

**Annual General Meeting of Royston Choral Society  
26th September 2017 20:56, St John's Parish Church, Royston**

Chair: Heather Howard

Committee members: Caroline Franks, Jenny Leitch, Carole Kaszak, Cathy Cunliffe (minutes), Andrew O'Brien, Sue Pegram, Anthony Pigg, Chris Lee, Suzie Harrison

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Heather opened the meeting as her last as chair.

Apologies have been received from: Gislint Harvey, Katherine Palmer, Ian Sanders, Jenny Heinzlemann, Margaret Gardiner, Richard Prince, Lucy Tappin, Brian Clutterbuck, Ruth Brown.

**2. Approval of minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Heather noted that the adoption of name tags had not been fully implemented, with this exception the minutes were accepted as a true record and adoption was proposed by Cynthia Prince, seconded by Caroline Franks

**3. Matters arising from minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Heather noted that the adoption of name tags had not been fully implemented. She suggested this was now something the new committee should either choose to carry through on or to drop.

**4. Chair's report**

See Appendix 1

Heather spoke briefly about how much she had enjoyed her time and the wide variety of music and events the choir has been part of. Heather thanked everyone for their support over the past 8 years, especially members of the committee and part reps and asked for the same support to continue for her successor.

Caroline presented Heather with a bottle of champagne and thanked her for 8 years as Chair.

**5. Treasurer's report**

See Appendix 2

Caroline explained the changes to the account format due to charity commission requirements. Overall there was a surplus for the year, mostly due to funding acquired by Carole Kaszak. Caroline thanked Carole for her efforts in completing grant applications and this resulted in the Messiah concert breaking even. Caroline also thanked Melanie Dawson-Dew for taking on assistant librarian including managing music hire, Julie Clements for taking over the 100 club, and Allan Howard for examining the accounts.

Caroline proposed adoption of the accounts, seconded by Richard Franks.

**6. Musical Director's report**

Andrew reported that he felt the standard of the choir is improving with each concert and that now is the time to consider larger choral works such as Bach's passions. He felt that there is a need to concentrate on recruitment of choir members and a commitment for all choir members to sell tickets for the concerts ensuring that the costs for the larger works would be funded by the smaller concerts. He thanked Caroline and Jenny for the concerts and concert programmes.

**7. Nominations for the committee**

Stepping down:

Heather Howard as Chair

Cathy Cunliffe

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Standing for election:

Huw Jenkins

Lewis Thompson

Olivia Tomkins

**8. Election of Committee** (with Andrew as temporary chair)

Huw Jenkins as Chair, Heather Howard proposed, seconded by Caroline Franks

Lewis Thompson proposed by Cynthia Prince, seconded by Richard Franks

Olivia Tomkins proposed by Tessa Rock, seconded by Cynthia Prince

The remaining existing committee were elected.

Huw thanked Heather and stated that he looked forward to the coming year. The post of secretary will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

**9. AOB**

None

**Meeting closed 21:10**

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