

# North Yorkshire Chorus



## MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2020 at 2 pm by Zoom.

### 1. TAKING PART via ZOOM:

Jean Cleadon (JC), Elizabeth Harbord (EH), Maureen James (MJ), Peter Perkins (PP), Jan Sanders (JS), Joy Trotter (JoT), Julie Tonkin (JuT).

### MEMBERS VOTING VIA PROXY:

Sioban Moore, Hannah Mortimer, Susan Old, John Ovenston, Sue Kennedy, Claire Wilkinson, Kathleen Fyles, Ian Howard, Peter Harbord, Mary Mason, Christine Mawson, Judith Richardson, Helen Radcliffe, Hilary Clough Smith & Susan Perkins.

### 2. MINUTES of the last AGM held on SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2019:

There were no matters arising from the minutes and they were accepted as true by members and signed (proposed by (PP) and seconded by (JoT)).

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer (JuT) presented her report of the yearly accounts summary and the auditor's report (see attached sheets). (JuT) thanked Richard Gott for his service as the previous treasurer and for providing useful information for this year's report. She went on to comment on how COVID-19 had impacted the choir's activities including disruption of the planned programme and cancellation of all rehearsals. Since this has reduced costs, the financial position of the choir is healthy. However, since the start of the lockdown and continued restrictions, the choir has become smaller due to members leaving and, sadly, to a number of deaths. This will result in reduced subscriptions and thus less funds available for costs, although fundraising continues to be a welcome supplier of funds, thanks again to Jean Cleadon and her team at the refreshment counter.

It should be noted that subscriptions are now £100 per year, but will not be payable until rehearsals start again.

The committee thanked Julie for taking over as treasurer and for completing the year end accounts which were accepted by members. (MJ) proposed and (JS) seconded.

### 4. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

As agreed at the last AGM, the subscriptions have now risen to £100 per year, however it was agreed by the committee that this would not be payable until rehearsals start again. (Proposed by (JoT) and seconded by (EH). NB Some members have decided to pay their subscription anyway as a donation.

### 5. CHAIR'S REPORT: (The full report is attached below.)

(JoT) described our successful performances of **Creation** and **Light in the Stable** before Christmas 2019. These two concerts turned out to be the last that Greg Smith conducted with us. Part of the way through rehearsals of Elijah, COVID-19 restrictions were imposed and have not been fully lifted for Choirs. A presentation with gifts and a card from the choir was made to Greg by members of the committee at his home. His successor, Peter Stallworthy, was appointed in March but, so far, the choir has not been able to meet and rehearse with him.

Since March, the committee has continued to meet via Zoom. Unfortunately, since then, both Richard Gott and Peter Perkins have resigned. The committee thanks both of them for their hard work for the choir.

The Chair's report was accepted by members. (EH) proposed and (MJ) seconded. Members also thanked Joy for all of her hard work maintaining contact via Zoom and for organising the AGM.

6. CONSTITUTION CHANGES and APPROVAL:

Earlier in the year the bank requested a copy of our Constitution. While it was accepted by the bank, it brought to our attention that it didn't match our current practices. (PP) bravely agreed to review and update where necessary as it has not been looked at since 1992. The committee thanked him for his hard work on this task and also for stewardship of the membership secretary role.

Members accepted the reviewed constitution. Proposed by (JS) and seconded by (JoT).

7. COMMITTEE CHANGES, VACANCIES and APPROVAL:

Jan Sanders offered to exchange the role of Publicity Officer for Membership Secretary in view of (PP)'s resignation from the committee. (MJ) proposed and (JC) seconded this move and the rest of the committee members agreed.

Since no other nominations were put forward the committee is now appointed as follows:

CHAIR	JOY TROTTER	TENOR
TREASURER	JULIE TONKIN	ALTO
SECRETARY	MAUREEN JAMES	SOPRANO
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	JAN SANDERS	SOPRANO
LIBRARIAN	ELIZABETH HARBORD	ALTO
TICKETS	JEAN CLEADON	SOPRANO
PUBLICITY	Vacancy	
CONCERTS	Vacancy	
MARKETING and RECRUITMENT	Vacancy	

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

**The Committee are aware of the following members who died this year:**

**Edda Raine  
Ruth Watson  
Mike Mason  
Ann Hutchings**

**We remember them with sadness.**