

Waveney Sinfonia Musical Society AGM

30th September 2023

Secretary: Catherine Jenner

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

+ 17 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 16.50 and welcomed everyone.

1. Minutes from AGM 2022

These were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by CA and seconded by CKS.

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 reported that the Society's finances were looking healthier, partly due to the Friends' subscriptions being reinstated. The Society was also benefiting from generous donations from the players via the Pink Pig and through the website. The Donate button is now available on the website allowing donations to be Gift Aided. SJ said that ticket sales were equal between cash and card payments. After the sad death of Shirley Smith earlier this year, SJ appealed for additional help on the door with ticket sales, preferably from a non-player.

Proposed by CM and seconded by Margaret Taylor.

5. Friends' Report

This report can be read on the Waveney Sinfonia website.

Proposed by SJ and seconded by CG

6. Publicity Report

This report can be read on the Waveney Sinfonia website.

CG added that the Society relies on players to help promote the concerts.

Proposed by CKS and seconded by Sarah McPherson

7. Ticket sales at concerts

This item had already been covered by SJ as part of his report.

8. Election of Committee

CG appealed for an assistant to support our Webmaster, RE with keeping the website up to date.

He reported that all the Committee had expressed their willingness to stand for another year. No other people had offered their services, so CG asked for a proposal for the Committee to be voted in en bloc.

Margaret Taylor proposed, and Sarah McPherson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

8. AOB

CKS raised the issue of start times for concerts, asking for feedback from players. The 5pm start had made it possible for some younger children to attend. Some people liked the early finish to the May concert. It does mean a shorter space between the end of the rehearsal and the concert start. CG said the Committee would discuss the possibility of an earlier start for the Family Concert in May.

DA asked for an offer of hospitality for Hannah Perowne between the rehearsal and the concert. Carol Skinner kindly offered.

Adrian Brown highlighted the contribution of the Elgar Society to help with the expenses of putting on the January concert.

CA asked if anyone living locally to Lowestoft had any contact with Cultural Connections. Carol Skinner said she had.

Adrian Brown questioned if Zettle was the best option for the Society for contactless payments, suggesting using SumUp instead. SJ replied that the amounts on the Finance Report were sums held to enable refunds if they should be needed rather than running costs.

CG thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 17.15