

Waveney Sinfonia Musical Society AGM

28th September 2024

Secretary: Catherine Jenner

Present: Chris Greenhill (Vice Chair), Steve Johnson (Treasurer), David Adelson (Leader/Fixer), Christine Adelson (Librarian), Caroline Kinchin-Smith (Friends' Sec), Cecilia Metherell (Publicity)

Absent: Michael Taylor, Elizabeth Skinner, Allan Emery

Apologies: Rosemary Shaw

+ 26 members of the orchestra (see separate list) and Adrian Brown (Conductor)

In the absence of our Chair, Michael Taylor, the meeting was chaired by Vice Chair, Chris Greenhill.

CG opened the meeting at 16.55 and welcomed everyone.

1. Minutes from AGM 2023

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

This report can be read on the Waveney Sinfonia website.

4. Treasurer's Report

This report can be read on the Waveney Sinfonia website. SJ thanked the Patrons and Friends for their continued financial support and the players for their donations via the website and the pig. He thanked AB for his help in securing a grant from the Elgar Society. He reported that card payments were steadily increasing compared to cash. He reminded the meeting that donations made via the website could benefit from Gift Aid.

Proposed by Sarah McPherson and seconded by Margaret Taylor

5. Friends' Report

CKS shared her report which can be read on the Waveney Sinfonia website.

Proposed by Michael Ellwood and seconded by Carol King

6. Publicity Report

CM shared her report which can be read on the website. She appealed for help with serving refreshments at the next concert.

Proposed by Wendy Ekbery and seconded by CG

7. Election of Officers and Committee

CG reported that Rob Emery had stepped down as Webmaster and thanked him for his work. The Committee are looking for a replacement for this role. Julian Kirk offered his willingness to serve on the Committee. All other Committee members had expressed a willingness to continue to serve. CG asked for the meeting to accept this Committee plus Julian Kirk.

Proposed by Michael Ellwood and seconded by Sarah McPherson. The vote was unanimous.

8. AOB

- AB thanked the Committee for all their work to ensure smooth running of the rehearsal weekends and concert days. He thanked the Players for their positive attitude at rehearsal and how, despite the long drive up from London, he always enjoyed his time with Waveney Sinfonia.
- CA raised the issue of updating photographs on the website. Claire Harrison said her daughter had taken some photos and emailed them forward. This email had been missed so Claire offered to resend.
- DA reported that Suffolk County Council were awarding grants for musical projects.
- CG asked players for ideas for future concerts and suggestions for repertoire. AB suggested seeking sponsors for a performing a particular piece.
- CA proposed thanks to the Fixers that are not on the Committee for the hard work that they do.

CG thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 17.15.