



SLEAFORD CHORAL SOCIETY COUNCIL

CALLING NOTICE FOR AGM 2019

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE AGM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2019 AT 8.15pm IN NORTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH.

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes of the last AGM for approval - [available on the website in the Member's Area, and as an attachment to this document.](#)

3 Matters arising

4 Musical Director's Report

5 Membership Services Officer's Report

6 Hon. Treasurer's Report

- a) Approval of the Treasurer's Statement and Accounts
- b) Membership Subscriptions

7 Chairman's Report

8 Election of Officers & Council

Present Council

Position

Chairman

Hon Secretary

Hon Treasurer

Membership Services Officer

Additional Officer

2nd Additional Officer

Music Officer

Publicity and Mailing

Social Secretary

Soprano Representative

Alto Representative

Tenor Representative

Bass Representative

Incumbent

Lew Paterson

Doreen Bamford

Oliver Elphick

Katy Griffiths

Derek Jacobs

Vacancy

Alwyn Kirk

Vacancy

Anthea Ashmore

Susan Lipscombe-Ridley

Kathy Kinnard

Brendan McAleavy

Derek Jacobs

All of the existing Officers and Council members have agreed to stand for re-election, however this not preclude members from making new nominations.

Any new nominations for any positions, vacant or otherwise, should be received by the Secretary or the Chairman prior to the meeting. Nomination forms have been available at rehearsals from Wednesday 4th September and also attached to this AGM mailing.

Please note that in accordance with the Constitution, 'The Officers and the other Council members shall be elected by, and out of, the Society's members at the AGM; they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.'

9 Appointment of Musical Director - Rowland Lee has agreed to continue in the position.

10 Appointment of Deputy Conductor - Alwyn Kirk has agreed to continue in this position.

11 Music Programme for 2019-2020 Season

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12 Proposal for a change to the choral dress worn by members at concerts etc.

This motion is put forward by Mary-Jane White.

The issue of choral dress, especially in relation to the scarf, was brought up at last year's AGM, but no decisions were made. Lew suggested that, if any members were still unhappy, a proposal which could be voted upon should come to this AGM.

I would like to propose the following dress code: All black for women, of their own choice. And for men, the black suit that they already wear, but with a black bow tie in place of the blue one.

In my opinion, this looks both professional and suitably homogeneous. It gets around the difficulty of finding something that all the women are comfortable wearing since they can choose for themselves. I also think that most people will already own something that they can wear, so there shouldn't be any expense involved; either individually or to the society.

Here is a link for a photo of a choir wearing the uniform that I

suggest: <http://www.telluridechoralsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Telluride-Durango-Premiere-of-Requiem-for-Eagles.-Telluride-e1533839508642.jpg>

13 Proposal of a change of concert venue

This proposal is put forward by John Henwood.

On two occasions last season I went home from a concert/rehearsal feeling unwell because of the cold temperature in St Denys Church. This has gone on for the last 5 years I have been singing with Sleaford Choral and there has been no improvement. It has to stop. I enjoy singing with Sleaford Choral with good fellowship and real pleasure from the joyful noise we make, but the concerts themselves are no fun at all. I think there is an argument that St Denys is no longer fit for purpose as a concert venue and I would ask the committee to look actively for an alternative in the town.

14 SCS Entry for Christmas Tree Festival 2019 – decision needed on whether to submit an entry this year.

15 The Really Big Chorus at Royal Albert Hall 'Messiah from Scratch' 2019 - details of this event to publicise to members.

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Hon Secretary.

16.09.2019

Attachments:

- Minutes of 2018 AGM
- Nomination Form for Council positions
- Checked End of Season accounts Sept 2018-Aug 2019
- Christmas Tree Festival 2019 details
- Royal Albert Hall 'Messiah from Scratch' 2019 details