



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8pm, 8 OCTOBER 2013**

**At the Elmgreen School**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Russell Ashley-Smith was in the chair throughout the meeting. Notes were taken by Jeremy Crump.

Apologies for absence had been received from Charles Mackworth Young and Michael Brooks. 33 members of the orchestra were present. Paula Tysall (leader) was also present.

#### **2. Minutes of AGM 2012**

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

#### **3. Annual report**

In introducing the annual report, Russell Ashley-Smith mentioned the sad loss of Felicity Smith, who performed with DSO in 2012, who died during the summer.

The Orchestra was in good health, with steady membership and sound finances. The main issue for growth was securing a larger audience. Russell thanked Tom Hammond and Paula Tysall for their professional input, and all those members who had worked to support the orchestra over the year. He particularly thanked Peter Watkins, who was standing down after 6 years as one of DSO's librarians, Ishani O'Connor for her work on outreach and Jo Duggan for editing the concert programmes. Russell also thanked Elmgreen School and All Saints Church for their continuing support.

The report was adopted without amendment.

#### **4. Financial report**

Liz Cleary (treasurer) reported that there had been good progress in securing the orchestra's finances and that there was now a working balance of c £2000. There was no proposal from the committee to increase either ticket process or subscriptions in 2013-14.

#### **5. Election of officers**

The following were elected unopposed:

- i. chair: Caroline Annesley
- ii. secretary: Jeremy Crump
- iii. treasurer: Liz Cleary

#### 6. Election of ordinary members of the committee

The following were elected unopposed:

Sarah Bort  
Chris Burns  
Roland McCabe  
Hannah Northern  
Ishani O'Connor

#### 7. Any other business.

A number of issues were raised including the number of rehearsals, ticket prices (which it was suggested were low compared to those of other local orchestras).

Russell Ashley-Smith was warmly thanked for his work as chair.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.