

## **Derbyshire Singers Annual General Meeting minutes**

Date: 25.03.25 at 9.15 p.m.

Venue: The Presentation Convent, Matlock

Apologies: Liz Cramp, Denise Eassom, Helen Greer, Hilary Griffiths, Caroline Mackenzie

Pauline welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of last year's AGM held on 30.04.24 were adopted as a true and correct record, proposed by Janet Tsakiropoulou and seconded by Jill Butt. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The proposed phrase to be added to the Constitution in Section 3, as 2b, was approved by a majority.

There were no questions about any of the reports.

Pauline spoke about the continued need to recruit help for the work of the committee, either from members coming forward to stand as trustees or members who would take on responsibilities without becoming a trustee. She asked members to consider coming forward to be a trustee and emphasised the importance of succession planning. She thanked Ruth and Denise B (publicity) and Adam (librarian), who have recently taken on these roles. Other people who regularly help out on concert days or rehearsals were also thanked. Their support is much appreciated. The current trustees were re-elected, which was approved by all.

Pauline emphasised that the committee welcome ideas from members.

Questions from members:

Two pleas – for a 5-minute break in rehearsals and for more information to come from the committee.

Do we have to close in half terms now that we don't rehearse in a school? Some of this will be down to the availability of the MD.

We need bigger audiences, would afternoon concerts be a good idea? The committee and MD have already and will continue to consider this.

Will we return to having a Christmas Cracker? This is dependent on the availability of a suitable venue; the committee would like to.

Jill B thanked the committee for all they do.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.