

WHITSTABLE MUSIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Members Meeting held at the Methodist Church Argyle road, Whitstable, on Saturday 10th June 2017 at 2.30pm.

The Chairman, J Walker, welcomed the members attending

Apologies for absence were received from C Fewtrell, G Bush, M Hearne, J and P Davey, L Ricketts, M and C Vaile, and J Crawley.

Minutes The minutes of the Forty-first Annual Members' Meeting held in June 2016 had been circulated and signed at the Executive committee meeting held in September 2016.

Matters arising. It was decided that in future the minutes for the preceding year's AGM will be sent out with the AGM notice. Copies of those minutes are always available in a folder. C Palmer suggested that they should also be put on the WMS website.

Chairman's Report to the Members 2017. Report sent earlier to all members. Chairman noted that as the season had been financially satisfactory, due in part to excellent sponsorship raised by G Smyth and M Crawley, there would be no need to raise ticket prices at present.

He announced the launching of the new redesigned WMS website in the autumn and thanked N Anthony for all the work he had done to push the project through to a creative and successful outcome. He urged all members to 'spread the word'.

He thanked the committee, the page turner, coffee helpers and all the good volunteers who helped in setting up and resetting the hall on concert evenings.

Accounts for the year ending 30th April 2017. It is essential that concert-goers should be urged to sign up for season tickets in the first two concerts. J Wilkinson suggested that as the Whitstable Magazine runs a community page that appears four times a year, WMS should take a page, and be included.

The question of the piano insurance was raised in that it should be double checked that it was covered for every exigency.

It was proposed that the accounts be accepted by G Smyth, seconded by C Palmer and all present agreed.

Annual Appointments As the Hon.Chairman J Walker, Hon.Vice.Chairman G Smyth, Hon.Sec. S Wheeler, and Hon Treasurer G Bush were willing to stand again, it was proposed by D Palmer and seconded by C Palmer that all should be elected *en bloc*. All present agreed.

The executive Committee M Crawley and C Palmer were similarly elected *en bloc*, proposed by L. Spiro and seconded by C Isenberg. All present agreed.

Any other business. Both J Wilkinson and S Wheeler said that the growing international nature of the musicians appearing in our season should be emphasised on the website. The website was discussed in lively fashion. N Anthony said it would eventually incorporate pages of information for travel to Whitstable, places to stay and eat, links to other attractions - the whole Whitstable package in fact.

J Wilkinson and G Hughes thanked the committee for all their hard work on behalf of the members and the Chairman added thanks to all the Sponsors and Donors, Page turner, Coffee helpers and Volunteers and the Methodist Church,

The meeting ended and refreshments were served.