Knotanotherchoir

AGM: Thursday 17th November

Location: Dales Room, COGS, Gracious Street

1. Appointment of Chair for AGM

2. Attendees and apologies for absence. Confirmation of the quorum

3. Brief Report

Introduction of current directors and committee members.

Explanation Committee changes in the past year.

Thanks to David, Pauline, Graham, Lynne and Pippa, for the hard work over past years setting up the choir and their previous committee roles.

To Mike for running the invaluable website, and who stood down as Chair in June

To Julie D for the refreshments

To Julie BS for all her hard work organizing the events

To Pauline for the excellent, regular, full and informative weekly bulletins.

To Pam for her help on the desk

To Sally who until recently did all the photocopying

And finally to Lorraine for her wonderful Musical Leadership and for keeping us all on track! MANY THANKS FROM US ALL!!

4 Review of 2015/16:

The choir performed at Knaresborough Station before Christmas, the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Knaresborough Market place, Aspin Christmas Fayre, with Leeds Choir at Elland Road in support of Foster Carers’ in Leeds, Henshaws on behalf of the Saturday Club, Sycamore Hall Care Home In Ripon, and with the Honest Singers in Musselburgh, Edinburgh on behalf of the Teapot Trust with street singing in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

In total the amount raised for Charity was £500

5 Financial Overview: Financial report and acceptance of the accounts

6 Resignation and appointment of directors (David, Pauline, Graham)

7 Resignation and appointment of committee members

 Extra people always welcome! Please join us. At the moment to committee

 consists of John, Julie B-S, Julie D, Chris and Jane.

8 Proposal to apply for Charitable Status

The Committee has been researching into the process in order to achieve Charitable Status. The Choir is now a member of the national Choir Association which will also be helpful in attaining this. Requirements are:

* A constitution
* A committee
* A charitable status and statement that complies with the necessary guidelines (i.e. The advancement of Culture, Arts, Heritage and Science)

The advantages are Corporation Tax on unearned income - mainly bank deposits - or tax deducted on bank interest, is no longer payable, member’s subscriptions can be paid as “Gift Aid Donations”. If we gain sponsorship in the future, then we may also claim tax back on corporate or individual charitable gifts. A less tangible benefit is a degree of kudos that comes from being a charity as it may gain us some advantage dealing with local authorities and public bodies.

Vote on acceptance to apply for charitable status

9 Request for suggestions re 2016/17 nominated Charity:

Members are asked to put forward any ideas they might have. Local or personal charities/causes are especially welcome.

10 Proposed events 2016/17 (to date):

 Christmas tree festival at St Johns - 1pm Saturday 3 December

 Leeds Peoples Choir Benefit Gig – 7pm Saturday 3 December

 Frazer Theatre 18 December

 Kendal Street Choir June 2017

 FEVA with the Honest Singers of Musselburgh

11 AOB: