MINUTES OF HRS COMMITTEE MEETING Z38

Friday 23rd May 2025 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present : Penny Smith (chair), Angela Barnes, Pippa Belas, Jean Campbell (vice chair & publicity), Andy Cordery (treasurer), Helen Hooker (Musical Director), Angie Jones (concert manager). Alison Raines.

1. **Minutes** of Z37 March 28th 2025 were agreed.
2. **Matters Arising** : none that would not be covered in the agenda.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
    1. Andy had prepared a short financial report for us. There was a healthy bank balance of £3870.33, boosted by recent termly subscriptions. Six subscriptions were outstanding and would be pursued.
    2. The Portchester concert, which had been by donations rather than tickets, had broken even.
    3. We discussed the pros and cons generally of tickets v. donations and decided on tickets @ £10 (children free) for the next concert.
    4. We also considered the pros and cons of paying by card reader linked to a Zettle or SumUp account and agreed this was worth investigating. Andy would research the costs and report back. Payment by cash at the door would still be an option.
    5. We noted that it was time for the annual audit and Andy would put this in hand.
4. **Rehearsals**
    1. Attendance : we agreed that for concerts after the coming July one, players would need to attend a fixed number to be eligible to play on the day.
    2. Sectional practices : we agreed these might be desirable but the practicalities of organising them needed more consideration. The purpose of them could be obviated by increased emphasis to players on the importance of practice between monthly rehearsals. We noted Helen's recent email to players and that the last rehearsal had seen the requisite improvement.
5. **Summer Concert** July 6th St John's Locks Heath SO31 6LW
    1. We confirmed arrival at 1.30pm for a 4.30pm performance
    2. We discussed Penny's flyer and various suggestions were made.
    3. Alison agreed to organise the interval refreshments.
    4. We discussed the HRS concert uniform and whether it should be completely black (ie without the touch of jade). We agreed to canvass players' preferences at the next rehearsal.
6. **Concerts for 2026**
    1. May 16th : St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. An afternoon Prom 3.30-4.30pm
    2. June 26th : St George's Whyke Church as part of the Festival of Chichester. 7.30pm start.

3. Portsmouth 100 Celebration in 2026 : It was unfortunately not possible for HRS to participate formally because of the date and complexity of the initial opening concert and the uncertainty of a follow-up one. It was, of course, always possible for HRS to put on a 2026 Portsmouth concert independently, though it would have to be in place by next month to be included in the printed Celebration programme to be published in the autumn. [The Portsmouth 100 Celebration covers a wide variety of event and activities across the city.]

7. **A.O.B.**
    1. Angela suggested adding St James Church, Milton, Portsmouth, to our possible venue list.

8. **Date of next meeting Z39** :
    1. Friday June 27th at 7.30pm

Jean Campbell

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