



# Hadleigh Community Choir

## Minutes of AGM 29.1.15

**Present:** Margarete Birkinshaw, Nathalie Hooper, Pam Horley, Kate Horn, Jenny Hunter, Denise Leathers, Valerie Parmenter, Lesley Raby, Josie Read, Diane Slade, Julia Stansfield, Sarah Thompson, Veronica Tibble, Andrew Chilton, Peter Garnett, Robert Goh, Simon Thompson, Geoff Wilding, Michael Woods, Linda Ashworth, Val Aynsley, Hazel Double, Lesley Elliot, Patsy Forsyth, Jackie Kistner, Maddie Labinger, Pamela McLennan, Deborah Mitchell, Sally Noble, Gillian Powell-Davis, Hilary Preston, Cathy Pryke, Maggie Quinlan, Joan Marie Rampling, Jacqueline Sephton, Christine Smith, Jane Snowdon, Marilyn Walls, Martine Walter, Clare Wilson, Peter Finch, Peter Jay, Tony Sharp, Vere Smith, Nik Pechy, Graham Holmes, David and Margaret Walmsley

**Apologies:** John Turnbull, Patrick McElroy, Becky Grist, Judith and Peter Tecklenberg, Mary Dodwell, Myra Reid, Pam Horley, Judy Saunders, Keith Larkman, David Pearce

- The main purpose of the AGM was to give members an activities and treasurer's report for the past year and elect a Committee to manage the Choir for the coming year 2015.
- 47 People attended including MD Simon Thompson and Accompanist Graham Holmes. David and Margaret Walmsley also attended to count the votes for the position of Chair, as it was the only committee position for which more than one candidate was nominated. On arrival each member was given a copy of the treasurer's report and a voting slip for the Chair to be completed and passed to the counters. Initial notes were taken by Nik Pechy pending the election of a Choir Secretary.
- The meeting was opened at 1933 hours by the current Chair and manager, Peter Finch. He gave apologies for absences received and introduced new member soprano Marilyn Walls. He then gave his report on the year to date.
- The Treasurer's report for the year to date was presented by Josie Read.
- Peter then stood down from his position as Chair/manager pending the election of the committee and Simon Thompson took over the conduct of the meeting in the interim.
- Michael Woods raised various points of order which Simon broadly agreed with. Josie Read asked whether unfilled committee positions would become the Chair's responsibility and Simon replied this was for the elected committee to resolve.
- There were two candidates nominated for the Chair's position, Patsy Forsyth and Peter Finch. Each candidate addressed the meeting and took questions from the floor. The votes were counted and Peter Finch was elected as Chair for 2015. All other candidates were elected unopposed and these notes were passed to the elected Choir Secretary Diane Slade, together with a copy of Peter's opening address.

- **New Committee**

The Committee Members voted in were:

Chair	Peter Finch
Treasurer	Josie Read
Secretary	Diane Slade
Concert Manager	Nik Pechy
Membership Manager	Martine Walter
Front of House Manager	Maddie Labinger
Librarian	Andrew Chilton

The position of Publicity and Marketing Manager is still open. Peter will continue in this role until further notice.

The Basses will no longer have a section leader – will need to choose one.

- **Questions**

No questions were asked from the Members

- **A.O.B.**

- Simon informed everyone that the Rosa Simon Music Fund wants to provide the Choir with the start-up money for the Junior Choir.  
**Action Point: Committee to present a business case to the Rosa Simon fund for £2,000 - £3,000.**
- It was requested by a member that the Minutes of the Meetings be made public on the website.  
This was agreed by the Committee.
- Points regarding the Constitution draft were raised by members. It was felt that wording needed to be studied as it has not yet been voted in by the members.
- It was felt that the accounts need to be audited. The email with many points raised by the member to the Committee was handed to the Secretary.
- It was suggested that as there is currently money available, maybe various workshops could be organised at weekends for members to attend to help with their singing or reading music skills etc. It was suggested that Sarah Thompson takes on this role to organise and co-ordinate and to be co-opted onto the Committee  
**Action Point: Committee to discuss and vote on Sarah having this role.**
- It was felt that it would be nice to have a Social Secretary to organise Social events for the Choir. The members were asked, but no one came forward for the position.
- The members would like the Committee to decide what other roles would be needed on the Committee.
- There was strong support for the points raised earlier about the Constitution and running of the Choir. It was felt that it was the responsibility of the Committee to respect and reflect the members of the Choir.
- It was raised that if a member did not want to discuss any issues with their section rep but directly to a member of the Committee, who could they talk to. It was agreed they could speak to the Secretary. All Committee members' details will be put onto the website in due course.

- Many members admitted they did not know other people's names or anything about them. It was suggested that everyone wears name badges. This year there should be more opportunities for people to get to know each other.
- The accounts were audited when the Choir was associated with HADS. It has only been on its own since April 2014, therefore this year's books are the only ones that have not been audited. The books do not need to be audited, however, it was put to the vote and a majority was in favour of having the books audited. Peter Jay offered to do this, and was accepted.
- Peter Finch finished the meeting with thanks to David and Margaret for their assistance tonight. The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.