

Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus
Minutes of Meeting 24th January 2012

Present

Julie Smethurst; Janet Bower; John Spence; Angela Argenzio; Sally Turnbull; Kate Reece; Howard Dore; Rachel Mallaband; Peter Quarrell; Daphne Sydney; Paul Duffield; Sue Pennington; Elizabeth Charlesworth; Els Pearce; Richard Salt; Paul Maddox; Jo Payne; Kate Arrowsmith; Helen Kirk; Christine Pennington.

1. Apologies

None

2. Singclude

Arrangements are now in place for tomorrow's national launch. 30 + guests are expected. Need to complete the work on hiring-out criteria.

3. Alight

Details of the day, and of the afternoon concert, were circulated ahead of the meeting, including information about the budget.

Rachel will speak to members about this event at next week's rehearsal and also take questions.

Christine Pennington has agreed to administer Alight in Janet's absence. Angela offered to help her with the seating plan.

Members need to arrive for the day ready-changed or make their own arrangements for changing. A secure place for leaving valuables will be available at each venue.

Ticket sales for the afternoon are very poor. More work needed at publicity.

4. Armed Man

The Black Dyke contract has been signed.

Details of the projection equipment and images have been sorted.

A search for sponsorship is on-going.

City Hall is providing free advertising for this concert in their next programme.

Peter Miles was thanked for his work on this, and other, programmes.

Peter Q was thanked for organising the Muezzin.

5. Fire Evacuation Procedure at rehearsals

There is no scope for moving seats at Springs to provide additional aisles.

Decided professional advice is required. Janet to check the fire service. Elizabeth to check ISM website, Richard to check Making Music.

6. Rehearsal Venue

Richard Roberts building ruled out due to high cost and unsuitable seating configuration.

Springs & Arts Tower are the alternative options. Decision to be taken following discussion of Julie's report on members' views.

7. Friends

Take-up has been very slow up to now. Decided to leaflet the Faure programme. Julie to ask Trisha Cooper if there is scope for including a reference in her "In Conversation" spot.

8. Planning for Publicity Officer succession

Julie will speak to the chorus again to request a volunteer to take over from Rachel.

9. Alexander Nevsky

Approx 70 people indicated an interest in singing in this concert in Leicester on 13th October. The Saturday rehearsal on 6th October will be in Sheffield. We will pay our own expenses but may need to charge individual members for coaches.

Angela to check receipts from previous years in search for source of scores last time we did it.

10. Minutes of Meeting on 14th November 2011

Were signed.

11. Matters Arising

11.1 Sarah Hyde is working with The City Hall on their 80th birthday heritage project.

11.2 The City Hall was thanked for providing tickets for Springs estate team to Christmas concert. Will increase "gifts" budget head next year so that we can fund our own.

12. Membership Matters

12.1 Peter Q was thanked for initiating the lift-sharing scheme.

12.2 Janet was thanked for organising badges. Decided to order a named one for Helen plus several generic "Chorus Representative" badges.

12.3 Bill Fox has accepted honorary membership. Susan Silcock is to be offered Honorary Membership.

13. AOB

13.1 John reported Darius' suggestion for a FAQ section on the website. Agreed. Ideas for questions to be sent to John.

13.2 Paul M will have a preliminary report on his ideas for outreach & education for next meeting.

13.3 We have bookings for 2 or 3 weddings to be announced soon.

13.4 Hallam Symphonia would like a women's chorus of approx 35 voices for "Neptune" in The Planets for 30th June. Rachel to find out more details, and Darius consulted.

13.5 If we are having a tear-out section in next season's City Hall brochure it needs organising soon.

14. Date of next meeting

To be circulated.