**MINUTES**

**Unity in Sound Community Choir**

**Date: Monday, 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm Location: Leah's, Denbury**

**Present: Jax, Claire, Leah, Jane, Lesley, Sheena, Wendy, Sue, Shelagh**

**Apologies: Naomi**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Minute for Item** | **Proposed by** | **Action** |
| **Minutes of previous meeting** | Approved and signed by Chair-Jax Page |  | Jax |
| **Matters Arising from previous minutes** | Credit/Debit Card - new signatories & online banking approved. |  |  |
| **Matters brought forward by Chair** | Welcome to Committee - Lesley & Wendy |  | Jax |
| **MD Update** | Leah reported that the new song Blowing in the wind is up on the website and had been for a while. Leah would like all choir members to listen and practice more diligently as it was obvious from recent rehearsal that only a few had listened to the song during the break. It was suggested that new songs be learnt by a designated date to speed up choirs’ efforts to learn more quickly and give more opportunity to produce more material.  The new songs in the pipeline are “Fix you”, “Upside down”, “You don’t own me” and “Wake me up”.  Jax suggested that maximum numbers were capped at 70 members for fire safety regulations in the village hall. However, it is rare that ALL members attend every rehearsal but we should enquire as to maximum numbers allowed.  Committee discussed the recent influx of members and agreed that we limit entry to January & September. It was agreed that we would not turn anyone away but we will not actively seek new members at this current time. Although we are a non-audition, self-placement choir, Leah would voice-test newbies to place them in the correct section.  Jax would like to provide the members with an update on what was discussed at committee. |  | Jane  Jax |
| **Events Update** | Review of Xmas – Dainton & Village Hall after the Christmas tree light turn on - both would like a repeat in December 2020. Did we do enough? Was it the right content. Should we do anymore Christmas gigs? Committee felt that we are too big to perform at a residential home but there is nothing stopping a break away group performing Christmas songs if they wish but not under the UiSCC banner.  The Events team which was formed to organise and research new opportunities has been disbanded. The choir should still be encouraged to source new opportunities and Jax & committee members will follow up.  We will continue to perform at  Ippletipple in the summer,  Dainton at Christmas,  BBC Radio Devon when date agreed,  Teignmouth Festival - **Alison to contact**.  18th December -private function.  Potential events – Abfest,  Moretonhampstead Music Day – Sunday 14th June,  The Hub,  Rotary/National Trust event,  Charity event (possibly for the Homeless in Plymouth)  Sandy Park rugby ground  Lustleigh show on Bank holiday Monday 31st August  Charity event for Ipplepen Carnival club in St Andrews Church on either 25th April, 28th March or 23rd May.  Totnes county show on 26th July (if Teignmouth dates don’t clash)  Other suggestions Dartmouth, Dartington, Plymouth Fringe, Sidmouth folk festival.  Get a yearly calendar to plot the potential & confirmed dates.  Book Choir Christmas dinner for Saturday in early December. |  | Jax  Jax  Jax  Lesley  Claire  Sheena  Shelagh  Lesley  Sue |
| **Finance** | No refunds for non-rehearsal weeks. Sheena to cancel Village Hall for 2nd April (Easter).  If individuals are struggling with subscriptions, they should approach the Chair and special circumstances will be considered.  Online banking signatories are Jax & Lesley.  Charity credit card proposed for limited amount expenditure for individual committee members.  Funds held £8965.94 |  | Sheena  Lesley |
| **AGENDA ITEMS** |  |  |  |
| **1.** | Name badges distributed to committee members. |  |  |
| **2.** | Staging/Risers. Choir recently used school staging which was more successful and more stable than our own. We could investigate renting the School’s equipment for future use. |  | Jax |
| **3.** | Discussions with choir members to ascertain feedback will be re-scheduled as and when need arises. Sheena/Jax to email members to gauge need. |  | Jax/  Sheena |
| **AOB** | Tee-shirts – new samples are being considered  Facebook administrator - Wendy  WhatsApp administrator – Jane |  |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm |  |  |