
Orff Society UK

AGM - Minutes

21/09/2019

Members present: Sarah Hennessey, Kate Buchanan, David Wheway, Andrew Maude, Sue Forrest, Peter Baynes, Ian Shirley, Can Lu, Stephen Grocott

1. Apologies – Jay Deeble, Marjorie Ayling, Malcolm Coates, John Harper, Tamsyn Durrant; Jacinda Vincent, Natasha Wolf, Angelika Wolf, Nadja Kraft
2. Minutes: Accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising -
 - a. Cancellation Policy update – 100% refund for course withdrawal up to 4 weeks prior when it will reduce to 50%. Refunds will not be issued via Paypal, but via bank accounts.
4. Chair's report:
 - a. The 3 day CPD programme led by Kate Buchanan has been very successful and a further 3 sessions will take place this year. Numbers were modest but suited to the nature of the course (6-9). Sarah presented the concept of the course at the International OS Forum in Salzburg. Workshops were offered this year, both in the UK and Ireland. We continue to offer colleagues in Ireland support as they work towards establishing their own organisation.
 - b. Due to low bookings the Pinner course (June 2019) was cancelled.
 - c. Summer School (Canterbury) was a great success with 27 participants including 3 students. The Structure and content were well received, and the CCCU students were congratulated for their enthusiastic participation and support. The event made a manageable loss (due to high costs of the venue accommodation) which was expected.
 - d. Gary Hanratty has stepped down from the board and we are grateful for his support. Andrew Maude has been co-opted to the board. Jacinda, too, has been co-opted. Thanks to all board members for their continued support.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. David Wheway noted that the organisation has made a slight profit this year. We have found cheaper meeting venues, which has helped reduce costs. The website costs have increased due to the fee for re-design.
 - b. DW noted that our financial position differs from this time last year, because of the Summer School. The success of the Ireland event was also noted.

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- c. It was proposed that In order to increase the use of standing orders we should maintain the current membership fee for standing orders, but increase the non-standing order payment by £2. The whole membership needs to be consulted on this change. Following discussion, a proposal to differentiate standing order fees was identified for further discussion.
6. Membership:
 - a. Sue Forrest noted that there were 92 members, as of June 2019.
 7. Election of Board – exiting board members agreed to continue to stand. Andrew Maude was elected as a full board member, following his period as a co-opted member. Jacinda Vincent will now be cop-opted as a board member. There is space to co-opt one additional member.
 8. Future plans – The Chair invited thoughts on future plans, including the development of the CPD programme which warrants further review following the adaptations which were made over the year. AM and KB to pursue the possibility of involving children and Little Ealing music school. Stephen Grocott recommended the Early Years Music Facebook website as a good place to advertise.
 9. Next AGM – TBC once the 2-day June event is confirmed.