



# Cleveland Organists' & Choirmasters' Association



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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at United Reformed Church, Stockton TS18 1HU  
starting at 19:30.

(At Bill Insull's request the meeting was chaired by Trevor Blease)

**Members Present:** A. Barber, T. Blease, I. Campbell, B. Clark, W. Insull, F. Jowsey, B. Land, S. Maltby, F. McLellan, S. Pass, L. Trotter, B. Wake, G. Wake, J. Waring.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Received from David Carr, Juliet Armstrong and Ruth Hayton.

### 2. Minutes of the 2017 A.G.M. and matters arising

Accepted as true record. Proposed : John Waring, Seconded : Ian Campbell.

No matters arising.

### 3. Chairman's report and matters arising

The chairman's report summarised the past year's successful musical programme and the sad deaths of member Andrew Wilson and recent past member Roy Anderson.

### 4. Secretary's report and matters arising

The acting Chairman explained that in the last year Fergus McLellan had passed on the secretaryship to Geoff Hill. The latter unfortunately then had serious medical problems which forced him to resign the position. As a result there was no Secretary's report

### 5. Treasurer's report and matters arising (incl. subscription level)

The treasurer reported a 'profit' of £462 for the year, resulting in a bank balance of £1415 at end-March 2017 despite paying 2 sets of capitation fees in the last 12 months due to the deadline IAO demanding earlier payment.

The cost of the mailing with stamp-addressed envelopes for GDPR was raised. This was estimated at £40 although the exact figure would appear in next year's accounts.

The report was approved by Ian Campbell and seconded by Stuart Pass.

In the light of the profit of >£10/member for the last 2 years, the committee was recommending the subscription be reduced to £15, however a counterproposal from the floor to keep it at £20 was carried unanimously.

## **6. Restructuring of event programme**

Alan Barber informed the AGM that the committee now felt unable to undertake the traditional 9 event programme schedule. Without an injection of new blood, the committee was proposing a much simpler programme of only 2 'major' (e.g. celebrity recitalists) events. These would be in the September-October and April-June windows to avoid the winter weather.

Subsequent discussion suggested that it would be a shame to lose educational events (e.g. Ronald Watson's talks) and the opportunity for young musicians to perform. The Annual dinner venue, Teesside Golf Club, was agreed to be unsatisfactory last year due to noise from the neighbouring room. The acting chairman felt sure the newly elected committee will take these comments into consideration when considering future programmes.

Publicity of events e.g. posters and distribution of leaflets was also discussed. John Waring described the website and local press work that he undertook. Barrie Land recalled that he had for several years designed posters which were sent to all members for posting on church/library noticeboards, but with no resultant increase in event attendance this fell into abeyance.

## **7. Election of officers**

The following were re-elected unopposed.

Chairman – Bill Insull  
Treasurer – John Waring  
Examiner of accounts – Ian Campbell

Barrie Land was proposed as secretary by John Waring, seconded by Alan Barber and duly elected.

## **8. Election of committee**

Stuart Pass, Alan Barber, Fergus McLellan and Geoff Hill were re-elected unopposed. No nominations were received for new committee members.

The official AGM business was completed at 20:10 after which a presentation was made to Trevor Blease (moving to Lancashire in August) followed by an entertaining short medley of dance-hall tunes introduced and played on his portable organs by the Chairman.