Constitution be so amended, a copy appended to the Minutes Book, and a copy sent to the Charity Commission.

Election of Committee and Trustees. All the current Committee were eligible and had put themselves forward for re-election and were voted in unanimously. Laura Newbury was willing to be a voice rep for the Sopranos and was welcomed to the Committee. Stephen asked for volunteers to be voice reps for the Alto and Bass sections and appealed for someone to come forward as Secretary.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts. The Examiner appointed last year had been unable to act and Mike had asked Anne Bowles to do it. Anne already acts in that capacity for another local charity. This was approved by the Meeting. Mike proposed that Anne Bowles be appointed as our Independent Examiner for the coming financial year. This was agreed without dissent.

Any other business. There was no other business raised and the meeting finished at 19:20.

Jo was warmly applauded and presented with a plant and a garden voucher in token of the choir's appreciation of her hard work for the choir over the past 5 years.

The new Committee then met briefly and agreed roles as follows:

Chair: Pam Thompson.

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Mike Bossingham

Membership Secretary: Karen Sims.

Committee Secretary: Stephen Green.

Concert manager: Elaine Twigg

Librarian: Pam Thompson

Committee members: Laura Newbury, Jonathan Anderson, Jo Hurrell.

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P. J. Thompson

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