

Minutes of Body of Sound Annual General Meeting - 19 June 2013

Present: Penny Joan Gill Chris Catherine Renate Judy Lisa Therese (Chair) Bev Deena Liz Steph Kate Izzy Sue (minutes) Leni Lesley Rosemary Anna Jo Carol Miranda

Apologies : Julie C Julie D Heather Hilary Bev V-H Jill

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After Lesley asked that an amendment be made to mention her wonderful 60th birthday bards song, these were agreed (Lisa proposed and Gill seconded).

Matters arising

Had the Treasurer explored the possibility of a bank account that would accrue interest? She had and due to the fact that it was a group account it would not be feasible.

Chair's Report 2012-13

I took over as Chair from Miranda, who assured me that the role entailed very little work, at the AGM in June 2012. At my first Steering Group in September of that year Helen said that she would like to have a sabbatical for a year starting from December 2012. The SG agreed.

Helen taught her last session on December 5th, we busked for Assist on December 8th and had a lovely farewell evening at the Barn on December 12th. We also had a clothes swap at Steph's sometime during the winter months. I know because I was there but I can't find the date for it in my diary.

The SG began the business of recruiting a new MD with as democratic and inclusive a process as possible. We started by asking everyone what they most valued about BOS so as to try not to lose this. We had two candidates, Liz Nicholas and Kate Thomas, who each taught us for a short session. The SG then sent out questionnaires to everyone asking for their opinions and preferences. We had 26 replies and the decision, by a small majority, was that we would like to be taught by both. The SG then asked Liz to teach us for the first term and a half and Kate for the second. Liz taught us from January 9th until May 22nd when we said goodbye and we welcomed Kate on June 5th. The transition from Helen to Liz seems to have been very difficult for some people and I would like to offer thanks on behalf of the SG to those who have supported us through this process. Helen has agreed to let us know by the end of August whether or not she will be coming back. If she decides not to, then the SG have already agreed that we shall have a different approach to consultation and will ask all those who want to take part, to actually meet so we can decide what we want to do about a replacement for Helen.

In April we had a wonderful weekend at Lockerbrook which was organised by Lisa who was assisted by Anna. As always the food was wonderful and we sang and walked and generally had a marvellous and relaxing time.

Treasurer's Report

See attached. Judy recommended that there be no increase in fees for the coming year. As we have a large contingency fund it was agreed that a discussion take place next term as to how this could be spent. This would give time for us to have some thoughts on suitable recipients. Chris would contact Brian to thank him for his generosity in continuing to make payments in memory of Angela and to ask if he wished to continue with this.

It was asked why the differential in pay to Liz and Kate (less than to Helen) – Judy explained that this decision was based on the fact that Liz and Kate did not have the breadth of experience compared to Helen. Judy was thanked for her report and work during the year.

Election of Steering Group Officers

Three members of the Steering Group were standing down: Sue whose two years were up, Kate as she cannot hold an office whilst MD, and Gill who wished to relinquish her role. The following were elected:

- Secretary – Gill - nominated by Lesley and seconded by Lisa.
- Gig co-ordinator - vacant at present.
- Social Secretary – Renate - nominated by Lisa and seconded by Deena.

Gill, Kate and Sue were thanked for their work over the years.

Therese (Chairperson), Judy (Treasurer), Anna (Membership Secretary) and Penny continue on the Steering Group. As Judy's term of office will expire at next year's AGM she has asked that anyone interested in being Treasurer consider 'shadowing' her for a time.

Lisa, on behalf of BOS, thanked Therese as Chairperson and the whole of the Steering Group for their hard work during a difficult time.

Constitution

Sue had made the amendments to the Constitution that were agreed at previous meetings of the Management Committee. The revised Constitution was formally adopted. Penny proposed, Deena seconded.

Website

Liz Nicholas and Anna have uploaded the website. Anna will keep BOS up to date with additions. There will be a specially convened meeting in the autumn term to decide issues such as the content of the pages, who manages the website, what is public etc. Anna was thanked for her work on the website.

Any other business

Sue asked if we had a waiting list and what was the position regards an Open Rehearsal. This had been discussed at a Steering Group Meeting and as we are in excess of our agreed membership we will not be accepting new members in September.

Lauriston: Lisa reminded us that we have been offered a date in late April next year for a return visit to Lauriston. We have to decide by the end of the summer term if we wish to go. She will email details to us.