



ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL EX-CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Saturday 9th July 2011

Present: (11)

Malcolm Bury (Chairman), John Tournay, Moira Dean, Barry Smith, Laura Hicks, John Adams, David Ireson, Rhodri Pazzi-Axworthy, David Ranger, John Bate, Geoff Ward.

Obituary: The chairman reported that former Alto Lay Clerk Tony Robson had died in February and that several of his former colleagues had attended a thanksgiving service in Northampton.

Apologies: (30)

Dr Peter & Pat Hurford, Andrew Lucas, Dr Barry Rose, Andrew Parnell
David Bird, Gregg Carder (USA), Simon Colston, Paul Goode, Stephen Guy, David Haxby, Jim Heading
Tim Herbert, Keith Hill, Michael Hurford,, Trevor Jarvis, Mr & Mrs Paul Leggatt, Richard Lilley, Rory Lumsden, John Meager, Michael Milbourn, Keith Parker Mrs Anne Robson, Bob Staten, Mat Taylor, Simon Trott, Roger Turner (Uganda), Hannah Watts, Ian Woods.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (*See Footnote*)

Chairman's Report including Financial Statement (*Attachment 1*)

The Chairman reported that the ECA Concert held in September 2010 had been a great success and formally recorded the ECA's thanks to all the Cathedral authorities and the performers who had contributed to the concert. Alban Notes had continued to be issued on a quarterly basis and the website continued to be accessed on a regular basis.

Looking to the future the chairman confirmed that the 2012 reunion will be on 7th July when the ECA will be joined by the Choir of St Albans Washington DC who hosted the Abbey Girls Choir during their US tour. He also confirmed that the Dean and Master of the Music had agreed that the ECA could hold another concert on 22nd September 2012.

The chairman reported that the annual festival of the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations would be held at St Albans in September 2013 and that hosting by the ECA had been approved by the Dean.

The report ended with the Chairman congratulating Libby Godlee on her graduation from Durham University with a BA (Hons.) in Anthropology.

Financial Statement for Year Ended 30th June 2011 (*Full report available from The Chairman*)

Balance at Bank brought forward from 2010	£331.79
Deficit on current year administration	(£402.19)
Surplus on ECA Concert	£1,910.65
Balance at Bank carried forward to 2011-2012	£1,840.25

Acceptance Proposed: Barry Smith & Seconded: David Ireson

Election of Officers

During the year Libby Godlee left the Management Committee to complete her studies. Bob Staten has decided to stand down as Committee Honorary Secretary due to work commitments.

The following officers agreed to remain on the Management Committee: Malcolm Bury (Chairman) Simon Colston (Finance & IT Manager) John Adams, Hannah Watts, John Tournay, Trevor Jarvis and John Meager and were duly re-elected.

Proposed: Rhodri Pazzi-Axworthy & Seconded: David Ireson

Former Girl Chorister Laura Hicks had offered to join the Management Committee and was elected.

Proposed: Malcolm Bury & Seconded: John Tournay

Any Other Business

The Chairman asked members to consider two requests:

- (i) Information regarding younger members academic successes for Alban Notes
- (ii) To consider whether June/July are the best months for the biennial reunion.

Barry Smith asked whether charging a small sub would focus members' minds more on membership and attendance. The chairman said that question of subs is raised frequently and there were a number of reasons why subs were not requested: admin v income, chasing up non-payers etc. It was generally accepted that maintaining the relationship with members was more important than the potential income.

Rhodri Pazzi-Axworthy asked how the ECA captured choristers upon their valediction. The chairman replied that Gemma sends the names and contact details to him and they are then added to the ECA database.

Footnote:

Due to a planned time constraint the minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were not included in this year's agenda. They had been placed on the website and no comments received and were taken as read.