

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 19th May 2025

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas, Sarah Turl, Jerry Gamble, Margaret Ballard

1. Apologies:

Naomi Holloway, Rebecca Williams, Gen Marsh

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Potential for Guides to help with catering at the Summer Spectacular/Christmas concerts - agreed this was not an option we wished to pursue, as we have someone to take charge of the kitchen. **Action complete.**

Fliers for summer show have been returned for redistribution by members as requested. **Action complete.**

Four ushers obtained for the summer show – Martyn Thomas, Cliff Jacobs, Steve Marsh and Stephen Townsend. **Action complete.**

GM to talk to Keziah about what she needs to wear. Suggested white top and black trousers. **Action GM ongoing.**

Hayling Island event – EG still to find out more details. **Action EG ongoing.**

John Lewis – Sunday 7th December afternoon as a possibility. EG to finalise. **Action EG ongoing.**

Haskins – 1.00 pm Sunday 14th and 21st December – to be confirmed. **Action ongoing.**

Application forms are not in printable format on i-pads. NH to redesign the form and EG will print some out. **Action NH ongoing.**

It was mentioned by ED that one of our members was still troubled by the volume of the piano. It was suggested that perhaps this person could move back a row so she was further away, but also that Chris be approached to ask Keziah to turn the volume down to a more manageable level. This has now been resolved. **Action complete.**

STh was required to set up the app for Shurgards so that access could be given to the lock-up. STh has set up the app, and EG confirmed there is no problem accessing the unit. **Action complete.**

NH and RW advised that they will be stepping down at the AGM. EG to advise members accordingly so that anyone interested in becoming Secretary can come forward. To date no-one has, but EG is regularly reminding the choir that the positions are vacant. **Action complete.**

4. Correspondence

A technical question had been asked in connection to the summer concert, but this has been dealt with by Isaac Turl, who will be our sound technician at the concert.

5. Finance

Total assets are £9977. Gift Aid payment received from HMRC £2124. Easy Fundraising payment received £53. Chris Allison obtained a donation of £40 for the old keyboard. Notification has been received that Shurgards will be increasing their rental from £107 to £123 as from June 2025.

6. Publicity

64 tickets sold so far for the summer concert.

Posters to be created for Summer Spectacular ready for sending out after the summer concert. STh suggested that the posters make it clear that we are a SATB choir from Hedge End. Price for the Spectacular agreed as £12 for adults, £6 for children, with one dissent. Advertisement to be included in the summer concert programme for the Summer Spectacular, which will be printed when the final soloist details have been announced. **Action STu.**

7. Website and Facebook

Gallery of members' photos needs updating. Details of MD and pianist need changing, also Committee details. EG to mention to Emmy – STu offered to take the photos. **Action EG/STu .**

8. Local Vocals

Local vocals have been put forward for an award with Southern TV for "people who make a difference". There are 32 awards, and we will be notified sometime in the future if we are to receive one. LV to continue through the summer depending on numbers available to sing.

9. Forthcoming events

It was suggested an email be sent out to the members to ascertain who will not be available for the two concerts. **Action EG.**

Summer concert - agreed that we would give vouchers to Amelia (£20) who may be acting as page turner for Keziah as well as playing the violin, and Isaac (£50). **Action STh.**

Running order still to be done. **Action STu.**

Agreed members should try and get to the theatre for 1.00 pm for sound check.

Microphone to be made available for Chris, Keziah (if needed) and Amelia. A further mic will be at the front for the soloists in the second half.

Those with mobility difficulties will be able to be seated before the rest of the choir go on stage.

Clear plastic water bottles will be allowed.

Draw – Martyn to leave position as usher to make the draw after the interval with whoever is in charge of selling the tickets. Agreed that we would have 10 prizes, one of which will be provided by EG.

Front of house to wear white shirts, black trousers and bow ties (their own.) A safety talk will be provided by EG before the show begins.

STu to ask Simon if he can take some photos during the show.

EG is bringing the keyboard, stands etc.

Gospel concert 28th June – 25 people so far put their names forward. Pink tops for ladies. EG to meet up with the organiser. **Action EG.**

Summer Spectacular – agreed Maureen Pay to be asked to arrange for printing of 100 fliers (£15). Cakes to include scones with jam and cream and selection of cakes. EG will provide small pots for jam and cream. Victoria sponge cake, lemon drizzle and chocolate. Two cake stands per table of 8 people, plus one for table of 4 people. Hall must be cleared by 7.00 pm unless EG can arrange a concession.

10. Choir welfare

None

11. AOB

An email had been sent out to the choir asking if anyone was available to go to the church hall so that the cupboard could be moved to allow for the boiler to be seen to. JG attended and confirmed all okay.

Meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

Next meeting 10th June with Chris Allison.

Next committee meeting 17th June.