

**Minutes of GALs Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 28 August 2017 – 7pm**  
**Daan's Home – 7/10 Shelly Beach Road, St Mary's Bay.**

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: David Reeves, Daan van Gulik, Ed Craig, Nick Forbes, Pam Hart, Terry Moore, Howard Blackwell, Sarai Dee, Ralph Corke

Apologies: Kevin Sanderson

Absent: Bex Harris

2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting and actions arising

Proposed Sarai

Seconded Pam

Carried as an accurate record.

3. Correspondence in & out

email from Murray, resigning as accompanist. Nick was OK with Gracie and himself coping with upcoming rehearsals and camp.

Action: Sarai to get a card for Murray.

4. Logo

Arie has been asked about the logo. Sarai suggests that the name should be inclusive of others in the Rainbow community – so something like “Auckland’s Rainbow Choir” rather than exclusive to “Gay and Lesbians”

Action: David to progress

5. Thank-you letters

David has sent out a thank-you letter to Lynne Frith. There are still outstanding to Robot Anderson (with \$100 koha) David Steemson, Sue Lamb and Little Sister.

Action: David to sort.

6. Camp – David

Friday Night: Arrival from 5pm onwards. Pizza's at 6:30pm. Rehearsal 7pm -9pm.

Powhiri was organizing food, but her mother has passed away. Tweetie is taking over. David Steemson and Bruce are going to also be helping. Maybe Bruce to open up. Rosemary, Waiora and Julie are doing lunch Sat / Sun.

Saturday Night: Daan to organise karaoke

Sunday: Nick to do a workshop on aural skills and Gracie one on sight reading.

Action: David to give a guideline to Tweetie regarding food costs

7. Street Requiem (SR)– Howard

Kathleen will be here on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> September. MD's of choirs have been invited, and asked to RSVP – but none have done so thus far.

159 scores for individuals are now printed. Licences are to be bought when numbers are finalized.

We have had donations of \$1200 so far for music. Additionally, we have had a donation from BNZ of \$5000.

Still need to find someone who can do Muslim call to prayer, and someone who can do the African ululation.

We are at the point of going live with ticket sales. There will be a ticket master charge. Seating for choirs in the first half may be in the balcony. Still not decided. Risers for the stage would be preferable, rather than being on the back of the stage. Full Rehearsal will be on Saturday. Location is uncertain. Technical Rehearsal will be on Sunday afternoon. Gracie to be fulcrum for logistics. We would like a sound check. Ralph to go with a GALS buddy to each choir for marketing. Choirs involved thus far. North Shore Chorale, Volcanic City Voices, Stonefields, Vox Pop. Stella singers. Jubilation. Street Choir. The opening movement is still not set. Nick's contact is still in New York. Chris Selwyn at Western Springs would be a good backup. David has written to JXlive (Skot Barnett) about filming and streaming the event live. Proposal to include Rainbow Youth as a beneficiary from the concert - Action: Get buddies for the other choirs – maybe at camp.

8. VoCo – Dress – Black on Black with silver accessory. Call times to be organised by Nick. The registration needs to be promulgated. See Heather's post on the facebook page.

9. Various Voices, Munich 9-13 May 2018 – Need to give this a final push and get people to commit or not. Get folk to speak to Lindsay.

10. Howard presented “choir genius” which can do many things. Importantly, it can do a lot of the librarian tasks if we move to a pdf system and abandon paper. All in agreement. A working bee to get rid of the paper copies will be required. Another piece of work will be scanning current music to pdf. We have no specific date for transition from current systems but it will probably go live before 2018.

#### Upcoming Dates

Thur 7 Sep	7pm – Kathleen McGuire at Pitt Street
8-10 Sept	Camp at Shakespear Lodge
Sat 23 Sept	VoCo
Tues 5 Dec	Street Requiem concert in Town Hall
9-13 May 18	Various Voices, Munich

#### **Operational Reports**

Report from MAC. Nick and Ralph report back that music was decided upon for the rest of 2017. There was also a plan on themes for 2018 – one concert may be more of a theatrical performance. There was discussion around the need for voice matching. The role of monitoring of attendance in the choir was discussed, including the role of the section leader in this. The need for attendance prior to concerts was discussed too. There was also a need for more sectionals. The work ethic, structure of rehearsals and how to move forward was also discussed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin was absent, but we are also half way through a month.

Membership Report – Terry

Cut off time for new members this year is tomorrow. Section leaders are doing attendance on paper.

Performance Report – Bex - Nil

Marketing Report - Ralph – as per street requiem above. David to go to Rainbow Auckland to ask for sponsorship for choir members for music, as well as promoting the Street Requiem. Tickets should go on sale at the end of September.

**Any Other Business - Nil**

Next Committee meeting is on Monday 25 September at 7pm, at Daan's Home, 7/10 Shelly Beach Road, St Mary's Bay. (Apologies from Sarai, Howard and Ed)

Meeting Closed 9:50pm