

2022 United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention Business Meeting
17th September 2022

Emily Verrier and Richard Mayers called the meeting to order leading 448b The Grieved Soul

1 Review of the 2019 Convention accounts

Copies of the accounts were circulated.

The Hall refund was due to the disruption caused by a double booking by the venue

Accounts show expenditure for the intervening years although as there had been no convention, there is little income to report.

2 Review of the 2019 Business meeting minutes

As there were no copies of the Minutes this was deferred to the 2023 Business Meeting. If there are any concerns with these, please contact Emily or Richard

The decision regarding food at Convention was reiterated: Cold food only, everyone responsible for preparing and presenting their own food.

3 Locations update for 2023

Brighton singers are preparing to make a bid for 2023 or 2024. They have been in contact with the School and are waiting to hear back, The Brighton singers are asked to contact the Locations committee if there are any problems.

4 Locations discussions for 2024 and beyond

At present there are no other bids and nothing for 2024. – An invitation for bids would be sent via the mailing list. Bids should be submitted by 1st January 2023.

There was some discussion about the requirements for a venue and Ian West would update and make the previous information available.

5 Update from Hannah Land about the Covid Protocols survey from East Midlands Convention 2022

Following the EM convention Hannah had surveyed those who had not attended as well as those who had. Overall responses were positive, but it was recognised that having Open questions with free text responses made comparison and compiling responses difficult. The responses would be made available on the UK Sacred Harp Convention Website, for information. A view was raised that proof of negative testing should be taken on trust rather than having to produce a photograph of the test. This would be considered for 2023 if Covid was still a concern.

6 Update on Website, Calendar and Mailing list.

No major changes with the website.

The Calendar was now approximately 75% auto renewing. A number of singings are still showing as TBC and details will be confirmed with organisers 3 months in advance. Hopefully next year people will be able to amend their own events

A QR code had been made available for people to join the mailing list. Names for the Mailing list should be sent to Joe Vickers.

A question was raised but having a card reader for donations at events. Seth Dicken would speak to Ted about this.

Thanks to Joe, Steve and Vicki for their work on these.

7 Discussion on safeguarding and Code of Conduct

Work continues on the Safeguarding statement, this will be brought to the East Midlands Convention. Any comments on the Code of Conduct should be sent to Hannah Land as Chaplin for the 2022 Convention.

8 Confirmation of Committee

Roles: Treasurer Ted Brown

Locations Committee Hannah Land, Ian West, Judy Whiting, Karen Turner

Standing Committee Chair of the most recent Convention, Chair of the approaching Convention, Treasurer.

Vote of thanks to the Chairs