

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

14 July, 2020, 4.30 pm – via ZOOM

MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE

D. Kennedy (Chair), M. Collett, P. Derrig (from 4.50 pm), D. Harvey, J. Mealings, M. Priest, D. Woodside (Minutes)

2 APOLOGIES

B. Patterson, R. Rochelli

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the Management Committee approves as a true record the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting as circulated.

Moved: DW **Seconded:** DH Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Social Media

No report. MP will activate when rehearsals begin.

4.2 Plans for MD, Retiring Life Members

We will shelve planning until circumstances allow larger gatherings.

4.3 Bogle DVD

Progress report. BP has advised that this is almost ready for distribution to members. Quality is good.

Action: DW to liaise with BP to notify members when available for purchase.

4.4 Member Welfare

Tom Fenton (JM), Morrie Dally (DW), Alwyn Roweth (BP), Ken Fishpool (DK, MP) are all reported as doing well in their respective circumstances.

Action: DW to contact inactive Life members to update them on OMVC's current circumstances and news.

4.5 Return to in-person Rehearsals

See 12.1

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See Attachment 3.

Motion: That the correspondence be accepted.

Moved: DW **Seconded:** JM Carried

Meeting gave approval for DW to proceed with a survey request from a Canadian student provided it is considered credible and worthwhile.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts for payment be approved.

Moved: MP **Seconded:** DW Carried

7 MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BP was not fit to attend the meeting but provided a report via email.

7.1 End of year concert

BP met recently with Gabe and Ruth (Cantar) and Phil Rees. All agreed that all aspects of a December concert of the Broadway music as performed in 2019 is too unpredictable and poses a number of problems which are unable to be overcome at present. A Christmas carols and songs repertoire will replace this with approximately 45 to 60 min. of music using smaller SATB groups. The plan is to video the performances in different Orange venues and compile into a streamed program to be aired online. Phil (subject to his appointment as MD), Ruth and Gabe will compile the program repertoire.

7.2 New MD planning

BP recommends that Phil (subject to his appointment) takes charge of rehearsals soon following the recess, which he has agreed to do. BP will facilitate the transition to a new MD and wishes also to remain active singing with OMVC for the present. The Committee was further updated following circulation of Phil Rees's profile. The following motion was then put:

Motion: That the Committee offers Phil Rees appointment to the position of MD subject to OMVC policy.

Moved: DK **Seconded:** DH Carried

Action: DW to email members with Phil's profile and the recommendation that he be appointed to the position of MD, and seeking members' endorsement.

7.3 Leave

BP believes the prospect of taking leave to travel to Scotland has become less likely and will probably not go ahead.

8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES

No performances for review.

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

9.1 Concert with Cantar

See 7.1

9.2 Holy Trinity request for performance at November re-opening

DK advised that we have no formal invitation at this time but this may still be forthcoming.

10 MEMBERSHIPS

Nil.

11 CALENDARS

11.1 Perpetual Calendar June

- City of Orange Eisteddfod. OMVC not entering this year.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 COVID-19 Policy.

Committee discussed current developments in transmissions.

DW briefed the meeting on the recent ANCA webinar. Most choirs have arrived at a similar point to OMVC and are moving cautiously to resume restricted rehearsals. None have any plans for performances yet. Our schedule for returning to in-person rehearsals was confirmed.

Motion: That the updated COVID-19 Policy as circulated be adopted.

Moved: DK Seconded: DH Carried

Action: DK will update our COVID Policy for circulation to members. DW to email members with the policy drawing members' attention to those features most relevant to them.

12.2 Action Items

The current action items were re-visited and remain in place awaiting attention when possible.

12.3 Future Meetings

The meeting decided that in-person meetings offer no advantages at the present time. ZOOM meetings to continue for now.

13 LATE BUSINESS

DK suggested that members should check that their jackets are suitably stored for protection during our inactivity.

Action: DW to include the request and suggested measures in email to members.

14 NEXT MEETING

D. Woodside will be absent for the date usually scheduled for our meetings (second Tue.). The meeting agreed to meet a week early in August i.e. 4th August, 4.30 pm via ZOOM.

Meeting Closed at 5.40 pm

ATTACHMENT 1

ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

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Who	Action	Outcome/Comment
RR BP	Promotional clip around <i>Friendship in Song</i> . Engage D. Smyth (Drone), record "Friendship" soundtrack. Re-contact Perth MVC.	When permitted
BP RR	CD Recording. Arrange final recording of tracks. Finalise product for sale. (Cantar permission, liner notes, artwork)	Ongoing
BP	New MD. BP to continue liaising with Phil Rees ahead of proposed sectional rehearsals.	Ongoing
DK DW	Unreturned jackets. Baker, Schmich, Prestidge	Ongoing
BP PR	Christmas recording with Cantar. Progress plans for repertoire, rehearsals.	
JR PD	Sponsorships/Fundraising	Ongoing
DW RR	Archives. Digitise vinyl & audio-cassette recordings	Ongoing
ALL	Friends of OMVC. Develop rationale/plan to replace Associate Member class	Ongoing
RR RO MC MP	Social Media. New team to plan for a more dynamic and active Facebook, Instagram presence with regular updates.	Ongoing
BP DW	Bogle Concert DVD. Prepare for sale/distribution - to members initially at \$20 ea. Email members when available for sale.	Ongoing
ALL	Casual Uniform. Re-visit later in 2020	
ALL	Retired Life members. Develop a plan for ongoing contact.	Ongoing
ALL	Bogle concert 2021 (in Civic Theatre as part of Subscription Series)	To be re-visited second half 2020
BP	Deputy Accompanist Rachael Brooking. Keep her updated with 2021 plans.	Ongoing
DW	Helmut Berndt. Gift new CD	When available
DK DW	Stefan Evans. Presentation during his visit to Orange 2021 as advised by JS	When advised by JS

ATTACHMENT 2

2020 Calendar

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Aug.	Mid month	Resume rehearsal activity limiting numbers as planned.
Oct.	Beginning of month	Resume full choir rehearsals if possible.
Dec.		Christmas video recordings with Cantar utilising small groups.

ATTACHMENT 3

Correspondence

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Inward

- Email (3/7) Chaissan Ashcroft (Canadian student)
- Email (5/7) from Brian Buckley in reply to our 4/7 request.
- Email (9/7) Neil Fleming in response to our enquiry re. return to rehearsing & advising ANCA webinar Sun 12/7.

Outward

- Card Morrie & Joan Dally
- Email (4/7) to Brian Buckley (MCAA) re. info. On return of choirs to rehearsing.
- Email (8/7) to Donna Riles, Orange Regional Conservatorium advising deferrment of rehearsals.
- Email (9/7) to Australian Rugby Choir and Bunbury Men of Song re. return to rehearsals.