



**Committee meeting
7.00pm 7 July 2014**

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Ishani O'Connor and Hannah Northern.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

It was noted that the black cards had been found.

The secretary confirmed that soloists had been booked for the 2014 -15 season - Emma Halnan (flute), Philippa Barton (violin) and Mario Mora (piano). Mario Mora is supported by Making Music.

3. Rite of Spring

It was agreed that the secretary would respond to Brendan O'Neill's request for guidance on a number of detailed issues relating to the proposed weekend playthrough session of the Rite, probably to take place during Spring 2015 term..

4. Conductor's contract.

The chair informed the meeting that Tom Hammond had resigned with effect from 13 July. The chair and secretary had accepted this and the committee agreed that there would have been no point in insisting on the three months notice period in the contract. Committee members agreed that they would respect Tom's request not to share news of the resignation until he had had a chance to inform the orchestra by email on 13 July.

The chair would write to Tom after the concert thanking him on behalf of the orchestra for his work over the last three years.

It was agreed that the orchestra should appoint an interim conductor for the next two concerts and that it should be for the new committee (which will be elected at the AGM in October) to devise a procedure for appointing a permanent conductor to start summer 2015 and also to re-think the new permanent appointment making changes if necessary to its present terms.

5. Arrangements for concert 12 July

Arrangements for the concert were all in hand.

The ticket desk was to be notified that Mike O'Brien + 1 were entitled to free admission.

6. Treasurer's update and forecast

The Treasurer noted that the forthcoming concert was likely to make a loss largely due to the number of extras required, but that, once income from the concert and Gift Aid was in, the position was likely to be that the orchestra had broken even over the season as a whole.

7. Next year's committee

The chair asked committee members to notify her by the beginning of September of their intention whether or not to stand for election for 2014-15. The chair agreed to stand for one more year.

8. Making Music

The secretary said that he would circulate a note by Ishani O'Connor on the recent Making Music conference which she had attended on behalf of the orchestra.

9. Any other business.

There was no other business.

J Crump
Secretary DSO
8 July 2014