

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WAGNER SOCIETY ON 22ND
NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6:30PM AT 15 GIBSON SQUARE LONDON N1 0RD**

PRESENT: Richard Miles (In the chair)
Neil King
Jan Leigh
Ray Godson
Geoffrey Griffiths

APOLOGIES: Cormac Cawley
Jan Rynkiewicz

The Agenda for the meeting had been previously circulated.

1. Approval of minutes of the meeting on 10th August 2016
2. Approval of minutes of the meeting on 18th October 2016

Matters arising:

- CFS – RM to have breakfast and ask about writing the introductions to the operas for the website
 - David Pope – RM to approach and ask to re-join committee
 - New honorary members to be announced at Dinner in March 2017 and Goodall Award.
 - Number of members to be shown as 833
 - GG spending time on history and old editions of Wagner News, most are now scanned and are going onto the website.
 - RM to invite SJT to dinner to celebrate his birthday
3. Chair's Report and Presidents letter of 18th October 2016
 - The President's letter has been previously circulated.
 - It was generally felt that the letter made some very constructive points particularly in relation to strengthening the committee with more, and younger, members.
 - RG has met Katie Clay and feels her an admirable candidate for almost any post. An ideal candidates for the committee. RG happy to take joint responsibility with her for the next two editions of Wagner News ("WN"). Agreed to invite KC to join committee and attend January meeting.
 - Helen Beardsley to be invited to join the committee ditto. Possibly with view to Bayreuth Bursary but certainly as an asset to the committee.
 - CC to meet potential website master with a view to committee membership.
 - RM to write to DGJ thanking her for this contribution
 - Since committee members has now met all the proposed new committee members, it was agreed that all would be invited to the committee meeting in January and invited to join the committee then. Some preparation work was anticipated from them, particularly in relation to the website.

4. Treasurer's Report

- This had been previously circulated and showed a reasonably healthy financial position although the outcome for the year would not be known until after the Singing Competition expenses had all been received.
- It was agreed that a further £10,000 would be invested into the Charifund account.

5. Events Officer's report including the Singing Competition Update

- The President's birthday celebration had been a notable success, both socially and also from a financial perspective given free hire of hall and the President's desire to contribute to the refreshments.
- Singing Competition:
 - All was now well in hand for the competition
 - It was agreed that no money would be spent on flowers, wine or other gifts for the judges and participants.
 - The generous sponsorship of the prizes by the chairman, the Treasurer and the Events Secretary was noted.
- Tanya Hurst has been booked for the Combined Societies' Dinner in January 2017.
- Further events are planned with Paul Dawson-Bowling, Anthony Negus and others in 2017.

6. Membership Report

This had been previously circulated and there were no matters arising.

7. Website Report

This item was omitted due to the absence of Cormac through illness.

8. Draft Bye-laws for the Bayreuth Ballot

These were adopted unchanged on the version that had been previously circulated.

9. Wagner News

- RG noted that he would continue to produce the next two editions, perhaps with help from Katie.
- The next edition will be published in January.

10. Society's Archive

- The proposed visit to the library to inspect the current collection has not yet taken place.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 10pm.