

NEWCOMBE SINGERS
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022

by Zoom call organized by Vice-President John Sease
Chaired by President, Peter Beliveau

Peter opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

In attendance

John Sease, Peter Beliveau (chair), Heini Mathis, Sheila Grigg, Norma Jee, Deanna Hutchings (recorder), Dawn Johnson, Linda Troke.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda provided by Peter Beliveau with 2 new items was adopted by Linda Troke and seconded by John Sease

2. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting, November 11, required three minor amendments and were amended. Motion to adopt amended minutes by Norma Gee and seconded by John Sease.

3. Action items from previous meeting-

Winter Concert carried out as planned on Dec 12.

4. Items agreed to by email poll since last BOD meeting.

Three items were distributed to the board members by email on Nov 24 for a decision. On Nov 28 the last of the votes came in. Result: There was a unanimous agreement for the following decisions:

- Start date for the spring term would be Tuesday, Jan 4.
- Spring concert dates will be May 7 for the dress rehearsal and May 8 for the afternoon performance.
- Music committee's selection for the spring season was approved.

5. Letter of concern re suitability of one song for proposed concert program

A letter of concern was sent by a member of the choir to the board. Of particular concern was the language and meaning of one of the French folk songs. Erica shares this concern, and did not plan to sing the verse in question. On further review she proposed that not only do we not sing

that verse, but she will have the men's voices sing *The Parting Glass* and the women voices to sing *Suo Gan*, anticipating that this is a more appropriate delivery of these songs.

6. Donation to St Mary's

In light of the significant investment of audio/visual computer equipment that St Mary's has invested in, and supports our use of this valuable equipment we propose to contribute \$500 to St Mary's as a thank you and support for their investment. Discussion ensued. Peter will discuss the best means of doing this with St Mary's admin staff, and will include a letter of thanks. We have very much benefitted from the quality equipment they provide. Motion passed by Heini and seconded by Norma Gee.

7. Membership.

Sheila's Membership update of Jan 19: we are now at 45 paid members consisting of 21 sopranos, 12 altos, 5 tenors and 7 basses. There is one person still attending up to 3 rehearsals before they commit to membership.

8. Budget Report

Linda provided the budget via email Jan 19 prior to the meeting pasted directly into the email message.

9. E transfer re membership fees

Sheila has received a query from a choir member asking if e transfer is accepted for Newcombe Singers. Discussion ensued re the various merits, and cons for using e transfer as a means to pay membership dues. It is possible, through means of our RBC account. Could it be done as a role based email address that would not require changing each time the treasurer role changed hands? Or must it be done directly through the treasurer's personal email?? Linda prefers that we wait until the next treasurer takes over the treasurer responsibilities, as this will be her last term as treasurer.

10. Other items

John Sease reports that the Victoria Philharmonic Choir resumes today and rehearsals will be in person, at St Mary's. Current provincial orders do allow for this.

Due to the high transmissibility of Omicron, at this point, the board is comfortable with continuing with our plan to remain on Zoom.

Meeting Close

Peter adjourned the meeting at 2:40

Next meeting will be: Wed, Feb 16, 2022

Prepared by D Hutchings, Jan 31, 2022.
For submission to the board Feb 16.