



SKYE AND LOCHALSH ORCHESTRA

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Minutes of SLO Committee Meeting

Saturday 7 March

Broadford Hall

Present: Chris Manvill, Iain Roden, Wendy Riva, Bar Purser, Meg Rosher, Satsuki Azuma-Barnes, John Hockett, Ilona Morison, Laura Grisi

Meeting opened at 12.55

Election of new officers

Chris Manvill stepped down as chairman.

Officers posts needed to be filled:

Chairman: John Hockett (JH) was proposed. He is willing to take the post but not able to fulfil all the roles that CM had been doing. He agreed that he would chair meetings and be the orchestra's representative as long as it did not involve computers. Bar Purser (BP) said that she could help him on matters electronic and digital.

Secretary: Ilona Morison (IM) had been the secretary as well as the treasurer this past year. The two roles needed to be split. BP accepted to be the secretary (on a trial basis).

Treasurer: IM carries on being the treasurer and will take responsibility of booking the hall.

Publicity Officer: Meg Rosher took the post of Publicity Officer.

Website / Membership / Music Library : CM accepted to carry these on for this year.

CM is working on job descriptions for the officers – only Wendy had replied with her job description so far. He will send them on once he is finished.

A vote of thanks for Chris for all the hard work he had done over the past year when he took a fledgling orchestra and build it up to a fully functioning body.

Conductor: Committee thanked Iain for the work done with the orchestra. CM said he was happy with the professionalism shown by Iain. Laura Grisi (LG) personally thanked Iain for his work.

SMO concert ticket prices



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JH said he was surprised at the prices for the SMO concert (£6 / £4 concs) as he thought that it had been agreed at £5. He remarked that many people were unhappy about the high ticket price last SMO concert (£10). He also mentioned the negative attitude of SMO staff at box office.

CM showed that despite the fact that the hall was not full and the cost of paying the soloist, we still made a profit. The price was settled for this year.

SEALL is dealing with the administration / publicity / marketing of the concert and will take a percentage of box office (IM said that this % was not known).

Prices for next SMO concert can be reviewed for next year.

Action: CM, IM

Meetings

JH proposed 2 meetings per term. He asked that meetings should be face to face not by email. CM said that there were a lot of email exchanges and that some decisions had been made by email.

Register of attendance

Iain Roden (IR) said that it had been a good idea to have a register of attendance to help him plan rehearsals according to what instruments were available.

IM suggested that such a register could be at each rehearsal and people could tick the likelihood of them being able to make any subsequent rehearsals.

Action: CM (using current attendance register), IR

Next term

A poll was held last term about whether to have a rehearsal during the half-term break. This was successful and there can now be rehearsals every two weeks (or more) during the autumn term with 8/9 during the term.

BP will check term dates.

IM to carry on with hall bookings.

The date of the first rehearsal needs to be fixed (28/8 or week before?)

Action: BP (dates), IM (bookings)

Christmas concert 2015

It was decided not to have a demanding programme for this concert.

Some carols (carefully chosen!). Some possible ensemble pieces.

IR wanted to know if we wanted to go on a lighter route (programme-wise).

People agreed that the current level was light enough and that there should be at least one meaty piece in the programme.



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A lively discussion about possible items followed. BP mentioned the possibility of doing choral works.

Ann Lampard might know choirs whom we could be playing with.

CM mentioned that there was still a box full of Christmas music. He will report back to see if there are potential carols.

Action: BP, CM

Rehearsals

IR said we could do more 'warm up' pieces.

CM mentioned that he was happy to play the Strauss Horn Concerto – mentioned previously at the AGM.

Refreshments

CM mentioned that the orchestra could now pay for the cost of refreshments. There should be a float which could be used for buying supplies and one person should be responsible for doing that. CM is happy to be that person.

Action: CM

LG mentioned that a lot of time was wasted by those groups responsible for preparing refreshments. She suggested that we could get one external person who would come to set up, serve and put away.

JH suggested his partner Merry.

Action: JH, CM, LG

SMO concert

IR mentioned that the orchestra needed to start rehearsing earlier than usual at SMO. Could there be facilities to stop for an early break around 3.30pm for tea.

CM will ask Duncan at SMO to let us use our boiler in the cafe space downstairs.

Action: CM

IR will check with the Broadford pub we went to after last year's SMO concert for an informal get together.

Action: IR

Next meeting

A meeting in early June will need to be set up.

Action: JH

Meeting closed at 14.00.