

SRP WALES BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Saturday 16th September 2023 at Trecastle Community Centre

Present : Sue Russell, Helen Fletcher, Mary Kent, Delyth Holland, Llywelyn Gannon, Helen Lauder, Christiane Heidler, Glenda Jones, Mirjam Morat, Penny Young, Julie Waller

Apologies : Ann Davison, Dave England, Clare Halpin, Caroline Jones, Ian Lloyd, Petrina Lodge, Gillian Roberts,.

1. Minutes of the Last AGM : The minutes of the AGM held on 17/09/2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. These minutes were taken as read, a true record. Proposed by Mirjam Morat, seconded by Delyth Holland. There were no matters arising.

2. Chairman's Report : There was no Chair's Report.

3. Music Director's Report : I'm very grateful to Sue for all she does for us as a branch. She's been secretary & stood in as chair for the last year, & always has a few pieces for us to play as part of our day every month. I was sorry I missed a few of the spring meetings of the SRP, but I'm very grateful to other friends and members were able to help out.

In February Caroline took the morning & Trina took the afternoon. In March Steve & Ann Marshall came & gave us our pastoral visit. I had a leave before lunch but everyone had a great day, by all accounts.

On our April date, Caroline took the afternoon again. Sue asked if there were any other volunteers who would like to begin conducting, and in May, Mirjam directed us for the first time. Many thanks to everyone who has helped. I think we all like a little variety in approaches to our days' music making.

We haven't booked a visiting conductor for next spring yet, but at the beginning of the Easter holiday March 23rd – 24th Caroline is masterminding the SRP National Festival which is coming to Monmouth. She has asked us all if we will help out as stewards and I hope as many as possible will be able to lend a hand. Each day will be divided into 4 or 5 slots with quite a few choices of music and conductors for each slot. The SRP conference will also be held on the Friday afternoon, (the national AGM)

4. Accounts and Treasurer's Report : The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Treasurer reported that online banking had now been set up, allowing her to check statements regularly and to make and receive direct payments. Nigel Williams, an ex-colleague of the Treasurer, was thanked for agreeing to examine and sign off our accounts. Our subs could remain at £57.50 for the coming year (of which £25 goes to the SRP) but because of potential higher costs an increase may be recommended next year. We had a total of 23 members during the year. Of those, one was an associate member, two joined us as half year members, we sadly lost Mo and one was an honorary membership.

5. Venue for next year, 1924/25 : The cost of the hall at Trecastle has increased from £5 per hour to £10 because we no longer qualify for the 'local reduction'. A venue nearer to

Brecon would suit our current membership base, and members/attendees were asked to think about possible halls/rooms for consideration.

6. John Clifford's instruments : A list of the donated instruments had been sent with the Agenda for the meeting. It had not been possible to have them at the AGM and agreed that this could be discussed at a future date, when hopefully more members are able to attend.

7. Election of Committee : The following was agreed by a unanimous vote - Musical Director Delyth Holland, Chair Sue Russell, Secretary Helen Fletcher, Treasurer & Membership Secretary Gillian Roberts, Resource Librarian (to assist Delyth) Mary Kent.

8. AOB - SRP Festival in Monmouth 22nd to 24th March 2024 : Mirjam gave brief details of next year's annual SRP festival, which she and Caroline Jones are organising. Several members have already offered to help, please 'save the day' and confirm your interest in helping as soon as you can. There will be an 'incentive' for members who go to the festival *and* agree to help with usher/stewarding duties. Full details will be circulated when they have been finalised.

The meeting finished in time for lunch!