



THREE RIVERS MUSIC SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1035666

FORTY FIRST SEASON: 2015/2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH STREET, RICKMANSWORTH
ON 7th DECEMBER 2016 AT 2.10 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1 **Introduction** was made by the Chairman who welcomed our President, the Chairman of Three Rivers District Council, Councillor Andrew Scarth, along with members of the Society
- 2 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs S Clark, Ms S Crosher; Mr S Halls, Ms R Lake, Mrs S Lupton, Mr J Shaw and Mrs S Woods
- 3 **Minutes of the SGM** on 14 June 2016 which had been previously distributed were noted and approved.
- 4 **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman acknowledged that progress to date has been satisfactory, but there were still areas for further improvement – namely (a) expanding membership specifically to increase interest from younger generations, and generally within the surrounding areas; (b) encourage young aspiring local musicians to develop their talent by performance (c) extending the musical genre – Jazz and Indian classical. The Society had, obviously, after its first 5 concerts, settled into their new home, and acquired the use of the Schiedmayer Piano. The audience attendances were encouraging showing increasing interest, although work (namely promotion and marketing) still needs to be done to increase numbers and ensure each concert is viable. The programming for the next 6 months is progressing well and the concert information would be on the new web site shortly.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer referred to the 2015/16 Accounts which had been distributed with the Notice and Agenda of the meeting for perusal by the membership. He asked if there were any questions on the accounts, but none were raised. The Treasurer confirmed that the Society remains solvent, although the assets at the end of the financial year were significantly down on the previous year. He stated that the Society is managing to keep its head above water, but relies heavily on members' subscriptions, donations and sponsorship as the concerts are not self-financing if we have good quality artists. He emphasised the need for the Society to increase the size of the audiences. The Membership Secretary reported that the present membership total is 52, 32 of whom have signed up as Friends of the Society. We thank them for their contribution.

6. **Matters arising:** The Secretary mentioned that the Rickmansworth Young Musician of the Year competition and TRMS' support to the competition would continue, and the organisers' intention was to book the Baptist Church for the Final Concert, as opposed to St Mary's, as the saving in respect of the piano hire would considerably offset the lack of donations/ sponsorship over the last couple of years, making the competition more viable. She also asked for any interested parties for their help in the organising of the competition as the working committee consists of 3 people.

7. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2016/2017**

Officers:

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| Chairman | Ash Patil |
| Hon. Secretary | Denise Wellham |
| Hon. Treasurer | Irvin Needle |

Committee Members:

David Budge; David Clark; Michael Currey; John Donegan; Steven Halls; Sue Howse (for approval).

All currently serving Officers and Committee Members have agreed to stand for re-election and this motion was approved unanimously.

The nomination of Mrs Sue Howse to the committee was also approved unanimously.

8 Our President praised and encouraged our efforts and he felt sure of our continued success due to the persistence and commitment shown by the new committee and the enthusiasm of our membership, having attended a number of our recent concerts.

The meeting closed after a vote of thanks to the committee from the membership for their hard work within the past 6 months.

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