

Vox Holloway Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 8.45pm,
St.Luke's Church, Hillmarton Road, London N7 9RE

Attendees

Amanda Taylor	Helen Haigh	Mark Scales
Amelia Fell	Inge Wolf	Martin Hanscomb
Amy MacGibbon	Jan Logan	Martin McEnery
Andrea Hegde	Janet Henfrey	Matt Evan Smith
Avis Venning	Jenny Settrington	Peter Scott
Barbara Grender Jones	Jessica Bryan-Bentley	Polly Barker
Caroline Millar	Jo Tunnard	Rita Bartlett
Christina Gill	Jonathan Sedgwick	Rosemary Davies
Claire Armitstead	Joshua Winfield	Ruth Skinner
David Moreno	Judy Graham	Sheena Cruse
Deborah Levy	Katherine Heffernan	Shelly Malcolm
Dierdre Vereker	Kathy Grimes	Storm Moncur
Elaine Spicer	Liz Alsford	Sue McIntosh
Fay Clarke	Maddy Paxman	Susie Drake
Frederica Byron	Maggie Smith	Tim Bushe
Goksel Gamatoglu	Maggie Tomlin	Tim McFarlane
Graham Hope	Marion Barber	Tricia Zipfel
Harvey Brough	Marion Chadwick	William Irwin Hunt
Helen Britten	Mark Reihill	

Apologies: Justin Butcher (JB)

1. Opening remarks and Introductions

Tricia Zipfel (TZ), the Chair of Vox Holloway Committee (Trustee) opened the meeting by welcoming the members

TZ introduced the other trustees: Tim MacFarlane (Treasurer) Sheena Cruse (Secretary), committee member Polly Barker, and co-opted member Caroline Millar. She also introduced Vox Holloway's Musical and Creative Directors, Harvey Brough and Justin Butcher (in absentia).

Thanks were given to current and previous committee members, to Vox Holloway's sectional leaders and accompanist, and to all those who contribute to the running of rehearsals and the development of the choir.

TZ reminded the membership that VH's core purpose, in addition to singing and performing concerts, was supporting and raising money for other charities.

2. Approve minutes from 2019 AGM

TZ apologised that minutes to last AGM and Draft Accts 2018 had not been circulated in advance of the meeting. She confirmed that they would be available on website members area, and that the membership would vote on approval during rehearsal on 11th June 2019. (Post meeting update – the membership approved the minutes and the accounts on 11th June 2019).

3. Trustee's report

TZ summarised Vox Holloway as being more than a generic choir - open, inclusive, singing a huge range of music, from classic to contemporary, original works, and performing with professional musicians and singers. Part of our remit as a charity was to raise funds for other charities and over the years, we had raised over £80k for charitable giving.

2018 had been an exceptional year, where we had performed 8 concerts, compared to 4 concerts in 2017. We had also made our first recording of a concert, of Thecla. Our external reputation has grown, with commissions for Stony Fields and Village Green Preservation Society. In addition, we initiated the enormously ambitious Freedom Song Project, supported by the Backstage Trust and the Arts Council. Another group success was the catering for the summer concert, which we did ourselves after the disaster with outside caterers for the 2017 summer concert.

She thanked the choir membership as a whole for helping to raise £9k for the Thecla Recording Project, and for their advance payments of spring-term subscriptions to ease a cashflow issue over the Christmas break, and Caroline & Natasha in particular for their inspiration and energy throughout the year

4. Music Director's report

Harvey Brough began by saying that he was really proud of what the choir achieved, and all the work the committee did to make it happen. He recapped on the concerts and events in 2018, which included the concert and recording of Thecla, in March, during a blizzard, and three performances of Stony Fields, a new work commissioned by Cloudesley, commemorating the 500's anniversary of Sir Richard Cloudesley. He also noted the fantastic success of the Freedom Song concert and recording at the Hackney Empire (although, as it had been performed in March 2019, it was not technically part of the 2018 report).

He was pleased to report that Chamber Choir (CC) was now well established and noted that, while all choirs had different levels of experience within them, CC brought a different sound to the whole choir, performing pieces better suited to small group of voices rather than a full choir. He invited anyone in the choir who wanted to take part to sing for him, as CC membership each term varied to suit the music to be sung.

He also reported that it had been very hard to make Young Vox work and, although he was still very keen to get young kids singing, he had regretfully decided to discontinue it.

He announced that autumn term 2019 would mark the beginning of Vox Holloway's 10th anniversary Year and that he, Justin and the Committee were now planning the programme.

He thanked everyone who helped to make the music happen, especially James Murray, Rick Leigh, and Matt Evan Smith.

5. Treasurer's report

Tim MacFarlane (TM) briefly reviewed the 2018 accounts and reported that the year had ended satisfactorily and maintained the required surplus.

TM thanked all choir members who had given additional donations, on top of their termly subscription payment, and had made advance payments. TM also encouraged new choir-members to complete Gift Aid forms, as Gift Aid can be claimed on both current and previous terms' subscription payments.

TM offered the 2018 accounts to the membership for approval and these were accepted without change.

6. Election of committee members

TZ listed the Committee Membership, as follows:

Executive Officers/Trustees:

- Tricia Zipfel, Chair
- Tim MacFarlane, Treasurer
- Sheena Cruse, Secretary
- Polly Barker

- *Anna Skalski (Stood down as Trustee in August 2018)*
- *Tim Bushe (Stood down as Trustee in January 2019)*

Co-opted Members:

- Caroline Millar

TZ outlined the Nominations and Elections as follows:

- Tricia Zipfel, Chair, had come to the end of her second term and was standing for re-election as Chair
- Sheena Cruse, Secretary, had come to the end of her first term and was standing for re-election as Secretary
- Tim MacFarlane, Treasurer, had come to the end of his second term and was standing down as Treasurer.
- Jonathan Sedgewick was standing for election as Treasurer
- Caroline Millar was standing for election as Trustee (Co-opted to the Cttee May 2018)
- Polly Barker had come to the end of the first year of her term and therefore did not need to stand for election.

All stood unopposed and all were duly elected

In addition, Marion Burns was co-opted to the Committee

7. Any other business.

None