**Minutes of Kaleidoscope 2019 AGM held 5th February 2020 7.45 pm at Thomas Spencer Hall, Whittington, Lichfield**

1. **Apologies**

Ann Smedley, Marilyn Heald, Janette Walton, Margaret Leonard, Madelaine Gorman

1. **Minutes of 2018 AGM**

It was proposed by Helen Klich and seconded by Chris Dixon that these be adopted as a true record. This was agreed unanimously by the members present.

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

I just want to say thank you to the choir for rising to the challenge this year, getting used to working with a new choir leader and working hard to make our 4 concerts this year so successful. We raised almost £2000 for our chosen charity which is brilliant for a small choir.

I hope you’ll agree that Rupert and the committee have also worked hard organizing events and the running the choir. Anne Mapley does a multitude of jobs as secretary and I don’t know how we’d manage without her spreadsheets.

Catherine has helps enormously on the committee with ticketing and publicity for our events. Yvonne does a great job of keeping our finances in the black. Ann Smedley monitors the attendance and her raffle hampers are a much appreciated triumph, raising loads of money.

The tea break would have died the death without Chris’s enthusiasm and what would we do without it now! Josie is our social media expert (thank goodness, I don’t have to do it) and brilliant at pound square, any job we ask her to do and keeping us cheerful.

Jo isn’t even on the committee, and she deserves a special thanks for her amazing patience with us all when we need music. I would like to present her with some flowers today to say thank you for all the work she does as librarian.

Thanks to everyone who helps with setting up and finally thanks to Rupert who works hard to make us sound good and enjoy ourselves.

1. **M.Ds Report**

2019 has been a learning period for both myself and the choir, as I learn how to lead musically and visually, but we all seem to be getting used to it and I'd like to thank the choir for bearing with me during this time.

Musically we have worked hard, learning new items such as A Million Dreams and Now Is The Month Of Maying as well as giving some older numbers a bit of a polish. Plus six brand new items for Christmas, which is an extraordinary achievement which I know most choirs would not even attempt, but which we pulled off very successfully thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the members.

For 2020 I have lots more new music planned, which we will start looking at any week now.

The ethos of Kaleidoscope is to be a social event as well as musical, and I like to think our friendly and happy atmosphere in rehearsals is reflected in the singing. We make a good sound because we all work together well, a real family feel. During 2020 I am aiming to build on this by working to add a little more musical expression and finesse at times.

I hope you enjoy being in the choir as much as I'm enjoying being at the front, and I want rehearsals to continue to be an inspiring, rewarding and above all fun experience.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Yvonne Ward presented the Accounts for 2019, a copy of which is below.

She highlighted that income was £3900 and expenditure £3700 so the balance over the year was in surplus by £200. This was partly because our M.D. will not take more than £100 per month, and does not accept extra for any arrangements or additional rehearsals and performances. This would be of concern if an M.D.s expense were needed to be paid in the future. We did have a few extra expenses over the year, advertising for an M.D, new folders etc.

She had hoped that fees could be reduced for 2020, but was recommending that they remained as 2019.

She thanked all members for paying their subs before the end of the year.

1. **Nominations for Committee**

Helen Klich, explained that all members of the committee and officer positions were standing down, but were happy to be re-nominated. She invited any nominations from the members present.

Sue Bowring proposed that all the committee and officers be re-elected. This was seconded by Kareen Lowther and passed unanimously by those present.

1. **2020 Fees**

Fees of £144 for 2020 were proposed by Yvonne Ward and seconded by Anne Mapley.

Rupert Feld asked about the amount in the bank account. Yvonne Ward explained this was about £6000 and equated to one year’s expenses if we were paying for an M.D. in addition to a pianist and hall rental. Helen Klich explained that the rationale behind this was to allow the choir to continue if there was an unexpected drop in income or an increase in expenses. It was a reserve to fall back on and enable the choir to carry on.

The proposal that fees be kept at £144 for 2020 was passed unanimously by those present.

1. **Nominations for 2020 Charity**

Josie Wilson proposed the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Her young nephew had recently been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. This had had a major impact on his life. All his food had to be weighed and although he had an automatic monitor and a pump for his insulin he was struggling to adjust. Years ago he would have died and children do still die today before being diagnosed. Over the last 100 years it has been research foundations like this that have developed the technology to support diabetic patients, but there was more to be done to find a cure and eradicate type 1 diabetes.

Helen Klich asked whether there was a local group of supporters who could support fund-raising. Josie explained this was a national charity.

Kareen Lowther proposed the Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Trust, a local project.

Kareen Lowther also proposed the Lichfield Memory Café. She explained that Lichfield is aiming to become a dementia friendly city. The Café is held at the Lichfield Methodist Church for dementia sufferers and their carers. It has 2 professional workers available for advice and support and is supported by several organisations.It is very successful and has almost outgrown the space.

Yvonne Ward asked who managed the funds for the café. Kareen explained it was supported by local churches, the Alzheimers Society and the Community Health Team. It is not a charity.

A vote took place after the meeting closed. The Lichfield Memory Café was duly adopted as the choir’s supported charity for 2020.

1. **A.O.B.**

Chris Dixon thanked the choir for their support of Myeloma UK during 2019, thanking Rupert and Anne Mapley individually for their hard work. The amount raised was much appreciated. She thanked everyone for the raffle prize donations as the raffles contributed a considerable percentage to the total sum. Helen Klich explained that Chris Dixon also put in a lot of hard work and the help of the local Myeloma Support group helped it all to fall into place.

Lynne Walsh explained that she loved coming to choir and appreciated all the hard work put in. She felt it was a well run, and organized group, commenting that it was great and just happens.

Yvonne Ward explained that each choir section had a Committee member (or more than one), so members were invited to approach their section Committee member with any concerns or questions at rehearsals.

The meeting was closed at 8.24 pm.

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| **Kaleidoscope Accounts 2019** |  |  |  |
|  | £ |  |  |
| Bank Account 1 Jan 2019 | 8,026.03 |  |  |
| - Uncleared Cheques | -330.00 |  |  |
| + petty cash | 6.21 |  |  |
|  | 7,702.24 |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |
| Income | £ | Expenses | £ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Subscriptions | 3,814.00 | MD/Pianist | 1,200.00 |
| Refreshments | 87.61 | Hall Hire | 1,443.00 |
| £1 Square | 59.50 | Music | 469.33 |
| Concert expenses | 100.00 | Equipment | 128.70 |
| Ticket Sales | 1,448.43 | Stationery | 27.24 |
| Charity Donations | 1,315.14 | Insurance | 167.33 |
| Security Deposit Refund | 75.00 | Charity Donation | 856.64 |
|  |  | Web Hosting | 42.33 |
|  |  | MD Advertising | 151.54 |
|  |  | Gifts | 98.24 |
|  |  | Concert/ WS expenses | 805.27 |
|  | 6,899.68 |  | 5,389.62 |
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|  |  |  | £ |
|  |  | Bank Account 31 Dec 2019 | 9,628.09 |
|  |  | - uncleared cheques | -420.00 |
|  |  | + Petty Cash | 4.21 |
|  |  |  | 9,212.30 |
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| **Total 2019** | **14,601.92** |  | **14,601.92** |