

**North Kingston Choir Committee minutes  
17-02-17**

**Present:** ST, JG, PM, PH, EG, KF, AW, TB (Arrived at item 3), JB (Arrived at item 3)

**Apologies:** None

**1 Welcome & assimilation for new committee members – JG/All**

JG welcomed all and confirmed the purpose of the committee, emphasising that the committee speaks and acts in the interests of the choir as a whole.

**2 Grant Aid status update - AW**

The Inland Revenue has explained that the choir's constitution objectives are not all charitable; therefore in order that the choir's application for Gift Aid status is accepted, some clauses of the constitution need to be amended.

AW proposed calling an EGM, which must be requested in writing by 5 committee members, to ask the choir to vote on the changes to the constitution. An announcement can then be made at the next choir meeting for an EGM 2 weeks hence i.e. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. There must be 40% of members present for the meeting to be quorate, and a 2/3 majority vote at the meeting for the proposed changes to be passed.

**Action:** Subject to 5 requests being received in writing from committee members, announce an EGM for 6th March to agree changes to the constitution – **AW – by 20-02-17**

*Update 19-02-17: EGM request has been received in writing by EG from PH, PM, KF, ST, JB, JG. Therefore, action above can be carried out.*

ST volunteered to be added on to the tax registration form to ensure that we submit a fit and proper tax return form.

**Action:** Add ST on to the tax registration form – **AW, ST**

**4 AOB (taken out of order)**

**Choir video-TB**

It was announced that the next choir video will be 'Africa'.

**Socials – ST**

It was agreed that as the first social of the year is a pub night, the next one should include an activity and this should be either before or after Easter, avoiding the Easter holidays. Ideas were discussed including a social at Hampton Pool and bowling. A facebook poll was suggested as a good way to establish what the choir members would like to do.

**Action:** Send ideas for social events to ST – **All**

**Action:** Explore options and date for next social event, and update the committee via email - **ST**

### **Local charity support - KF**

KF suggested that the choir supports a local charity for a future concert. PH challenged whether a charity can raise money on behalf of another charity and suggested checking terms and conditions.

**Action:** Check terms and conditions in relation to a charity supporting another charity - **AW**

The choir agreed that if money can't be collected for other charities, the choir can support charities in other ways. However, it was agreed that serious consideration should be given to what sorts of charity events the choir members would be comfortable with e.g. singing in a hospital did not run smoothly in the past, as some patients were distressed.

### **Membership**

KF confirmed that a prospective new male member has been invited to the workshop on Monday and to a taster session the following Monday.

### **3 2017 events/concerts – All (taken out of order)**

Events already confirmed include the Corner House on 10<sup>th</sup> June and the Roundhouse on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action:** Explore option of a mini bus to Camden on 8<sup>th</sup> July - **PM**

Additional Spring /summer events were discussed. The choir noted thanks to Hannah Deveson for compiling a list of options.

**Action:** Pass on thanks to Hannah Deveson on behalf of the committee for the NKC 'on tour' performance options - **JG**

It was agreed that April or May would be good time for another event, so as not to be too close to the events already confirmed and not too soon in the year to perform with confidence. It was agreed that the Seething Festival in Surbiton from 6-21 May would be worth exploring further (focusing on a date towards the end of the 2-week period). It was also agreed that busking could be considered for August, and this could be combined with a social.

**Action:** Explore Seething Festival option and busking option – **PM, PH**

*Meeting closed*

**Actions log:**

Date	Action	Who	By when	Notes
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17/02/17	Check terms and conditions in relation to a charity supporting another charity	AW		
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17/02/17	<b>Pass on thanks to Hannah Deveson on behalf of the committee for the NKC 'on tour' performance options</b>	JG		
17/02/17	Explore Seething Festival option and busking option	PM, PH		