



Patron: Samuel West  
Music Director: Darius Battiwalla  
Registered Charity No. 518073

## **Minutes of 74th Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 9th November 2010 at 8.30pm Sheffield University Arts Tower

131 members present

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Ruth Jones; Pat Hall; Kitty Turnell; Stephen Knight; Magdalene Lake; Graham Dawson; Anne Adams; Denis Cuthbert; Dorothy Plant; Rebecca Hutten; Susan Silcock; Christopher Wren; Elizabeth Charlesworth; Els Pearce.

### **2. Minutes of AGM of 2009 were signed.**

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

None

### **4. Annual Report for 2009-2010 (previously circulated)**

- i) Chairman's report No comments or questions
- ii) Administrator's Report Janet Bower was thanked for taking on this job.
- iii) Finance Officer's Report (provisional) Pamela Leon has recently handed over to Angela Argenzio. Both were thanked for their work. A presentation was made to Pamela. There was a request from the floor for a break-even number for ticket sales for each concert. The response was that though a sell-out may result in a break-even situation concerts generally ran at a loss. We should aim to sell 1500 seats for each concert. There was comment regarding the inefficiency of the City Hall email marketing system. Rachel Mallaband confirmed that it was a non-specific system which sent the same email to all concert-goers regardless of their interests.

A vote was taken to adopt the committee's recommended subscription for the current year of £114. It was passed with one vote against and 2 abstentions.

- iv) Librarian's report Els Pearce was thanked for her report and for her work. She has coped magnificently with a number of unexpected challenges.



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- v) Marketing & Publicity Report. Rachel Mallaband was thanked for her report and for her work. She, and her team, have now got a real hold on the requirements for the job and are being successful in raising awareness of the chorus and in recruitment.
- vi) Membership Report John Spence was warmly thanked for his work both seen and behind the scenes and especially for rising to the challenge of the “Star Wars” arrangements. Sally Turnbull was also thanked for her excellent work as New Members’ Officer. She is a superb ambassador for the chorus.
- vii) Social Events Report Helen Kirk has taken over this role from Angela Argenzio. Angela was thanked and a presentation made to her. Mention was made of the importance of this work in helping to foster a sense of community within the chorus.
- viii) Education & Outreach Jenny Swann & Sue Pennington were thanked for their work in these areas.

The annual report was accepted unanimously. Proposed Mike Ward. Seconded Felicity Goodliffe

## **5. Election of Officers & Members’ Representatives for the Committee**

### Officers

Chairman  
Chorus Administrator  
Finance officer  
Membership Officer  
New Members’ Officer  
Marketing & Publicity  
Librarian  
Events Officer  
Education & Outreach  
Minutes Secretary

Julie Smethurst  
Janet Bower  
Angela Argenzio  
John Spence  
Sally Turnbull  
Rachel Mallaband  
Els Pearce  
Helen Kirk  
Jennifer Swann  
Sue Pennington

### Members’ Representatives

Kate Reece  
Dan Spicer  
Paul Duffield  
Ann Holloway  
Howard Dore  
Daphne Sydney  
Elizabeth Charlesworth Social  
Peter Quarrell

Committee members were thanked. Warm applause.

## **6. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Richard Pike was thanked for his work and he agreed to continue



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## **7. Chairman's Remarks**

Julie Smethurst spoke of the important contribution made by the many people who work behind the scenes for the chorus.

She mentioned the website and publicity teams and Bill Smyllie who's book about the chorus was published this year. A presentation was made to Bill.

Julie urged members to ensure they had their tickets for the grand birthday concert and party in June 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.