

Royston Choral Society

Charity number 1090459



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 8.45 pm
At St John's Parish Church, Royston

Action

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
Huw Jenkins, as Chair, opened the meeting at 8.45 pm during rehearsal interval. Approximately 75 members present.
Apologies received from Neil Heywood, Jane Stevens, Neil Sykes.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 27 SEPTEMBER 2022, MATTERS ARISING
Minutes accepted, proposed by Heather Howard, seconded by Caroline Franks.
There were no matters arising.
3. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Andrew reported on how pleased he is with the choir's achievements over the past season, especially the excellent performance of Haydn's Creation, while acknowledging the challenges of the summer concert with double choir. He thanked Michael Smith for standing in for him for the November and Christmas concerts.
4. CHAIR'S REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT
Reports had been submitted and uploaded to RCS website for members to read prior to the meeting. There were no questions.
5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
Society Accounts and Independent Examiner's report had been uploaded to RCS website for members to read prior to the meeting.
Accounts had been approved as draft at the Committee meeting held on 8 August 2023.
Minor typographical errors had been noted and corrected.
There were no questions and the Accounts were adopted. Proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Cathy Smith.
6. REAPPOINTMENT OF TOM FURNIVAL AS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
Agreed, proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Val Hirst.
7. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE
Current committee members have agreed to remain in post for the next twelve months.
Caroline Franks would like to stand down as Librarian but no nominations had been received. Job description to be circulated to choir members.
Volunteers sought for additional non-committee roles: Stage Manager (information on job requirements to be provided), Friends of RCS, Orchestral player sponsorship programme. Choir members were encouraged to consider whether they could undertake any of these roles.

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8. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee re-elected en masse, all members having agreed to remain in post, but noting that the Committee is still seeking a volunteer take up the Librarian position.

Committee members:

Huw Jenkins (Chair), Caroline Franks (Treasurer), Andrew O'Brien (Musical Director), Sue Pegram (Secretary)

Heather Howard, Carole Kaszak, Jenny Leitch, Penny Morgan, Tessa Rock, Fay Skinner

Part Reps: Brigid Hickey, Chris Lee, Sue Pegram, Anthony Pigg

9. Any Other Business

AOB said he was delighted that in the Society's 50th anniversary season, we were undertaking exciting works: the Bach B Minor Mass in November and Verdi Requiem in March.

Choir members are encouraged to discuss with friends and family the opportunities for sponsoring orchestra players/soloists. As always, it is important to actively promote ticket sales.

Meeting closed at 2115.

Subject to approval at 2024 AGM