

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE TYNDALE CHORAL SOCIETY
HELD AT 8.50 PM ON MONDAY, 14 JULY 2008, IN DURSLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

1. Present: (taken from rehearsal register)

John Ewer (Chairman), Lorna Lane (Treasurer); Julia O'Connor-Beach (Secretary);
Ian Harrold (Musical Director).

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| Frank Andoh Jim Austin Liz Barnes Melanie Baxter Mike Chambers Fiona Chandler Mavis Church Jenny Coles Jenni Culverwell Liz Crocker Jean Dabinett Sue Davies Pam Davis Colleen Dunmall Glenis Ewer | Jonathan Golding Christine Gourd Jenni Hamley Peter Harney Richard Hellen John Hicks Angie Hill Diana Hobbs Sheelagh Hudleston Estelle James Monica James Brian Kitching Sally Lamerton Rosemary Lea Margaret Lloyd | Lynette Magnone Derek Manning Doreen Manning Carole McDonald Marion Miller Frances Neale Anne Nuttall John Palmer Angela Pendlebury Lisa Randell Indigo Redfern Kate Reeves Wendy Richardson Miriam Salman Barbara Sanderson | Audrey Sewell Anne Shipton Joyce Theaker Wendy Thomas Jan Tucker Sandra Tucker Eve Tudgay Ros Wakefield Vanessa Weaver Geoff Whiley Mark Wright-Davies Miriam Yagud Andrew Young Elizabeth Young (62 members) |
| Apologies for absence: | | | |
| Catherine Bennett Brian Bolsher Jill Brown Phil Butcher Shelagh Fitzarthur Diane Freeland | Anne Glanville Claire Harrison Marjorie Harrison Jacquelin Hill Alastair Macleod Len Miller | Brian Neale Julie Phillips Dick Skinner Val Skinner Lesley Townsend | Sue Walshaw Elaine White Lesley Wrangmore Mary Wright (21 members) |

2. Chairman's Address

Chairman John Ewer welcomed all to the meeting, and confirmed that this AGM was by way of a transitional meeting, to enable the usual date of the AGM to be moved from November to March, and to consider proposed changes to the Governing Document and the adoption of a policy statement on the subject of General Meetings.

The Chairman confirmed that the 2009 Committee would be elected at the AGM to be held at the beginning of the 2009 season; the Treasurer, Lorna Lane, had already indicated that she would be stepping down at that meeting. The Chairman announced that Librarian Doreen Manning had now indicated that she also would be stepping down after many years of sterling service. Members were asked to consider if they would be willing to take on these roles; it would be helpful if successors could shadow the current incumbents to ensure a smooth handover.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

It was proposed by Audrey Sewell and seconded by Lisa Randell that the Minutes of the 2007 AGM be approved as a true record. All in favour.

4. Reports and Accounts

The audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 were distributed by the Treasurer, who commented that the change to format was a Charities Commission reporting requirement.

It was proposed by Sandra Tucker and seconded by Lisa Randell that the audited accounts be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Alteration to the Governing Document

A discussion document entitled 'The Governing Document ('Rules of the Society') and General Meetings – Best Practice' dated May 2008 had been distributed/made available to all members in advance of the meeting (copy attached).

Two members expressed concern that the proposals clarified the position that financial commitments may be made only by the Society's Trustees.

The Treasurer commented that the Trustees (the committee) would present a budget for the year's activities to the AGM, including the proposed subscription level. The members could then debate the content and, if any aspect of the budget was unacceptable to the majority, ask the Trustees to rework the budget. However, the members cannot impose any financial decisions on the Trustees, as according to current legislation the Trustees are solely responsible for all financial matters. Society members would continue to have the opportunity to air their views both informally to Trustees at any time and formally in General Meeting.

It was proposed by Andrew Young and seconded by Angela Pendlebury that the Governing Document be amended as outlined in the paper entitled, "The Governing Document (Rules of the Society) and General Meetings – Best Practice" dated May 2008, prepared by the Trustees and circulated to all members.

The motion was carried by the majority with no votes contra and two abstentions.

6. Adoption of Policy Statement 006 – General Meetings

It was proposed by Anne Shipton and seconded by Lisa Randell that "Policy Statement 006 – General Meetings", dated May 2008, prepared by the Trustees and circulated to all members, be adopted.

The motion was carried by the majority with no votes contra and two abstentions.

7. Other Business

7.1 It was suggested that the Trustees' personal exposure to financial liability could be reduced by registering the TCS as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation'. This will be investigated by the Trustees.

7.2 It was suggested that a written procedure for the appointment of Musical Director might be drawn up.

7.3 Miriam Yagud expressed her thanks to the committee for the work it had done to ensure the smooth progress of the Absolute Beginners' Class.

8. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm.