

ADMS Annual general Meeting

7.30 pm Monday September 6th 2010

The Manor Preparatory School, Faringdon Road, Abingdon

Present: Chairman, Musical Director, Committee Members and about 25 Society members

1) Apologies for absence

Received from about 10 members

2) Minutes of the 2009 AGM

These were approved by the members present

3) Matters arising

None

4) Chairman and Musical Directors' review

The Chairman reported that the last year had been very enjoyable.

He informed the meeting of the following vacancies within the Society:

- a) A Friend's Secretary to look after the Friends and to enable them to become more involved in the Society's activities.
- b) A web master
- c) An Orchestral librarian
- d) An Orchestral representative

As we are no longer receiving grants from local Councils, we need more revenue from advertising and sponsorships.

The Musical Director reported that the year had been very exciting, and despite performing some very difficult and demanding works the membership had increased. We were very lucky to be able to perform with some very talented soloists.

5) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we lost 1½% of our turnover last year; this was mainly due to expensive music hire and stiffening costs for "The Bells", and a loss made at the scratch concert in September 2009. Other than this, we had good audiences for all the concerts, and with the increased membership, our losses were not as great as they could have been

The Treasurer recommended that subscriptions remain the same for the coming year. This was proposed by **Peter Smith** and seconded by **Reg Sidlow**. In order to verify

payment of subscriptions in future members will only be issued with their membership cards on receipt of payment.

The Society thanked Chris Fletcher-Cambell for all his assistance given to the Society.

Chris Hutt volunteered to help the Treasurer prepare the annual accounts in a format which is acceptable to the Charity Commission Auditors.

Reg Sidlow is happy to remain as an independent auditor. **Jeanette Thomas** is willing to help if **Geoffery Skokell** wishes to step down.

The members accepted the content of the Treasurer's report. This was proposed by **Alwyn Langsford** and seconded by **Chris Hutt**.

6) Future Programmes

The members accepted the programme which has been planned for 2010-11. There was a request to perform Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" at Christmas.

7) Election Of Officers

There was some question as to whether the four elected officers are trustees of the Society and therefore liable for any debts incurred by the Society. This will be checked by the Vice-Chairman with Making Music.

The four main officers were willing to stand for re-election

Marcus Gover – Chairman
Tony Bradley – Vice Chairman
Marion Simpson – Treasurer
Eileen Page – Secretary

They were proposed by **Tim Hall** and seconded by **Joyce Aitchison** and carried by the members

The Society decided that 6 years for Officers and 3 for representatives is a suitable length of tenure.

8) A.O.B.

The charity chosen for this year's Christmas concert will be Spinal Research UK

Joyce Aitchison thanked the Committee for all its hard work.

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