



Annual General Meeting

14 October 2024

Welcome and Apologies

Lesley welcomed us all to the meeting and gave apologies from Pat Wearmouth, Penny McKee, Jo-Anna Marshall, Margaret Kieran, Jean Murray and Andrew Facherty, who added his thanks to the committee.

Minutes of A.G.M. 2023

Minutes accepted. Proposed by Libby Campbell, seconded by Christine Cotter.

Matters Arising

None.

Committee's Annual Report

- Lesley reported that the choir numbers for this year are fairly steady at 65.
- The Come and Sing day on 9.9.23 was very successful and was attended by 63 singers.
- The Christmas Concert programme included "Christmas Cantata" by Geoffrey Bush and a selection of Christmas carols. Ticket sales were excellent and the concert was enjoyed by all.
- The Spring Concert programme included "Misa Criolla" by Gabriel Ramirez and "The Sprig of Thyme" arranged by John Rutter. Ticket sales were again very good and audience feedback was very positive.
- In April we held our very first third term, called the Summer Sessions. This was very well supported by choir members and visiting singers and the committee will look into doing something similar in 2025.
- Special thanks go to Merchiston Castle School for their continued support for the choir especially Danny Rowlands and Stephen Dennis.

- Thanks also to Tim and Morley, choir members, the committee and our choir helpers for all their commitment, enthusiasm, time and energy.

Receipts and Payment Accounts for year ending 31.7.24

- A copy of the accounts for this year was sent to all choir members by email.
- Libby explained some areas which may not have been readily understood.
- There is a healthy amount in the bank so subs will not be raised this year.
- There were no queries.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

- The present office bearers and committee members have all agreed to stand for re-election this year.
- They are – Lesley Hay (Chair and Acting Secretary), Libby Campbell (Treasurer), Christine Cotter (Librarian), Ariana Allen (Membership Secretary), Anne Cairns (Minute Secretary), Nigel Fairhead (Committee Member), Margaret Kieran (Publicity) Jo-Anna Marshall (School Liaison), Jean Murray (Assistant Librarian), Liz Mackie (Design).
- Re-elections accepted. Proposed by Fiona Ford, seconded by Ian Brockbank.

Approval of Independent Examiner of Accounts

- Alistair Beattie has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner of Accounts. Proposed by Nigel Fairhead, seconded by Lesley Hay.

A.O.C.B.

- Helen Talbot raised the point that she did not appear to have received a copy of the Minutes of the A.G.M. held in 2023.
- Lesley explained why only a partial minute had been available. The full minute is available now.

Lesley closed the meeting.

Anne Cairns

16.10.24