

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Queens Park Singers held at St Anne's and St Andrew's Church Brondesbury 7th October 2007

Present : Monica Healy (Chair), David Till, Catherine Fried, Glyn Jones, Frances Freeman, Simon Judge, Liz Till, Peter Walter, Maggie Turp, Peter Burt-Jones, Ruth McCurry, Marion Paul, Katherine Lawson, Christine McLeod, Mark Hine, Mary Phillips, Rachel Robbins

1. Monica welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies received.
Monica began the meeting by thanking the Committee members for their work behind the scenes throughout the year, and she thanked David for his enthusiasm and dedication.
2. Minutes of the AGM of 15th October 2006 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. Matters arising.
 - **QPS Junior Singers:** Katherine Lawson is now managing the administration.
4. Elections.
 - Chair: Monica Healy. Nominated David Till and seconded by Maggie Turp. Monica was elected unopposed.
 - Musical Director: David Till. Nominated by Rachel Robbins and seconded by Maggie Turp. David was elected unopposed.
 - Treasurer: Simon Judge. Nominated by Monica Healy and seconded by Maggie Turp. Simon was elected unopposed.
 - Choir Secretary: Marion Paul. Nominated by David Till and seconded by Rachel Robbins. Marion was elected unopposed.
 - Membership Secretary: Maggie Turp. Nominated by Monica Healy and seconded by Rachel Robbins. Maggie was elected unopposed and co-opted onto the QPS Committee.
 - Librarian: Liz Till. Nominated by David Till and seconded by Mary Phillips. Liz was elected unopposed.
 - Publicity Officer: Glyn Jones. Nominated by Monica Healy and seconded by David Till. Glyn was elected unopposed and co-opted onto the QPS Committee.
 - It was agreed that the Vice Chair post would remain empty as there weren't any volunteers. The Committee will explore the possibility of creating Concert Manager and Social Secretary posts, both of whom could be co-opted onto the Committee.
5. Treasurer's Report and accounts for 2005/06.
 - Simon presented the audited accounts which had been filed in the required form with the Charity Commissioners. QPS made a loss of £57 during the year until March 2007, mainly because of the amount of time spent on raising money for the piano fund.
 - Most income is still derived from subscriptions (roughly £2000).
 - It was noted that invoices for hiring the Church for QPS Junior Singers should be sent to Simon.
 - The accounts had already been approved and accepted by the QPS Committee. The meeting received the accounts and a vote of thanks proposed to Simon for his work.
6. Musical Director's report.
 - David reviewed each of the concerts that had taken place over the last year. All had been well-attended.
 - QPS Junior Singers had contributed to all concerts, but now needed some new recruits (from 7 years old) as the older ones had moved on. Mary outlined her plans for their contribution to *Messiah*.
 - Mary is keen to start up a small teenage group that could cover a range of classical and close harmony jazz, working towards madrigals. Maggie will pass on the names to Mary.
 - David proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Burt-Jones for the opera workshop.

- QP Day had enabled the choir to do some marketing, make contacts and recruit members.
- There was some discussion about Glyn sending publicity materials to potential audience members. It was agreed that the Committee would discuss this.
- Peter Burtt-Jones suggested that it might be possible to advertise in *The Singer* if *Brent Magazine* continued to refuse to publicise the choir. Peter will contact *The Singer* about its readership and the cost of advertising.
- David proposed a vote of thanks to Simon for maintaining and updating the website.
- David announced that he may wish to retire in the next few years. He agreed to pass on to the choir much of the “behind the scenes” organising that he currently does, so that the Committee takes a greater part in running the choir.

7. Future plans.

- Christmas music *Messiah* on 25 November 2007
- Peter Burtt-Jones agreed to hold another opera workshop in February/March 2008. It was suggested that a medley derived from the workshop might be used in a future concert.
- David hoped to have a concert that included a Mozart piano concerto (with orchestra). The choir might sing the Spring section from Haydn’s *The Seasons*. This will probably be held on 18 May 2008.
- Street Carols will be on Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 December. Liz offered to write to the police about an escort.
- QPS Singers may be asked to sing in the QP Gardens event in May/June 2008.
- The choir may be asked to take part in the service to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the formal opening of St Anne’s on 19 May 2008.

8. A.O.B.

Piano concert

It is hoped to have a concert to celebrate the new piano, using local amateur pianists. The Committee will discuss this further.

Logo

It had been suggested that a logo would be useful for QP Day. Glyn had engaged a local designer, and although the designs were ready for this year’s QP Day, had produced two designs for consideration. Glyn hoped to have the logo on the *Messiah* fliers.

Getting to know you

The membership of the choir is constantly changing, so it’s quite hard to know everyone’s names. It was suggested that we have a mug board of photographs and/or name badges. The meeting liked both ideas, and agreed to wear badges during rehearsals for *Messiah*.