

**Via Choralis Performance Society  
Annual General Meeting, November 23, 2020**

**Minutes**

Present: Gordon Shrimpton, Steve Soule, Cheryl Vickers, Nicholas Woolard, Tsiporah Gottlieb, Gillian Lightbody, Brenna Litwack, Fiona St. Clair, Ruthie Tiessen, Nick Fairbank, Kent Huynh

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:36 pm

**Agenda** - Approved

**Minutes** of AGM November 25, 2019 – Approved

Minutes of Meeting of February 23, 2020 and March 9, 2020 - Approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Steve Reported on our Financial situation and presented Financial Statements and a Budget for the 2020-21 season which will have to be revisited if the pandemic situation changes.

Steve suggested that if we are able to get back to performing this year, we will really need to sell tickets.

**Budget for Approval** – Budget includes continued retainer for Nick Fairbank and will necessitate drawing on cash reserve. Motion to approve budget – Steve, seconded – Tsiporah, Carried.

Vote of Thanks to Brenna for supporting Treasurer and serving as Trustee.

**Report of Artistic Director** – Nick provided his report. We performed two concerts in the 2019-2020 season: In Remembrance, November 11, 2019 and Earth, Moon and Stars, February 9, 2020. Our planned concert for April 2020 had to be cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Members have been unable to meet in person for rehearsals. We made a virtual performance of Arcadel's *Il Bianco el dolce* and one of Irving Berling's *Blue Skies*. Both with reduced participation. Hopefully, the pandemic situation will come to an end soon and we can get back to rehearsing and performing in the new year and that the choir can get back to where it was.

**Report of President** – Gordon provided his report lamenting the Covid situation and thanking directors and other members for their continuing participation and support. He noted there are a few members that we need to try and reconnect with.

**Costumes/Dress** – Not much has happened given the Covid situation.

**Election of Officers** – The following nominations were received: Gordon Shrimpton, Steve Soule, Nicholas Woolard, Cheryl Vickers, Tsiporah Gottlieb, Ruthe Tiessen. All nominees Elected.

Garth Van der Kamp will be approached to see if he would like to be on the Board.

**Other Business** – Nicholas W noted that we did not ask for the return of music at the end of last season. Query: will we use the same music if activities resume or will we try something new? Should he be getting the music back? It was decided that the music should be collected.

Brenna L asked about Board Meeting minutes – she would like them posted on the website in the members' only section. Nicholas W will get the Board meeting Minutes posted. He will be in touch with Daphne re older minutes if he can't find them.

Nicholas W noted that Janet Mitchell's husband recently passed away. Tsiporah will send a card.

Nick F reported that Sandra is not sure she will continue as our accompanist when we resume activities. Steve will purchase a gift to thank her for this season. The Board will consider whether terms of future contracts should be reviewed to increase compensation.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:19