

## Minutes of the Faringdon Singer's Committee held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1930

### Those present

KV (Karen Vogt) ,SV (Sjoerd Vogt) ,MP (Maureen Pendlebury),CG (Carol Griffin) ,DW (Debra Warner) ,TC (Terence Carter) ,JS (Janet Shiel) ,JM (Jonathan Mapley)

### Objectives

The objectives of the meeting was to confirm the arrangements for the summer concert and to discuss the replacement of our musical director.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 15/3/22 were read and agreed.

### Summer Concert

It was noted that we would be unable to have a practise night at the Uffington Village Hall venue due to a wedding. This was deemed not to be a problem as we have been to the venue before.

Since the hall does not have a piano it was confirmed that we would have to move ours to the location and that SV would organise this.

SV stated that DD had persuaded the hall committee to waive the fee for the Hall as the proceeds was going to Ukraine.

The decision whether to issue tickets or ask for donations would be left to the Uffington "team" (Linda Lord, Geoffrey Foster, Beryl Packer, Val Chapman, Charles Philo, Dougie/Tricia, Max Young, Sarah, Fenella) - but we all felt donations would work better. SV will liaise with the "team" .

It was generally agreed that the refreshments provided by Uffington at our last performance were extremely good and we hoped they would do something similar this time.

TC will be accompanist for the concert . Only one soloist to be Ben. Sophie to be asked to sing the solo in the 'Blue Bird'.

SV would offer to do the posters but it was agreed that the event belonged to Uffington.

Advertising would be arranged as usual by KV? Deadline for R&A is 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### Summer social.

This is fixed for July 21<sup>st</sup>, Barber rooms are booked, and the same caterer's Sadlers.

### Terence's replacement

Many names were put forward but the difficulty in finding someone like Terence who could play, sing and conduct and had the time was considerable.

It was concluded that we do not want to change our music style and we would prefer to get someone who can accompany us as this would reduce costs. It was generally agreed that we would increase our subscription prices, which may result in losing a few members but eventually we may

gain some. It was suggested that we could have a shorter practice time to reduce costs, and terms could also be shorter.

JM suggested singing at weddings as a way to generate some income.

TC suggested that if we find a director who wouldn't play he would accompany us. Suggestions of how this could be organised with transportation were discussed.

#### Telephone Tree.

SV suggested we move to a more modern way of communicating and use a messaging service such as WhatsApp. All agreed but the few people who do not have smart phones would have to be contacted by phone as before.

#### Accounts

CG produced the accounts for this term and it was noted that we pay a lot for insurance, SV questioned whether we need the high public liability costs and this needed to be investigated further.

The date of the next committee meeting was arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to be held at JS.