

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Minutes from the committee meeting on 2nd September at 7.45pm

- **Minutes from 15th July 2021 –approval /action** The minutes were approved and accepted.
- **Face to face rehearsals** The rehearsals are going well and everyone is pleased to be back in person.
 - **New numbers – discuss disparity between promises to return and actual signed up members.** PR to contact the tenors who have not returned yet. Also to contact the member who turned up last week who was unaware of the new rules from the risk assessment, to ensure that he knows how to comply with the safety regulations. AV to contact the sopranos who have not returned.
 - **RA – spacing, track and trace, times, car parking permission** The members have accepted the conditions laid out in the RA. We will attempt to leave an aisle in the centre of the chair layout, although there is not much space.

Members may move during rehearsals if there are empty seats left. The car parking system has worked without any problems to date. Strict break timings must be adhered to.
 - **Allocation of roles for enabling safe rehearsals – any changes needed** The current arrangements are working well.
 - **Possible invites for new members** It is a good time to invite new members to join. Known potential members will be contacted.
FH/Soo.

The new rules for safe rehearsals will be published on the website under a heading of Prospective New Members. This will have public access. PR
 - **Arrangements for member to access rehearsals via Zoom** This has happened most weeks. It is good to enable the member who can't attend personally to still be a part of the choir.
- **AGM**
 - **New date** The AGM will be held on 15th September 2021.
 - **Confirmation of posts available and interest in them:**

Chair – IF to stand
Treasurer – FH to stand
Tenor rep – PR to stand

Membership Secretary – Soo to stand

Events co-ordinator – Val – to stand

- **Agenda and reports**

The Chair will be elected first. **DI**

Other roles will be voted on. **IF**

The Chairman's report up to end of August will be presented. **IF**

The Financial Report will be presented. This will include the charity payment. **IF**

Q and A

In future, the AGM will be held in September.

The financial reports will cover the period up to the end of each calendar year.

- **Consideration of new roles**

- **IT deputy** A manual detailing the running of the website will be produced by Christmas 2021. **PR**

- **Deputy chair FH** will take on the role of Deputy Chair.

- **Future events**

- **Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening** We need to check that this is still happening on 26th November. **DI**

- **Light Up A Life Service** This will be on Sunday 19th December from 3pm – 4pm at St Mary le Tower Church.

- We will see if we can have a short practice earlier that afternoon. **NC**

- We would like to request an organ accompaniment for Hark The Herald Angels Sing. **NC**

- **Volunteers' Christmas Party** We will contact the organiser nearer the event. We are usually contacted in November. **DI**

- **IF** has made contact with the new chaplain and has made them aware of our existence for future reference.

- **Our own concert** It was suggested that we could hold our own concert, possibly in conjunction with other choirs eg Helen Wheatley. As a venue we could consider St Peter's, Henley Community Centre, Kesgrave Community Centre.

- **Social event** This will be on Saturday 11th September at Ipswich Sports Club. It will start from 6pm with a buffet served at 7.30pm. PR will organise karaoke. **PR**

- An email will be sent out to confirm final numbers and details. **PR**

- The cost of the evening will be £15 which includes the food and the hire of the room. This will be paid in to the bank account.
- **AOB**
 - The website needs to be updated now that we are meeting again.
IF/PR/DI
 - A member has asked if there will be a panto trip this year. This will not happen this year.
 - The altos are experiencing difficulties with the backing track for Fairytale of New York. **FH** to investigate further and feedback to **NC**.

The next meeting will be on October 27th at Phil's at 7.45pm.