

**ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR**  
**MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

12 May, 2020, 4.30 pm – via ZOOM

**MINUTES**

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**1 ATTENDANCE**

D. Kennedy (Chair), M. Collett, P. Derrig (from 5.30 pm), D. Harvey (till 5.40 pm), J. Mealings, R. Olano (from 4.58 pm), B. Patterson, M. Priest, D. Woodside (Minutes)

**2 APOLOGIES**

R. Rochelli

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Motion:** That the Management Committee approves as a true record the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting as circulated.

**Moved:** DW

**Seconded:** MP

Carried

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 “Friendship in Song.” Choir Promotion on You Tube.**

Perth MVC updated. See Attachment 3 (Correspondence)

**4.2 P&P Manual**

Amendments finalised and loaded to website.

**4.3 Return of Jackets**

No responses. Maintain as an Ongoing Action item.

**4.4 Appointments 2020**

No report Social Media team. Identified as non-urgent.

**4.5 MCAA 2020**

MCAA survey returned. No further information.

**4.6 Plans for MD, Retiring Life Members**

No further action yet.

**4.7 Bogle DVD (BP, RR)**

BP reported that considerable editing is necessary. First item, “Sound of Singing”, has been deleted due to poor quality along with Canobolas H.S. performance. Steve Gosh has been contacted to complete edits. BP assesses overall recording quality as good and will provide an update on costs for committee. Several tracks will be suitable for the new choir CD. “Friendship in Song” will still require a studio recording to be cut. Committee decided to produce 50 copies for now (essentially for OMVC members) with minimal packaging. Further copies can be run at an appropriate time with hard case, liner notes etc. for sale to the public and marketing via our website, concerts etc.

**Action: BP to furnish Committee with costs of production.**

#### **4.8 City of Orange Eisteddfod**

DW emailed C. Smithers. Eisteddfod Committee is considering splitting the eisteddfod to have program at two different times in the year. Unlikely OMVC will be in a position to participate this year without adequate preparation.

#### **4.9 Member Welfare/Birthdays**

No reports. DW will continue to contact members on their birthdays.

#### **4.10 Ongoing Memberships**

JM reported that M. Dally will resign his membership and return dry-cleaned uniform. U. Balcomb will return when rehearsals resume. DH and DK reported that they have interested parties awaiting resumption of activities.

### **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

See Attachment 3.

An email from Rob Westcott has been added to Correspondence Inward since circulation of the agenda. Rob's email was read and discussed (see 7. Music Director's report).

### **6 TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Moved:** MP    **Seconded:** DW    Carried

MP commented that OMVC remains "in good shape" and reported that accounts of \$1250 (ORC) and \$1000 approx. (insurances) are to come.

DH will email an invoice to MP for \$100 refund (R.G. Service Award).

DW will follow up ANCA invoice as requested by MP.

### **7 MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **7.1 Potential for sectional Zoom rehearsals**

DK provided background to the resumption of the in-person rehearsal policy he has drafted, with an emphasis on caution in deference to the age composition of the group. Meantime we are contemplating sectional (ZOOM) rehearsals online. RR has indicated that he endorses the policy. Committee members' views on in-person rehearsals:

- MP. Notes high level of consequences for OMVC. Loathe to countenance early return to full rehearsals.
- MC. Feels fortnightly sectional rehearsals best initially provided no cases in LGA and we have adequate personnel to conduct them.
- JM. Acknowledges inherent problems esp. aerosols produced in vocalising. Favours a return with a buffer between the all clear and rehearsals. Providing members with the material from ABC's The Drum (11/5) will assist the cause.
- DH. Notes the high risk nature of our group. Would favour fortnightly meetings initially after appropriate relaxation of restrictions. BP's workload/time commitment needs to be manageable.
- RO. Agrees with MC's comments. Supports fortnightly rehearsals initially.
- BP. Feels we must be very cautious considering group profile and the unique risks associated with singing activity. More comfortable with 3 week buffer.

- DW. Thanked DK for an excellent draft document. Feels a conservative approach is best considering our profile and the likely rise of clusters from complacency and increasing travel as restrictions ease. Constant monitoring of trends, members and procedures will be necessary. Anecdotal reports from ZOOM chats suggest members are keen. No urgency (MCAA is prime justification for rehearsing but its future is unknown).

DK reported Bob Nash's concern. The meeting recommends a min. 3 week buffer between the relevant relaxation of regulations and in-person rehearsals. DK will refine the draft policy document in line with our discussion and recommendations. Members feel that the use of members' homes, even with the best practices and greatest care, may impose unnecessary risks, particularly for hosts.

**Action: DW to email RW re. our policy and ZOOM rehearsals and to thank he and Joy.**

BP. Continued with his report. Will discuss ZOOM rehearsals with Tracey Callinan, Bill Moxey. Oscar has completed accompaniments for 3 MCAA songs, these are on the website. He will make contact with Helmut regarding copies of the Small Hall Big Voices DVD. If we return to normal rehearsals (perhaps July?) we will focus solely on MCAA repertoire. A possibility at end of year to repeat Broadway concert with Cantar (together with some carols). If we have other local performances (e.g. nursing homes) we will re-visit other repertoire.

## **8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES**

No performances for review.

## **9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

Nil.

## **10 MEMBERSHIPS**

## **11 CALENDARS**

### **11.1 Perpetual Calendar May**

- No entries.

## **12 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12.1 Associate Membership**

Friends of OMVC. Retain with Ongoing Action Items. Development of the proposal best left until our activities are normalised.

Hon. Associate Membership.

**Action: DW to write to Adrienne Seymour with offer.**

## **13 LATE BUSINESS**

### **13.1 Life memberships (DW)**

We currently have 8 resigned/inactive Life Members. June meeting to consider our ongoing relationship with members of this status and their future involvement with OMVC.

## **14 NEXT MEETING**

Tue. 9/6. Via ZOOM at 4.30 pm.

**Meeting Closed:** 6.06 pm.

## ATTACHMENT 1

### ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

Updated 13 May, 2020

Who	Action	Outcome/Comment
RR BP	<b>Promotional clip</b> around <i>Friendship in Song</i> . Engage D. Smyth (Drone), record "Friendship" soundtrack. Re-contact Perth MVC.	When permitted
BP RR	<b>CD Recording.</b> Arrange final recording of tracks. Finalise product for sale. (Cantar permission, liner notes, artwork)	Ongoing
BP DK	<b>New MD.</b> Plan for transition to successor for BP.	
DK DW	<b>Unreturned jackets.</b> Baker, Schmuch, Prestidge	Ongoing
BP MC	<b>Christmas concert with Cantar, Alpha Gregory.</b> Progress plans for Dec. concert.	Monitor for decision by July
JR PD	<b>Sponsorships/Fundraising</b>	Ongoing
DW RR	<b>Archives.</b> Digitise vinyl & audio-cassette recordings	Ongoing
ALL	<b>Friends of OMVC.</b> Develop rationale/plan to replace Associate Member class	Ongoing
RR RO MC MP	<b>Social Media.</b> New team to plan for a more dynamic and active Facebook, Instagram presence with regular updates.	Ongoing
BP RR	<b>Bogle Concert DVD.</b> Prepare for sale/distribution.	Ongoing
ALL	<b>Casual Uniform.</b> Re-visit later in 2020	
ALL	<b>Bogle concert 2021</b> (in Civic Theatre as part of Subscription Series)	To be re-visited second half 2020
BP	<b>Deputy Accompanist Rachael Brooking.</b> Prepare repertoire. Schedule rehearsal time.	Ongoing
DW	<b>Helmut Berndt.</b> Gift new CD	When available
DK	<b>Stefan Evans.</b> Presentation week 1, July during his visit	

## ATTACHMENT 2

### 2020 Calendar

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July		Cherrywood (or other) Nursing Home. Concert if pandemic restrictions allow.
Nov.	Sat. 1st	MCAA Concert Sydney Town Hall subject to relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions.
Nov.  Dec.	Sat. 28th  OR  Sat. 5th	Christmas Concert in Orange with Guest Choirs and Alpha Gregory subject to relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. Decision to be made no later than end of July.

## **ATTACHMENT 3**

### **Correspondence**

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#### **Inward**

- Email (23/4) Perth MVC in response to ours 23/4
- Email (28/4) Les Hewitt (Minister Uniting Church, Koonawarra seeking permission to use tracks from RGOS CD.
- Orange CC (1/5) requesting update for Orange Community Guide.
- Email (9/5) Rob Westcott re. Rehearsals.

#### **Outward**

- Email (23/4) to Perth MVC. Update on Friendship in Song promotion.
- Email (23/4) to Carol Smithers (City of Orange Eisteddfod Committee) advising OMVC's non-participation 2020.
- Email (25/4) to MCAA providing OMVC's survey responses.
- Email (30/4) Les Hewitt granting permission for use of tracks from CD.
- Retrn email OCC (1/5) updating details for Orange Community Guide.