

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
16th March 2022 via Zoom 7:15
MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE: David Kennedy, David Woodside, John Mealings, Ken Fishpool, Don Harvey, Chris Mills, Phil Rees, Steve Jackson

2 APOLOGIES: Nil

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion "That the Mgt Ctee approves the minutes of the previous meeting"

Moved: JM

Seconded: DW

-Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Male Choirs Association of Australia AGM

DK will take part in this zoom meeting to be held on Saturday 26th March at 1:30

JM to survey members re their willingness to participate in the MCAA Sydney concert on October 30th.

4.2 Fees for "non-residents"

Following discussion of this issue a motion was passed "That these members - namely Chris Morgan, Derek Ferrie and Barry Patterson - have their fees reduced to \$50 (ie half of full fees).

Moved: DK

Seconded: DW

Carried

JM to notify the above of the outcome

4.3 Parkes Overture expenses - transport, printing, other issues?

General discussion about weekend rehearsals for Parkes.

Overwhelming sentiment was that it went very well.

Bui Doi will be sung by all male choristers due to small number from OMVC but concerns expressed about rehearsing for this choir with such a diverse group.

PR to contact Jessica Westcott and Bill Moxey re the singing of this item.

The Covid situation was raised by DK. An email has already been sent to Jessica W re this and we await her reply. All choirs need to be notified if/when Covid occurs.

Subsidies for travel to Parkes are available through the organising committee of Parkes Overture. Discussion occurred as to how much this should be. A submission for \$110 for printing costs will also be made. No subsidies are available for accommodation.

There is confusion about whether the Choir will remain on stage and be able to watch the show when the Choir is not performing.

JM and DK to formulate a claim for transport costs based on number of vehicle trips to be made.

JM to seek clarification from Jessica W re Choir seating. (This has been clarified in a late despatch from Carolyn Butler - choirs are to remain on stage).

Carolyn Butler on behalf of the Parkes organising committee has requested information re particular needs of choristers for the evening.

JM to contact Choir members re their requirements for the concert.

4.4 Additional basses for Bogle concerts

Following an offer from Chris Morgan for a number of Canberra choristers to join us for the Eric Bogle concerts, PR has stated his preference for using choristers known to himself.

PR to contact his own connections to bolster the bass section

4.5 Outstanding executive positions

“The committee ratify the appointments of DH to Vice President, DW to Treasurer and CM to committee member.”

Moved:DK

Seconded: KF - Carried

4.6 Accompanist position

DK spoke on the need to have an accompanist spend some time with the Choir.

DW has spoken with Rachel Brooking and she has expressed enthusiasm for the position but there are obvious clashes with Cantar and the OMVC does not wish to cause issues between the two choirs. PR is happy to invite Rachel along to rehearsal but emphasised the necessity of having an accompanist with whom he is comfortable. DW also added that Elina should be kept in the loop. It was decided that Rachel be invited to attend the Choir's second rehearsal after the Parkes weekend (11th April), to start on the Eric Bogle songs.

DW and PR to invite Rachel to rehearsal of 11th April

4.7 Feedback from Jarman/Bogle working group

DW tabled a document from the working party outlining progress to date. The concert is to be known as *Encore, Eric Bogle and Friends in Concert*. We currently have 24/25 members available. Promotion will

commence in early May and will cover local areas such as Parkes, Forbes, Cowra, Bathurst etc.

The position of stage manager for Bathurst is required due to Mary Anne Sladek's unavailability.

The weekend will culminate in a breakfast at the Oriana Motel with Eric and the band and a small presentation will take place. All members will be invited and the cost will be \$25.

Rehearsals for the Bogle concerts will commence on 4th April and the songs will be available on the website ASAP.

DW to circulate concert format to the committee

DW to put Eric Bogle repertoire on the website for members

PR to look at finding someone for the position of stage manager

4.8 Auditioning process

DK spoke about need to ensure every chorister has ability and capacity to sing their parts well. David Prince is the only member of the Choir who has not been placed in the performance choir and it is felt that he should be given the opportunity to do so. There is a need to provide this chorister with some extra guidance and to appoint a buddy to assist him.

PR to audition David Prince after the Parkes concert.

4.9 Pat Mullins Life Membership

This presentation is to be made at the next rehearsal

DK to present Pat Mullins with his Life Membership.

4.10 Possible Forbes concert

DW spoke about how Forbes are keen to have the Choir return for a concert. After discussion, this was set down for 25th September.

JM to canvas members on their availability to sing at Forbes on Saturday 25th September.

4.11 Welcome to Orange luncheon

This has been set down for Sunday 27th March. Volunteers were called for and CM and JM expressed interest in attending.

JM to reply to OCC invitation by Friday March 18th

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See Attachment 1

Motion "That the correspondence be accepted"

Moved: JM

Seconded: SJ

-Carried

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion "That the Treasurer's Report and accounts for payment be accepted"

Moved: DK

Seconded: KF

Motion "That following M. Priest's replacement as Treasurer, signatories to the OMVC account at the Orange Credit Union are now to be D. Kennedy, J. Mealings and D. Woodside"

Moved: DW

Seconded: SJ

-Carried

DW, DK JM to notify OCU of changes.

7 MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Covered in points 4.3. 4.4. 4.7. and 4.8

8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES

Nil

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Covered in points 4.3 and 4.7

10 CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

See Attachment 2

SJ to pass on DVD to Helmut Berndt

11 PERPETUAL CALENDAR

No items to cover

12 MEMBERSHIP

Nil

13 OTHER BUSINESS

DW informed committee he had submitted a grant application to the OCC under their Small Grants Scheme (\$2500)

14 LATE BUSINESS

15 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th April. Venue tbc

Attachment 1

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

- In:** Donna Riles (12/1) re scholarship recipient
ORC (18/1) re membership
Paul Jarman (20/1) re Eric Bogle concert
Eric Bogle (23/1) re concert items
David Roberts (27/1) re vaccinations
Russell Turner (2/2) re Choir Patron
Donna Riles (3/2) re security protocols at ORC
Jessica Westcott (9/2) re registration for rehearsal in March
Chris Morgan (9/2) re fees
Doug Plowman (10/2) re leave from Choir
Elina Yasumoto (14/2) re bank details for honorarium
Stephen May (16/2) re leave from Choir
Orange Eisteddfod Committee (17/2) re rules for choirs
Brian Buckley (20/2) re MCAA AGM
Keith Peasley (22/2) re leave from Choir
OCC (1/3) re Welcome to Orange luncheon
- Out:** Matthew Chisholm (13/2) re Australia Day
Donna Riles (13/2) re scholarship recipient Joseph Trumble
Paul Jarman (19/2) re Eric Bogle concert
Paul Jarman (21/2) re repertoire for EB concert
Eric Bogle (21/2) re repertoire for EB concert
Paul Jarman (24/2) re EB concert
Eric Bogle (24/2) re concert songs
Jason Hamling (24/2) re postponement of Annual Dinner
Russell Turner (25/2) re Choir Patron
Paul Jarman (26/2) re EB arrangements & accommodation
Steve Gosch (28/) re Choir CD
Russell Turner (2/2) re standing down as Choir Patron
Donna Riles (3/2) re Security procedures at ORCV
Doug Plowman (10/2) re leave from Choir
Elina Yasumoto (12/2) re honorarium
Jessica Westcott (12/3) re Covid protocols for Parkes

Who	Action	Outcome/ Comment
RR	Promotional clip around Friendship in Song. Update official photo	Priority item 2022 Autumn
RR & PR	CD Recording. Finalise product for sale (Cantar PR permission, liner notes, artwork)	Ongoing
JM & DW	Organise trivia night	2022 September
ALL	Re-contact Perth MVC. Recruitment & Marketing. DK leading working party.	When video completed
JM	Chase up outstanding WWC Numbers.	
DK	Publicity Officer. Fill vacancy.	
DW	Orange City Newsagency. Maintain contact with Wal as a source of potential income.	
ALL	Bogle/Jarman 2022. Establish sub-committee early 2022. Friends of OMVC. Organise to replace Associate Member class	
DW	Bogle 2019 DVD. Burn copies for sale	
ALL	Retired Life Members . Develop plan for ongoing contact	
DW	Helmut Berndt. Gift new CD (or Bogle DVD)	SJ to arrange

Calendar

Updated 16th March 2022

April 2	Overture Concert in Parkes	
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June 24/25	Bogle/Jarman concerts	
Sep 25th	Concert at Forbes tbc	DW
August	Orange Eisteddfod tbc	
Oct 30th	MCAA Sydney tbc	