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AGM 19.6.13

**Reports, elections;** interest-accruing **bank account** not possible; amended **constitution** adopted; **website** created; **no new members** in Sept; reminder of forthcoming Laurieston visit.

SG 8.1.14

Opening and locking of building; planning for fund-raising **tea party**; **IWD**; chasing up **women who are not regularly attending**; SG meal.

SG 9.4.14

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SG 25.6. 14

1 item agenda –**concerns about religious content of songs**. **Feedback/comments/suggestions book** to be instituted . **How songs are chosen**.

SG 27.8.14

Possible **religious content of songs** - hereafter any concerns to go in **feedback book**; Endcliffe Methodist Church to close – **need new premises**; no increase in **fees**; donation to **Gaza** ? ; **no gigs in autumn terms** other than busking to allow new women to integrate; SG to wear **name and position badges** at beginning of new term.

SG 11.3.15

**New premises** – potential of OJS; **finance for IWD – in future whole of BoS to be consulted re this**; **Lockerbrook** – practicalities, costs, subsidies.

SG 17.4.15

**Kate’s pay** - details – charge for original work? Consult NVN?; **membership – retainers, breaks, difficulties in paying**; forthcoming AGM; visit to The Barn suggested; excessive/ non-BoS / reply all **emails**; **noise levels** **during teaching on Wed nights**.

SG 10.6.15

Preparation for forthcoming AGM**; minor amendments in Kate’s contract which any of BoS can look at if they wish to do so; welcome letter for new members; membership – paying on a weekly basis is not what we want, regular commitment encouraged instead; recruitment** initially via existing members, failing that flyers; **assistance for Carol’s learning**; reminders re **suggestions book**; Barn visit, clothes swap.

AGM 1.7.15

**Suggestions book** working; Chair and Treasurer’s reports; **MD’s contract**, **Job Description** ( including training and supervision budgets) and **pay – no increase**. MD’s report – including that **‘we work best on events which we organise, rather than participating in other events’.**

New venue, new members in Sept; **welcome letter**; election of officers; **length of tenure on SG** – **rec 2 years, max 3**. Proposition to invite **ex-members**.

SG 8.7.15

**Welcome letter** had been drafted and agreed; **voice recorder donated** and gratefully received by Carol; details of **recruitment process**; **invite ex-members once a term** if no big event imminent; **Kate’s training and supervision budget**; **Facebook page** – further discussion needed; **SG meal – previously agreed to be an annual event**.

SG 24.10.15

**Membership numbers**; discussion re **too much email** – possible solutions; physical **noticeboard** for Wed evenings; current **attendance** is fine, communication with new venue is good; forthcoming busking; **Laurieston** – more info needed for new women; **suggested guest workshop leaders – a named woman to contact and organise** details for this?; **IWD event?** ; possibilty of outreach singing in Heeley; forthcoming **visit to Palestine – songs for this will not impact Wed evenings**; BoS as the subject of an MA?; **ex-members evening** – Kate to fix dates for end of next 2 terms; forthcoming Christmas party and clothes swap.

SG 15.2.16

**MA project** not happening; **Old Girls’ evening** practicalities; brief updates – membership/new members, waiting list, attendance; potential social; finances are fine; **Laurieston visit – principles and costs**; **IWD** – OJS expensive but too late to change venues; **Looking** **After Our Ageing Voices workshop -** too expensive with Nicola Harrison - other possible leaders; **Street Choirs** – check interest; **IWD** practicalities.

SG 6.4.16

**Laurieston costings and policy**; **Taking care of Our (Ageing) Voices workshop** and **20th anniversary** – beginnings of plans for both; membership/ numbers/ no new women in Sept.

8.6.16 Meeting of those interested in discussing **BoS’s 20th birthday**.

SG 15.6.16

**MA project** not going ahead unless we hear otherwise; arrangements to invite **former members for an evening**; brief updates on website, mailing list; waiting list; attendance, socials, finances are all fine; **Laurieston/ Lockerbrook discussion and decisions on finance**: **Street Choirs** this year?; **IWD** – OJS expensive, other **arrangements for this including insurance**; Looking after Our (Ageing) Voices workshop.

SG 19.10.16

**Discussion on funding** – but not clear for what!!; **Kate’s contract** – review annually in April and increase pay in line with inflation – when was current rate set? Contract and AGM to be ‘in line’ (?) with start of new academic year ; **membership** is healthy; **socials** – **ex-members** to be invited?, **recipients of clothes swap money** to be determined, Christmas do, social events to be put on website and noticeboard; how can **communication** be more efficient?; **20th Birthday arrangements**; **quietness during learning** on Wed nights.

SG 7.12.16

Minor changes to **Laurieston funding** ; **Kate’s contract** –training budget to remain the same**; Old Girls/ former members to be invited to events** – **responsibility of Gig Co-ordinator**: **membership numbers** – 46 on email list, 12 on waiting list; noticeboard working well for **communication**; **policy on ‘internal ‘ requests to sing at members’ events** – costs and donations ; **20th birthday celebrations** – practicalities; **reminder re talking/ chat on Weds**, busking for Assist soon.

SG 24.5.17

**Membership** –numbers, new members, waiting list, taster sessions, joining info, any further vacancies to be put on website; **Kate’s contract** done and signed, basic **salary** henceforth to be **paid monthly with no need for an invoice**, invoices only to be required for extra hours, 5% **increase** as of Sept, as no increase since 2015; **website** update and changes; help with **‘shuffling’ at performances; more busking?; Singing Around Town.**

SG 18.10.17

**Policy on donations for singing at members’ events** to be circulated by email; **membership list** to be updated by membership secretary; **list, including ex-members, for performances and events**; enquiry from **woman with baby** to be directed to other singing groups (small group to consider this); **Christmas singing for Sheffield Teaching Hospitals** – no, but we would consider making them one of our charitable donations; **residentials -Laurieston? Lockerbrook? Other? Nearer, shorter, cheaper? big birthdays; Facebook page, quiet during learning** – **all SG to remind**.

SG 10.1.18

**Faceboo**k page practicalities; **baby policy** – small group to meet; **residentials – major discussion** - venues/ principles/ practicalities/money - further meeting to discuss; **website** – external help needed;  **Street Choirs**; **IWD**, invitation from Sheffield Palestinian Women’s group; **potential transgender members** joining BoS.

SG 14.2.18

**One item agenda –residentials and workshops** Results of major consultation of BoS by email and collation of replies – best to look at the minutes as and when needed rather than try to summarise.

SG 16.5.18

**Transgender members**; attendance of **babies and children**; **guests are welcome on Weds but not at residentials**; **Barn visit** practicalities; **Kirsty Martin workshop** practicalities; **potential guest teachers**; membership numbers; SG meal; possibility of **no cash or cheques to pay subs**; **length of tenure of SG positions.**

AGM June 18

Reports; elections; data protection; all welcome to attend SG meetings; younger members and asylum seekers places.

SG 24.10.18

Kate to attend NVN **transgender** meeting; attendance of **babies and children**; SG meal; Kirsty Martin workshop practicalities; plan for future workshops – **residential each spring and workshop each autumn?** (liaise with Purple Cats) - **local workshops preferred to further afield**; possible **guest teachers** – Gill Up may be able to suggest NVNers willing and able; **SG area of website** to be done; future Freeman College gig; **tenure on SG**; announce policy on **fees for members’ do** s; **Gmail and Facebook** will be functioning soon.

SG 13.3.19

Kate couldn’t attend the **transgender** meeting, separate meeting on this 17thApril; **babies** currently not an issue; **Facebook** page can’t be opened; **SG – roles, tenure, mentoring; fees, funding and inclusivity**; autumn workshop –possible teachers; Heart Core visit – no; Freeman College and Small Park Big Run gigs; SG meal.

SG 17.4.19

**Lockerbrook costs, no friends** on residential but fine on Wed nights; **workshops** with Roxanne in autumn, Faith Watson next spring; **fundraising for Assist** – ask them about a location where we might collect more money; **research into venues** by whole of BoS – ongoing; **waiting list** stands at 5, up to 8 is ok.

SG 10.7.19

**Kate’s salary**; **bank account** which doesn’t charge to be investigated; **what to do with surplus funds,** **bursaries**; **liaison with asylum seeker members and also Carol**; **membership** is 40, may go over this in Sept; future dates; SG meal; need venue for Faith Watson; need to address **next residential** very soon.