

Minutes of the WNJYO AGM, 9 September 2015 at Springwood High School

Present

Nathaniel Amoaku, William Amoaku, Hilary Clark, Rob Galliard, Alice Hipwell, George Hipwell, Helen Johnson, Eleanor Johnson, Isobel Johnson, Chieko Joyce, Matthew Joyce, Kaveeta Malhi, Pam Singh, Nina Trigg-Oglesby, Zachariah Oglesby, Keith Rowland, Elaine Sargent, Biddy Vogel.

1. **Minutes:** the minutes of the last AGM were agreed.
2. **Matters arising:** there were no matters arising.
3. **Elections:** the following were duly elected:
 - Chair – Keith Rowland
 - Secretary – Hilary Clark
 - Treasurer – William Amoaku
 - Librarian – Rob Galliard
 - Concert organiser – Hilary Clark
 - Youth representatives – Nathaniel Amoaku, Kaveeta Malhi, Zachariah Oglesby
 - Web Master - Nathaniel Amoaku
 - Publicity Officer – Biddy Vogel
 - Membership secretary – Helen Johnson
 - Rota and Tuck secretary – Pam Singh.

Committee members – all adults present to be part of the committee.

The committee duly appointed the following to continue in their roles:

- Conductor – Rob Galliard
- Assistant Conductor – Elaine Sargent.

Resignations: resignations were received from Pete Hopkins (Chair) and Sally Maddison (Librarian and committee member). Both were thanked for their support over the years and best wishes sent to Pete in his continuing treatment.

4. Reports

- **Chair** – Keith Rowland thanked past chair Pete and also Rob and Elaine for their efforts over the year highlighting the concert at Gressenhall as a big success not just musically but also for bringing the group together on a social level.
- **Treasurer** – William reported that the £180.50 from the Gressenhall concert had still not been received which meant that a small number of bills (including conductors' fees) remained unpaid as insufficient funds were available. Once the outstanding amount is received and all accounts are paid, the net figure for the year will be - £71.83, a small loss. However, the situation is not all bleak as the savings account still holds £7,119.66 which has not been touched over the year. There was some discussion about the forthcoming year; it is hoped that the situation will improve with a small increase in income from membership fees and improved income/attendance from concerts.
- **Conductor** – Rob gave a summary of the year which began with a small but talented group of string players supplemented in the course of the year by 2 flutes, 2 clarinets, a horn and a trumpet with a trombone to join shortly. Rob has also found bassoon, oboe and double bass players (adults) who are happy to assist at concerts. This increase opens up some new repertoire and Rob is looking forward to the new year with a good variety of pieces.
Rob also reminded players that rehearsals are supposed to start at 7 promptly, ie ready to play at 7 so players need to arrive before then. He also asked if people would let him

know if they were going to be late or absent or could not attend concerts.

5. **Membership fees:** Rob reported that this coming year almost all rehearsals will be full requiring the attendance of both string and wind players so suggested that all players should pay the same membership fee. This was agreed by all present and likewise it was agreed to keep the membership at £60 for the year or £20 per term for those who prefer to pay termly, with second and subsequent players from the same family at £40 per year.
6. **Concerts:** the aim will be for at least two concerts each term starting in December with an informal event with Mathew Lee's junior string group, a return to St John's Church and carols in the foyer at Tesco Hardwick (19 December). There will be a return to All Saints in the summer and WNJYO will also take part in Music for Youth again. A few other ideas were discussed including a possibility of doing something in support of the new King's Lynn Symphonia with Michael Hankinson. Parents were asked to be proactive about securing concert opportunities.
7. **AOB:**
 - Council small grants scheme – chair and secretary will look at this and submit an application to help with running costs if considered appropriate.
 - Tuck shop: Pam Singh will investigate a cash and carry card.
 - Rainbows – secretary has received a request from the North Wootton Rainbows for a visit to/from WNJYO. Youth Reps will discuss whether it might be possible for a small group to go one week.
 - First Aid Kit – this now lives in the boot of Rob's car so is always available at rehearsals and/or concerts.
 - PAT testing – although this isn't technically a legal requirement, the technician at Springwood has agreed to test any items as and when required.
 - Instrument hire- Rob is about to use the new forms for the first time for a loan to Michael Hankinson; he will pass the completed form to the treasurer when completed.
 - Flute player – Rob asked Alice Hipwell to ask her potential new flute player to make contact with him.
 - Social events – after the success of the Gressenhall picnic, it was generally agreed to try to arrange more of the same this coming year, possibly also an event after the carols at Tesco and /or a bowling outing for the players. Youth Reps to discuss ideas with the players.
8. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 14 October at 6.45 to discuss arrangements for December concerts; rehearsal as usual that week.

The meeting closed at 2020.