MINUTES OF HRS COMMITTEE MEETING Z36
Tuesday November 26th 2024 at 7.30pm by Zoom

1. **Present** : Penny Smith (chair), Pippa Belas, Jean Campbell (vice chair & publicity), Andy Cordery (treasurer), Franceska Dante, Alison Raines.

2. **Apologies** : Angela Barnes, Angie Jones (concert manager).

3. **Minutes** of Z35 October 1st were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising** - none that would not be covered by the agenda.

5. **Finances**

    1. Andy reported that the finances were stable and in good shape, with a bank balance of approx £6000. All outstanding bills had been paid.

    2. All outstanding subs had now been received.

    3. There had been donations for sheet music brought along by Glyn Evans to the last rehearsal. He intended to bring some CDs along to the next one. We expressed gratitude to Glyn for his generous gestures.

    4. We agreed to renew membership of Making Music in December at the slightly increased fee of £114. Jean would do this as the MM link and Andy would refund her.

    5. We reviewed the MD's remuneration and agreed to set a new standard. We would implement an annual increase from January 1st to take account of inflation and the varied services and activities undertaken for us by the MD in addition to her conducting duties and routine expenses. We wished to recognise thereby Helen's extensive commitment to the success and promotion of HRS as a performance orchestra.

6. **St Mary's Church, Portchester Castle Concert February 16th 2025.**

    1. Penny and Angie had made a second site visit and found that the playing space had been remodelled since their first visit in July. A new seating plan would be needed and Penny was currently working on this. Another site visit may be necessary.

    2. The church now had an audio system, the floor had been carpeted and the acoustic in the church was good.

    3. Penny would finalise a definitive list of concert players. Rehearsals on January 11th and February 8th (to include the AGM) would both be extended ones and concert players would be expected to attend both for the full time.

7. **August 2025 Rehearsal**

    1. We noted this would now be taken by David Burgess as Sophie Middleditch was no longer available.

8. **Audio System at Colden Common**

    1. Glyn Evans had assisted with the introduction of a microphone and loudspeakers at a recent Wessex SRP meeting. This had worked well and been appreciated by players, so further experimentation would go ahead at the next HRS rehearsal, hopefully using some Community Centre equipment.

9. **Date of next meeting -** Monday 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8pm with thanks to all for an efficient session.
Jean Campbell - Nov.27th