



Lesmahagow Male Voice Choir

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	<p>agreed that a letter of thanks for this payment be sent to the festival committee.</p> <p>Douglas did attend the 2007 festival and reported that the performances were very good but numbers of certain choirs did seem to be down.</p> <p>Douglas then gave the date for the 2008 festival as Friday 28th March 2008 and stated that he would mention this again at practices.</p>	send letter of thanks
13.	Concerts	
	<p>A Cowan then related to the attendees details of forthcoming concerts. The dates / details are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 12th November 2007 – Auchlochan House – 7.30pm Tuesday 20th November 2007 – Ravenstruther – 7.30pm (Double quartet only) Tuesday 12th February 2008 – Blackwood Hall – 8.00pm Thursday 21st February 2008 – Crawfordjohn Hall – 7.30pm Thursday 13th & Friday 14th March 2008 – LMVC Annual Concert – Jubilee Hall – 7.30pm Friday 28th March 2008 – Massed Choirs Festival – Hamilton Town House – 7.30pm 	
14.	Honorary Members	
	<p>It was at this point W Paterson informed the meeting that Willie McClue has resigned from the choir. Willie has been a member for many, many years and it was agreed unanimously that Willie be offered honorary membership of the choir for his service to the choir over the years, many of which were in office bearing positions.</p>	A Cowan to issue offer of honorary membership
15.	Election of Office Bearers & Committee	
	<p>The current office bearers and committee stood down at this point and, as there were no new volunteers for any of these positions, all office bearers and members of the committee were re-elected en-masse.</p>	
16.	Any other business	
	<p>There was no other business raised at the meeting and the meeting was closed by the Chairman, Douglas Hay who also thanked members for their attendance and reminded them that the first practice of the season was on Sunday 30th September 2007 at 6.30pm sharp.</p>	



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	<p>(Willie Cashmore will provide the music.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hogmanay Party – Mon 31st December 2007, Jubilee Hall for choir members, partners and friends • Games Night – end of January 2008, Bertrams Lounge • Snooker Night – March / April 2008, Black Bull (note: 2007 Snooker Night Winners: G Brown & E Watson, Runners up: D Affleck & W Paterson) • After Concert Party – Friday 14th March 2008, Jubilee Hall • Golf Outing – 2nd Friday in May 2008, Thornhill G.C. (A Lang to contact Thornhill re' change of date) • Dinner Dance – to be organised by K Baxter • 21 Goal Accumulator – to be ran by J Brown <p>Davy then spoke about the attendance being down at some social events and encouraged members to come along and get involved. Davy then delivered the social accounts which were said to be healthy and D Hay then thanked Davy for his work and organisation skills on social events.</p>	A Lang to contact Thornhill
11.	Marketing & Communications	
	<p>J Macintyre informed the meeting that the choir website has been switched to another service provider. The administration fees associated with the new website are cheaper and it is also much easier to make changes. The website also has a slightly different address, it is now www.lesmahagow-mvc.org. Jim encouraged all to visit the website regularly and subscribe to the choir newsletter.</p> <p>The choirs offer of a medal / prize to the High School for promising vocalists / musicians was discussed and Jim stated that the cheque of £100 we gave to the school has been cashed but no action was taken last term as to the actual award of the prize. Jim will contact school so that the scheme is properly run this term and the prize is awarded.</p> <p>Jim also revealed that the choir now has a new sponsor in the form of local confectionary company, Granny Jacksons.</p> <p>On the future of the Jubilee Hall, J Macintyre and A Cowan have approached the recently formed Lesmahagow Community Council for assistance on this matter and hopefully this will bring a satisfactory response from South Lanarkshire Council. Jim mentioned that he has been carrying out research in to the history of the Jubilee Hall and it was agreed that this should also be passed on to the Community Council. It was also stated that bookings of the Jubilee Hall by various community groups have increased, something which can only help our cause.</p> <p>Jim then discussed that it had been agreed to have the Young Musicians of the Year from Lesmahagow High School as our guest artistes for our 2008 concert. D Hay mentioned that this will maintain the 'local' feel of the concert and then thanked Jim for his sterling work throughout the year.</p>	
12.	Festival: Massed Choirs	
	<p>D Hay then spoke about the 2007 Massed Choir Festival. LMVC did not attend the festival this year as it was felt that due to the date of the festival being so far after our own concert, we could not guarantee a full turnout of members at the event. Douglas stated that even though we did not attend, we did receive a cheque for £100 as the festival committee were sympathetic with our reasons for non-attendance and felt that we should still receive this fee. Douglas contacted the festival committee to ensure it was correct that we received this and the cheque has now been passed to the choir treasurer, A Lang. It was</p>	A Cowan to



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Minutes of LMVC 86th AGM – Sunday 16th September 2007

Topics for Discussion

01.	Welcome, Introduction & Apologies	ACTION
-	The 21 attendees were welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Hay. Apologies were received from Matt Sneddon, President, who is in hospital and all wished him a speedy recovery. D Hay also welcomed new member, Derek Farquharson.	
03.		
04.	Changes / additions to this agenda	
	There were no changes or additions to the proposed agenda.	
05.	Minutes of previous meeting	
	The minutes of the last meeting, (held 15 th Feb 2007), were read out by A Cowan. These minutes were proposed as correct by D Affleck and seconded by JL Affleck.	
06.	Conductors Report	
	W Paterson then gave his conductors report. Walter stated that he was pleased with the concert performances, saying all had sung well and he had heard good reports from members of the public attending our concerts. He went on to state that the feedback on guest artiste, Peter Morrison, was also extremely good. Walter then spoke of his concern and disappointment regarding last seasons Sunday night practices. Poor attendance and timekeeping were mentioned and it was stated that more effort is required by members to improve in these areas. D Hay reiterated this point, encouraging members to turn up ready to begin practice at 6.30pm on Sunday nights.	
07.	Finance	
	A Lang presented the financial report with each member of the AGM receiving a copy of the balance sheet. Archie then ran through the sheet explaining the profits, losses, balances etc. The balance sheet was proposed as correct by S Baxter and seconded by J Aitken. Archie also explained that the grant we received is now expended and it will be another few years before we can apply for any further funding. Membership fees will remain at £5. There were no other questions and A Lang was thanked by D Hay for his work over the year in this area.	
08.	Uniforms	
	There was no new information to be discussed relating to choir uniform.	
09.	Membership	
	As previously mentioned, we have a new member for this year, Derek (Del) Farquharson, a friend and neighbour of D Affleck. It was also mentioned that Graeme Scott and Angus Wiseman are both due to return to the choir but no definite statement had been received from Robert Bryson or Wullie Newlands. Stan then spoke about his intention to carry out a leaflet drop before the start of the season, pushing membership of the choir. Stan will call on the assistance of other members in the very near future to help out with this.	
10.	Social	
	D Affleck then gave the meeting attendees his report on social events, running through forthcoming events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Andrews Ceilidh – Sat 24th November 2007, Jubilee Hall • Christmas Party – Sat 22nd December 2007, Hollandbush Golf Club 	