



Committee Meeting

DULWICH
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Thursday 4 July at 7.00pm

Venue: 28 Ryecroft Road, SW16 3EG

Minutes

1. Present: Russell Ashley-Smith (chair), Ishani O'Connor, Chris Burns, Liz Cleary, Tom Hammond, Caroline Annesley, Hannah Northern.

Apologies were received from Jeremy Crump and Charles Mackworth-Young

2. Matters arising and agreement of minutes of meeting of March 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

It was agreed that the secretary would let Liz Cleary have a list of all the email contacts for violinists in DSO so that communications with them could be managed in future.

It was agreed that members of the committee should become more active in limiting the tea break to 15 minutes.

3. Renewal of conductor's contract January 2014

It was agreed that the secretary should write to members as per draft (circulated with agenda), seeking views by 31 July on the renewal of the conductor's contract, which the committee strongly endorsed.

4. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer will make arrangements for external scrutiny of the accounts for 2012-13 once they are completed.

The success of Nicky Jackson's negotiations to get better deals on music hire was noted. Tom encouraged Nicky to continue to adopt this approach when hire fees seem

high.

The Treasurer said that there was no need to recommend an increase of subs in 2013-14.

5. Issues arising from June concert

a) fixing, including information for depts

Following a discussion of the paper submitted by the secretary on the subject of fixing and depts it was agreed that, were a permanent woodwind vacancy to occur, it should not be filled until the committee had been consulted about the means of filling it. This should also be communicated to woodwind sections.

The right level of fees for extras was discussed but no conclusion reached. [In subsequent email discussion, it was agreed that £80 was a suitable figure in most cases but excluding harp and percussion].

b) event management

The chair would discuss with Ruth Holton how best to address with All Saints' issues which had arisen about tidying up the church, and to make arrangements to liaise with the new caretaker.

c) marketing

A DL for the 2013-14 would be produced. The chair to discuss design and production with Jo Duggan.

The secretary should supply details of the DSO Twitter account to Hannah Northern, who would manage it in future.

The practice of asking audience members for email details in slips in the programme and the use of the mailing list to publicise concerts should be resumed.

6. Outreach

- education programme

The committee noted and welcomed Ishani's proposals for the continuing work with Elm Green. Since the meeting, a cheque has been received from the school which completes the tripartite funding of the programme.

- YCA

Whilst noting the low number of applications in the last two years, the committee endorsed the continuation of the awards. There would be more extensive advertising and promoting of the competition in November for the 2014 award scheme. It was noted that Leigh O'Hara had agreed that the 2013 YCA winner's piece would be played at the November concert. It was agreed that the workshop with the conductor should be replaced by a play through with the orchestra.

7. AGM 2013

- Date

The AGM for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 8 October.

- Future committee membership

Members would be asked to consider putting themselves forward for committee membership at the beginning of the autumn term.

8. Correspondence received (discussion by exception only)

Noted, but no action called for.

9. Any other business

It was agreed that the chair would discuss with Leigh O'Hara the feasibility of including an additional piece in the programme for November's concert to mark the Britten centenary.

A proposal from a member for organising a social event was discussed but no decision was made.

The Committee, noting that this may be Russell Ashley-Smith's last meeting as chair (since he had made it known that he would not be standing for reelection to that office for 2013-14) thanked him for all his work on behalf of the orchestra.

Date of next meeting will be planned by Doodle.