

## 2020 CMS SHOWCASE VIRTUAL AGM 23-9-2020

PRESENT: Mick Clarke, Penny Clarke, David Woods, Berkeley Ranby, Mary Pulsford, Ray Pulsford, Claire Hallet-Rourke, Tom Miller, Sue Jones, Jenny Waker, Colin Waker

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES OF 2019 AGM: Approved. Proposed by David Woods, Seconded by Colin Waker

MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman has been in touch with Gordon Linnell who confirmed that he is stepping down from the Showcase Committee

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The report describes the impact of the Covid lockdown on the final concerts of the season and the virtual concerts that completed it. It also notes the continuing problem of low numbers for live Showcase concerts and the disappointment of some of the performers, particularly Ewan Easton, conductor of the City of Chester Brass Band. It was noted that the virtual concerts gave a much higher exposure to the artists than when they performed at SMCS. For example, 34 attended Heather Heighway's live concert compared to 271 views for her virtual performance. The full report is attached.

Acceptance of the report Proposed by David Woods and Seconded by Colin Waker.

Berkeley commented on the numbers viewing the virtual concerts. Some may only view for five minutes and the numbers of views fluctuates during the concert. It was accepted that it is not possible to have completely accurate viewing figures.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This report describes the impact of the Covid lockdown on Showcase finances. £173 was received in donations through a combination of money given instead of Gala ticket refunds, the PayPal giving scheme for the virtual concerts and other donations. This resulted in an overall deficit of £79.45 as against a planned deficit of £384. Further Showcase Virtual Concerts will be funded from reserves and there will be no income from subscriptions in the coming year.

The full report is attached. Penny thanked Mick for compiling the 2019-20 income and expenditure spreadsheet. Acceptance of the report Proposed by David Woods and Seconded by Colin Waker

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE: Coilin and Jenny Waker were re-elected to the committee. Richard Allis has joined the committee and was elected. Gordon Linnell has resigned from the committee, so a replacement secretary is needed.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS: None

NEXT AGM: 22<sup>ND</sup> September 2021; Venue to be determined