

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

9 June, 2020, 4.30 pm – via ZOOM

**MINUTES**

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**1 ATTENDANCE**

D. Kennedy (Chair), M. Collett (from 5.15 pm), D. Harvey, J. Mealings, B. Patterson, M. Priest, D. Woodside (Minutes)

**2 APOLOGIES**

R. Rochelli, P.Derrig

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Motion:** That the Management Committee approves as a true record the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting as circulated.

**Moved:** DW                      **Seconded:** JM                      Carried

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

No progress has been made without live rehearsals possible.

**4.2 Social Media**

Report. MP advised that we are still attracting visitors. Inquiry concerning someone who it was believed may have sung with the Choir at the Harbour Bridge opening in 1932 was unable to be fully met – record keeping at this time was almost non-existent in the Choir so a definitive answer was not possible. The inquirer has been advised accordingly.

**4.3 MCAA 2020**

Several members responded to our request for suggestions to re-set 2020 goals by indicating their support for the concept of a trivia night. No further suggestions were received. Discussion of the possibility of directing some of the funds raised from such a night to a charity or local cause – will be discussed when proceeding. J. Mealings and D. Woodside have a framework prepared and further planning will be advanced when COVID-19 restrictions permit.

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

Discussed under 7.2.

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

BP advised that all edits are now completed and 50 copies will be run off soon for distribution and sale to our members. Steve Gosch is to receive \$10/DVD in payment for his production work. Copies should become available very soon. BP will advise the Committee so that choir members can place their orders.

**Motion:** That DVDs be made available to Choir members for \$20 ea.

**Moved:** DK                      **Seconded:** DW                      Carried

These initial sales will cover our costs with profit from all subsequent sales.

#### **4.6 Member Welfare/Birthdays**

Reports. DW has sent birthday messages on behalf of the Choir to Uel B, John S, Paul D, Pat M, Oscar T. Rocky's treatment is going well with no side-effects and he reports feeling quite well.

JM has contacted Uel B and Morrie D (who has had his jacket dry cleaned) and has been in regular contact with Tom F.

BP advised that Alwyn is doing well with farm visits and ongoing work to assist his use of an iPad. He and Gillian are looking to ultimately move to town.

#### **4.7 Ongoing Memberships**

No notice of potential new members for ZOOM rehearsals. DK, DH and MP have possible new recruits awaiting resumption of in-person rehearsals.

#### **4.8 Associate Life Membership**

Adrienne Seymour's life membership has been confirmed in a written letter to her. DW has unearthed a 1991 letter to Donna Riles which offered her honorary associate membership. Both names have been added to our master Members Register

#### **4.9 Life Members**

DW spoke of the need for defining more clearly our relationship with our Life Members, especially those who have become inactive. At present we have very little interaction and we need to identify opportunities to engage with them. The most likely of these would be dinners, social occasions, concerts, occasional rehearsals etc. It was suggested that we might invite them as non-paying guests to our Annual Dinner. It was further suggested that our initial email contact with members, when we become active again, might include them and invite their comments/suggestions. MP suggested that a member/s be appointed to take responsibility for communication and contact with them.

Action: Develop a plan at the July meeting.

### **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

See Attachment 3.

**Motion:** That the correspondence be accepted.

**Moved:** DW      **Seconded:** DK      Carried

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

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

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

MP raised the possibility of seeking reduced insurance premiums for 2020 given our inactivity.

**Motion:** That MP will negotiate terms and conditions with our insurers for reductions in our policy premiums based on the effects of COVID-19 restrictions.

**Moved:** MP      **Seconded:** JM      Carried

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

### **7.1 Report on ZOOM rehearsals**

BP reported that his ZOOM rehearsals have gone well. DK and DH confirmed that they have been worthwhile and should continue while possible. MC felt Bass rehearsals have been largely positive but noted that the last ones had been limited to 40 minutes by ZOOM.

BP will soon focus on different rehearsal repertoire with the postponement of the MCAA concert to 2021 – mostly those items on which work commenced at the beginning of the year and repertoire for a possibly re-scheduled concert with Cantar for late this year. BP would like to re-schedule the Forbes concert if possible and undertake some performances in nursing homes. Another vocal goal for the year will be to complete recording of the CD and a new recording of "Friendship in Song" for the promotional video. BP has had encouraging discussions with a possible MD and will continue to provide musical direction until a new MD is in place (hopefully later this year). Plans for a testimonial dinner for BP (and retiring Life Members) will be made when normal activity resumes.

The meeting discussed a possible timeframe for resumption of in-person rehearsals. All members feel ongoing caution is required given our demographic and the nature of our activity but the general hope is that a staged return to in-person rehearsals will become possible by September/October. It was noted that the logistical issues will require good management with the appointment of personnel to maintain safe practices. OMVC's policy on COVID-19 will be updated in accordance with official advice as it permits change to our current practice. ORC's policy will further determine when/how we are to operate at ORC.

Action: DW to make contact with D. Riles at ORC to gauge ORC's thinking on the resumption of their full activities and the possibility of limited OMVC rehearsals (4 singers with conductor) in the near future.

### **7.2 Succession Plans**

BP advised the meeting of the latest developments in this area and a meeting with himself, DK, DW and a potential conductor will be scheduled for Friday, 19/6. The meeting will report to the Management Committee and subsequently to the full choir membership.

## **8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES**

No performances for review.

## **9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

Nil.

## **10 MEMBERSHIPS**

Nil.

## **11 CALENDARS**

### **11.1 Perpetual Calendar June**

- No entries.

## **12 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **13 LATE BUSINESS**

DW updated the meeting with ongoing work on the choir archives. Apart from the project for digitising our sound recordings (records and audio-cassettes), almost all work has been completed now. A small amount of labelling and housing is still to be done and materials for 2019 can be integrated in the collections now that the Library is open. Materials have been organised in the following categories:

- Private Collections (these have been kept intact)
- Concert Programs
- Annual Dinner Programs
- Photographs
- Recordings (Sound & DVD)
- Press/Media Clippings
- Publicity Materials (Brochures, flyers, posters etc.)
- Tour Records
- Newsletters
- Eisteddfod Records
- History (Written histories, historical miscellany, testimonials)
- Special Events, Awards & Presentations
- Members (Profiles, Funeral Services, Miscellany)
- Realia (Mainly uniform items)

## **14 NEXT MEETING**

Tue. 14/7, 4.30 pm via ZOOM.

**Meeting Closed:** 5.50 pm

# ATTACHMENT 1

## ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

Updated 10 June, 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, Schmich, Prestidge	Ongoing
BP MC	<b>Christmas concert with Cantar, Alpha Gregory</b> . Progress plans for Dec. concert.	Monitor for decision by July
BP DW	<b>Re-negotiate Forbes</b> concert if interest allows	
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 - to members initially at \$20 ea.	Ongoing
ALL	<b>Casual Uniform</b> . Re-visit later in 2020	
ALL	<b>Retired Life members</b> . Develop a plan for ongoing contact.	For July Meeting
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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2020	Second half of year	Cherrywood (or other) Nursing Home. Concert if pandemic restrictions allow.
2020	Second half of year	Forbes concert (with Cantar) if organisers remain interested.
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 (15/5) Brian Buckley (MCAA) thanking OMVC for policy document COVID-19.
- Email (23/5) Neil Fleming (ARC) advising of Stephen Wedd's passing.
- Email (31/5) MCAA Bulletin 6 advising postponement Nov. 2020 concert.

#### **Outward**

- Email (13/5) Rob Westcott advising his offer of Bass rehearsals declined with thanks.
- Email (15/5) Brian Buckley re. offering use of our COVID-19 policy to MCAA.
- Letter (21/5) Adrienne Seymour confirming Hon. Life Associate membership.
- Email (25/5) to Neil Fleming (ARC) offering condolences for Stephen Wedd.
- Email (27/5) to ARC from OMVC re. Stephen Wedd.