**Minutes of Kaleidoscope 2022 AGM held 15th February 2023 7.45 pm at Thomas Spencer Hall, Whittington, Lichfield**

1. **Apologies**

Yvonne Ward, Louise Trotman, Pat Brant, Ann Jones

1. **Minutes of 2021 AGM**

It was proposed by Jo Bull, and seconded by Lynne Walsh, that these be adopted as a true record. This was agreed unanimously by the members present.

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

I think you’ll agree that it has been great to get back to having regular concerts over the last year and although Covid is still a problem, we felt safe enough to stop cleaning the chairs in January and I’d like to thank everyone for being careful and avoiding coming to choir when they are unwell.

We had a concert for the Memory Café, and have raised almost £1000 over 2021 and 2022 carrying the charity over due to Covid inactivity. We had a concert for juvenile diabetes research raising over £600. Our Christmas concerts were a lot of work, but I think we can agree they were quite an achievement.

Our membership has built up nicely since Covid and we now have 25 active members and some excellent new ones, I’d like to add. How lucky we are with our membership because the sound we are making is lovely and we wouldn’t have achieved it without your hard work and enthusiasm.

Thank you to my fellow committee members for all they do, Josie, Catherine, Yvonne, Lynne, and Anne. Anne has been working overtime recently on her secretarial duties for which we are most grateful. Thanks to Jo for her meticulousness and patience with the librarianship of the music.

I think we have really developed as a choir during 2022 with the skills and creativity provided by Rupert, so my final thank you is to Rupert for his musical direction and enthusiasm over the year.

1. **M.Ds Report**

Rupert Feld welcomed the new members who he felt ‘have added a lot to our jolly ship’. He thanked everyone for their contribution to concerts, especially the Christmas Guildhall concert as everyone played a part helping. He also suggested there would be some exciting music added to our repertoire this year.

Rupert had received appreciative feedback for our recent performance for the Townswomen’s Guild and Josie Wilson commented she had been told it was a strong performance.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Choir Income (Subscriptions) £3076

Choir Running Expenses (Hall, Equipment, Web Hosting, Insurance, Music, Sundries) £2609.69

Excess £466.31

Charitable Fund Raising

**JDRF £607.58**

**Memory Cafe**. Concert Dec 2021 £121.86

£1 Square £61

Refreshments £60.07

Donations £15

Concert Dec 2022 £70.76

Fairytale Concert £388.39

**Total £717.08** plus the money raised from May 2022 concert.

The Memory Café raised just under £400 from the May concert. This was spent on a visit to the panto and visits to the weekly café by a dancing school, encouraging members to dance.

Thank you for paying subscriptions on time and please consider, if you don't already do so, paying by Bank Transfer, Counter Credit or Standing Order.

During the year Anne Smedley was deleted as a counter signee and Catherine Docherty was added.

We could consider reducing the annual subscription to £120 (£10 per month).

By a very rough calculation it would reduce our income to £2600. In 2022 we purchased Music Writing software for over £300 which is an expense we would not have next year. Also obtaining Music (via Arrange Me) should be cheaper.

I vote for a reduction to £120.

Helen Klich commented that this could be achievable as Rupert Feld does not take payment.

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.

Valerie Hughes proposed that all the committee and officers be re-elected. This was seconded by Cheryl Guest and passed unanimously by those present.

1. **2022 Fees**

Members were asked for their views on retaining the current fee of £144 per year or reducing to £120 per year.

Rupert Feld, Anne Mapley and several other members expressed concern that as the hall rental cost had increased this may not be advisable. It was suggested that if we keep the fees at £144 we could perhaps use any reserve built up for a party later in the year. Marian Derry suggested a May coronation party or ‘Family and Friends’ event at that time. There was discussion around when to hold such an event and Rupert was keen to progress involvement in Lichfield FUSE and singing to local community groups, such as the recent celebration for the Townswomen’s Guild.

Fees of £144 for 2023 were proposed by Anne Mapley and seconded by Josie Wilson. This was passed unanimously by the members present.

1. **Nominations for 2022 Charity**

Cheryl Guest nominated ‘Kids Like Us’.

She explained that her grandson had a condition, CRMO, chronic recurrent multifocal osteomyelitis.

1 in a million children have this and it affects their bones as the bones grow. He requires hospital treatment when it flares up and this will continue until he is fully grown.

There is no specific charity for CRMO. However, ‘Kids Like Us’, which supports those with juvenile arthritis in the West Midlands, has included it in their charity. ‘Kids Like Us’ is a very small charity and any funds can make a valuable contribution to their support work for both the children and research projects.

Helen Klich nominated Cancer Research UK

A vote was held during the tea break and ‘Kids Like Us’ was unanimously adopted as Kaleidoscope 2023 charity.

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

Anne Mapley proposed a vote of thanks for Jo Bull, who looks after the music library and manages the distribution and collection of performance music folders. All done with quiet efficiency and good grace. This was met with an appreciative round of applause from the members present.

The meeting was closed at 8.12 pm.