

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
8th June, 2021, ORC Library
MEETING

1 ATTENDANCE

D. Kennedy (Chair), K. Fishpool, S. Jackson, J. Mealings, P. Rees, M. Priest, D. Woodside
(Minutes)

2 APOLOGIES

D. Harvey

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the Management Committee approves the minutes of the May 11th 2021 meeting as circulated as a true record.

Moved: DW Seconded: MP Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 COVID 19 Policy & Plan

No changes. JM reported that approx. 50% of members have had a COVID shot.

4.2 Recruitment & Marketing

MP spoke to the S.W.O.T. analysis he prepared and its potential benefits to the Choir and its future. Members made further contributions in the areas of Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats and Opportunities for OMVC during a lengthy but very productive discussion led by DK.

Action: MP and DK to flesh out the original analysis with all contributions for use by the Working Party (led by MP) in its ongoing deliberations and future recommendations to Committee.

4.3 Promotional You Tube Video & CD

CD Recording. The Management Committee places on record its thanks to R. Rochelli for his excellent editing of the *Friendship in Song* track.

You Tube Video is planned for shooting in Spring (including a uniform shoot at ORC).

Actions. i) R. Rochelli to maintain liaison with Dave Smyth. ii) DW to send newly recorded and edited track to PJ, James B.

4.4 Centenary Working Party

KF indicated that the Civic Theatre limits bookings to no more than two years ahead. Rob W has been consulting with local member Phil Donato for the purpose of preparing a Community Recognition Statement for OMVC for submission to parliament and subsequent recording in Hansard. Phil Donato appears keen for OMVC to develop contact with the Mr Perfect group (Mens' Mental Health). The next meetings of this group will be at Riverside and then Canobolas Hall (a promising future venue for OMVC singing).

4.5 Outstanding Actions

Stefan Evans' presentation.

Action: DW to contact JS and inform choir of arrangements (14/6, 7.00 pm ORC)

4.6 BP Testimonial

All arrangements are in hand. JM has prepared a running sheet for the afternoon schedule.

Actions: i) Committee members to furnish DK with anecdotes reminiscences. li) DW to obtain baton from display case at next rehearsal. lii) Members to be updated at next rehearsal and reminded of the arrangements with drinks (DK) iv) Approach S. May for Front-of-House (DK) v) Get display cabinet key from R. Davis and obtain duplicate (Duplicates to be held in future by KF & Secretary). (DW)

4.7 Music Library

SJ will return all music to the files now it has been surrendered.

Action: Databases of music tracks and sheet music to be held by Music Librarian and Secretary when finalised. (KF, SJ)

4.8 Old Risers

KF advised the meeting that he is still awaiting contact from Phil Naylor's contact but is assured that we will be able to dispose of the risers through him if the Society refuses them.

Action: KF to expedite a decision before leaving for Hervey Bay if possible and to provide DK's contact if not possible.

4.9 Vocal Scholarship

MP has had no further contact with Donna Riles concerning the scholarship but has the closing date of October/November in mind.

4.10 Australia Day Committee

OCC's Events Officer has contacted the Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council who have consented to the anthem in Wiradjuri language. DW yet to hear from Michael Donovan (AECG Dubbo) so will liaise with Sam Bartholomeuz.

Action: DW to follow up with Sam B. for Wiradjuri lyrics and pronunciation guide.

4.11 ORC Security & Lock-up

The notified oversights were likely the result of another group failing to secure the building etc.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See Attachment 3.

Motion: That the correspondence be accepted.

Moved: DW Seconded: KF Carried

A concert request (30 to 60 min.) from Calare Aged Care will be met later this year. Their only requirement is a flu shot for all participants. JM will record vaccinations (to be substantiated by documentation) as required for a performance at Calare in the second half of the year.

Action: DW to contact Calare accordingly.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Moved: MP Seconded: DW Carried

KF advised that signage costs for our updating our honour boards exceeded the quote by \$75 which was the cost of re-hanging.

7 MUSIC REPORTS

7.1 MD's report

Phil spoke about arrangements for the *Winter Notes* concert 20/6.

- Tickets \$5 at the door or through Diana Smith (COBB)
- A box will be in place for post-concert donations
- Request for help with stage set-up 20/6, 11.00 am and stage management
- Profits and donations to be split four ways (after COBB costs and credit recouped from last ORC concert)
- Media publicity is with Diana

Actions: i) Approach S. May 14/6 rehearsal re. stage management ii) Discuss further publicity at 14/6 rehearsal with Cantar. Iii) At 14/6 rehearsal arrange volunteers to assist Phil 11.00 am Sun 20/6 in setting up at ORC. (DK)

8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES

8.1 *Friendship* recording

Phil commended the choir and Rocky for the quality of the recording noting both the beauty of the composition and the demands and challenges it poses in performances. He asked that members be commended for their work.

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

9.1 *Winter Notes* concert (ORC) 20/6. See 7.1.

10 PERPETUAL CALENDAR

No entries for June

11 MEMBERSHIPS

M.Schmich. JM has made contact. Michael intends returning soon. He will be auditioned on return.

M. Prestidge. Martin has been absent from recent rehearsals. JM will make contact.

T. Hayes. PR has listened to his singing and is satisfied with his vocal quality. Settling in and has requested uniform for upcoming performances. Application form and Information sheet issued 7/6.

Motion: That the Committee approves in principle T. Hayes' membership application subject to receipt of his completed application and payment of fees.

Moved: DK Seconded SJ Carried

D. Prince. Attendance has been excellent. Should be auditioned for placement in choir.

Actions: i) S. May to be approached by DK to lead Baritone section in KF's absence. ii) JM to contact MS and MP. iii) D. Prince to be auditioned at earliest opportunity (SM) iv) TH's membership to be followed through (SM)

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Eric Bogle concerts 2022.

DW informed the meeting that we have in-principle agreements from EB and PJ for a 24/6 concert in Orange in 2022 and a booking for that date with Orange Civic Theatre. The question of a second concert in Bathurst at BMEC was also discussed.

Paul J is extremely enthusiastic and is prepared to arrange more songs and perform in the concerts. He would like more rehearsal time with OMVC than was possible in 2019.

MP sounded caution about a second concert and would not be in support of same on the figures from 2019. Others felt that a second concert could offer the possibility of a superior financial result to 2019 given high quality/coverage marketing and publicity.

The meeting agreed to appoint a working party (DK, PR, DW, S. May, R. Rochelli) to detail full costings and prepare a recommendation for the Committee within 2 months.

Action: DW to inform EB and PJ of proposed course and seek full details of their relevant costs. ii) S. May and R. Rochelli to be approached by DK for co-opting to the working party. iii) DW to seek details from Keystone Bathurst of their charges for a concert there and venue suitability.

13 LATE BUSINESS

13.1 Publicity Officer. Paul Derrig has resigned from OMVC due to ongoing issues with hearing. The office of Publicity Officer is vacant.

Action: Request a volunteer for Publicity Officer at 14/6 rehearsal.

13.2 Change of meeting time to 12 noon in future (for PR's schedule).

Action : DW to approve with Donna.

13.3 MCAA Festival. No advice has been received re. the festival's future.

14 NEXT MEETING

13th July, Orange Regional Conservatorium at 12.00 pm. (KF tendered an early apology)

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

ATTACHMENT 1

ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

Updated 9 June 2021

WHO	ACTION	OUTCOMES/COMMENT
RR	Promotional Clip around <i>Friendship in Song</i> Engage D. Smyth to shoot video with drone.	Priority item. In progress
PR RR	CD Recording. Integrate <i>Friendship</i> with other CD tracks. Finalise product for sale. (Cantar permission, liner notes, artwork)	Ongoing
	Unreturned Jackets. Bruce Baker	Ongoing
DW	Maintain Contact with Wal (Orange City Centre Newsagency) as a source of potential income.	
ALL	Testimonial BP. Bloomfield Hall 19/6/21	Ongoing
ALL	Recruitment & Marketing. MP leading working party	Ongoing
ALL	Friends of OMVC. Develop rationale/plan to replace associates	Ongoing
DW	Bogle Concert DVD. Prepare commercial product for sale	Ongoing
ALL	Casual Uniform. Revisit in 2021	
ALL	Retired Life Members. Develop a plan for ongoing contact	
Working Party	Bogle Concerts 2022. Assess financial viability	Ongoing
PR	Deputy Accompanist Rachael Brooking. Keep her updated with 2021 plans	Ongoing
DW	Helmut Berndt. Gift new CD	When available
DK DW	Stefan Evans. Prepare presentation June 2021	

ATTACHMENT 2

2021 CALENDAR

Updated 1 June 2021

June 19	4 to 7 pm	Testimonial Barry Patterson (Bloomfield Hall)
June 20	2 to 4 pm	<i>Winter Notes Concert</i> at ORC with Cantar and City of Orange Brass Band
Sept		Possible concert at Canowindra Anglican Church TBC
Oct 10	2 pm	Concert Forbes Town Hall. Confirmed
Oct 31		MCAA Festival, Sydney Town Hall. TBC

ATTACHMENT 3

CORRESPONDENCE

Updated 1 June 2021

Inward

- Email (17/5) Donna Riles re. Risers project
- Email (25/5) OCC re. Australia Day and national anthem in Wiradjuri
- Email (27/5) Eric Bogle advising 30/9/22 now unavailable for concert
- Email (29/5) Eric Bogle confirming concert date 24/6
- Email (29/5) Eric Bogle agreeing to a concert in Bathurst 25/6/22
- Email (31/5) Paul Jarman in support of 2022 concerts with Eric Bogle
- Email (1/6) BMEC Bathurst re possible venue booking 25/6/22
- Email (1/6) OCC advising Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council's support for national anthem in Wiradjuri language

Outward

- Email (27/5) Eric Bogle re. dates 2022 concert
- Email (28/5) to Eric Bogle alternative dates 2022 concert
- Email (29/5) to Eric Bogle confirming date 24/6/22 and seeking agreement to second concert
- Email (30/5) to Paul Jarman advising 24/6 concert with Eric Bogle and asking if he wishes to commit and possibly do another arrangement
- Email (2/6) to Michelle Pearce (Orange Civic Theatre) confirming booking 24/4/22 for joint concert with Eric Bogle