



SUFFOLK SOUL SINGERS

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 12th NOV. 2020 at 18.30 pm on Zoom

Item		Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies Karen welcomed everyone to the AGM. 18 members were in attendance on Zoom</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes and matters arising from AGM 2019 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation of Annual Report from the Chair</p> <p>The report included the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership was at its highest at 39 at the beginning of the spring term 2020, but dropped significantly in both the summer & autumn terms to only 30 when sessions went online, of whom around 20 attended Zoom rehearsals regularly. - Since the last AGM the choir has been involved in 15 gigs; new events for us included appearing at two Suffolk festivals for the first time, taking part in the Cambridge Strawberry Festival in the summer, the Art East event in September and the Festive Evening at Suffolk Food Hall. We also returned to John Lewis and Ipswich Library for their special events to St. Edmundsbury Cathedral for West Suffolk College's graduation ceremony and to St. Peter's for our Christmas Concert. - The highlight of the year was the 10th Anniversary Concert at Dance East in July in which we sang some of our favourite songs from across the decade. - 10th Anniversary celebrations continued with a party for members old and new at The Dove in October. - As a result of money raised at various gigs we were able to make large donations to our two chosen charities, Lighthouse Womens' Aid and Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service. - In the middle of the spring term, as lock-down began, meetings moved online. The Chair thanked the Musical Director for making this happen, the Secretary for making the necessary arrangements & adaptations and the committee for their contributions and support throughout the year. 	
4.	<p>Adoption of Annual Report</p> <p>The report was adopted by members of the choir.</p>	
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	<p>Presentation of annual accounts (April 2019 - April 2020) from the Treasurer</p> <p>The treasurer highlighted the following from her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income from gigs totalled £3,163, enabling us to make donations of £1,000 to each of the charities Lighthouse Women’s Aid & Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service at our Christmas Concert - In addition donations totalling almost £400 were made to the charities Sound On and Suffolk Night Shelter - The choir ended the year in a good financial position with a balance of over £4,500 in the bank. However, continuing restrictions due to the Covid pandemic would be likely to affect our income both from gigs and from membership subscriptions so it would be important to keep a watchful eye on the overall balance. 	
6.	<p>Adoption of the accounts</p> <p>The accounts were adopted by the choir.</p>	
7.	<p>Election of Committee Members</p> <p>All current committee members declared themselves happy to be re-elected. There were no new nominations.</p> <p>The following Committee Members for 2020-2021 were duly re-elected:</p> <p>Karen Dodd - Chair Viv Rolph - Secretary Katherine Gale - Treasurer Janey Kelleher - Soprano Rep Lisa Godfrey - Alto Rep David Nunn - Tenor & Bass Rep</p> <p>Co-opted Member (without voting rights) Andi Hopgood - Musical Director</p>	
8.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>The Musical Director wished to thank members for their loyalty and determination in allowing SSS to continue during difficult times.</p>	
	<p>The meeting was called to a close at 18.50pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Viv Rolph, Secretary</p>	