

**BERMUDA PHILHARMONIC CHOIR
MINUTES OF AGM - 18 SEPTEMBER 2006 at 7:30pm**

Shari Poe ("SP") called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The minutes of the last AGM were read by SP and a motion to approve was put forth by Allan Lee and seconded by Lucy Attride Stirling.

The Financial report was presented by Audrey Brackstone. She stated that no audited statements were available at this time so she presented a report on the financial status of the Society. The audited financial statements were waived at this time. A motion to agree to waive the approval of the audited financial statements and to approve Audrey's financial report was made by Allan Lee and seconded by Toni Davis.

Brian Northcott's report on the activities of the Reorganization Committee was presented by SP.

SP briefly outlined the mandate from the last adjournment of the Annual General Meeting, which was to build support for the organisation by creating contacts and getting non-musical and orchestral helpers and to secure a guest conductor. The Committee was also to provide a slate for a new Executive Committee to continue with this and which would then decide whether to work with current conductors/musicians or hire a new, permanent conductor.

SP continued that most of the objectives had been reached. There had been a good response to publicity. The Music Director of the Bermuda Regiment Capt. Dwight Robinson has agreed to have the Regiment assist with any concert we would like, provided no conflict occurs with their own schedule.

With regard to raising the profile of the Choir, SP had spoken to Rick Hawke ("RH") who will help out with Programme printing and advertisement sales. SP stated that RH had more ideas (i.e., how to raise the profile of the Choir and he was a useful resource, at reasonable costs, who could ultimately make us less dependent on funds from charities). RH will be sitting on the Board to give his input.

There was a question from the floor regarding what night would rehearsals be on. SP responded that it would be Monday nights as before. The orchestra is scheduled for Thursday evenings and the rehearsal venue is the Bermuda School of Music which has generously offered their rehearsal space at no charge to the Society at this time.

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Election of New Executive Committee

The nominees for the New Executive Committee are as follows:

President	Gwyneth Rawlins
Vice President	Kent Hayward
Secretary	Emma Muggleton
Treasurer	Claire Osborne
Members at Large	Jane Lee – Music Librarian – Choir
	Rick Hawke
	Shari Poe
	Ewing Lauder
	Ester Barroso
	Jennifer Sheridan
	Karen O'Brien

Kent Hayward said that he was still researching the role of Vice President and, as he has a young family, felt it necessary to decline that position but would sit on the Board as a general member. SP said that as a point of order he would need to be voted onto the Committee and then officially stand down.

All members were unanimously elected.

Major Kenneth Dill, Ret. (“MKD”) was introduced to the membership as the guest conductor for our first concert in the Spring 2007 and he briefly outlined what he would like to do for the spring concert and felt there were lots of possibilities. One of his suggestions was to perform waltzes with the orchestra and marches with the band and perhaps finish with Pomp and Circumstance. In the minds of all those present, Maj. Dill conveyed a great deal of enthusiasm, energy and youthful exuberance. He can’t wait to get started with this new venture. These suggestions were greeted with approval from the floor.

Any Other Business

Sheilagh Robertson spoke saying she was very pleased with the work the committee had done to get the Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra back on track once again. She was pleased to see they had managed to attract younger blood into the Choir and Orchestra. She was impressed with MKD's philosophy that music is fun and he was actively putting this forward.

Deirdre Chapin said she wanted to thank the Executive Committee for all the work done and that it needed to be congratulated.

There was general agreement from the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.