

Wednesday 7th September 2022 8.40 to 8.45 at Edinbane Hall

Elaine Ferguson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She said how wonderful it was to be back together after the long COVID break .

Elaine referred back to the EGM after which we have become a formally constituted organisation with a bank account. Elaine also confirmed that subs would be £20 a term.

Elaine set out our music for the year to of the major works being Phantom of the Opera and Mozart requiem which we will learn in tandem with South Chorus and to aid this some joint rehearsals would be arranged. Elaine acknowledged some people preferred popular whilst others preferred classic so it was important we maintained a balance she also confirmed keep some of our favourites in our repertoire.

With regard to concerts we would perform Classical concert in the Gathering Hall with South Chorus in the same way as last year and that a consideration was being given to performing in Glasgow in March 23 at the Scottish Music Festival (in a non competitive category) if enough persons were interested.

Elaine then handed over to Nick Sands, Treasurer, for a financial report. Nick explained that the financial year 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 had been impacted considerably by the Covid epidemic, in particular income from subscriptions was very low; expenditure had exceeded income by nearly £450 and we ended the year with £564.87 cash on hand. Nick then reassured members that there has been a significant turnaround in the current financial year on account of a healthy income from members' subscriptions and we now have just over £1,000 in the bank. Forecasts show that if we continue with our current healthy membership, then income and expenditure should be well balanced for the rest of this year enabling us, prudently, to maintain a reserve in the bank of around £1,000 that we can draw upon in the event of unusual, unforeseen or exceptional expenditure arising.

Gwyn thanked Elaine for all her hard work and this was supported by cheers and a round applause from all members.

Meeting ended at 20: 45 hrs.

Yvonne Gerrard 12th September