



Annual General Meeting 2016

Held at the Elmgreen School, 11 October 2016

Introduction, Welcome and Apologies

Approximately 40 members of the orchestra were present. No apologies for absence had been received..

Minutes of AGM 2015

These were agreed as an accurate record.

Chair's Report

The Chair presented the report in which he thanked Leigh O'Hara (music director), Paula Tysall (leader) and section leaders and others who ensure the smooth running of the orchestra. Two discussion points arose:

- Education Outreach: Robin White agreed to meet the new head of music to re-establish educational outreach links with Elmgreen School. Other ideas included:
 - invitation to children to come into the rehearsal once a term
 - the possibility of exploring links with other schools.
- Increasing access through use of complimentary tickets: this element of the Chair's report was highlighted, explaining to members that up to 10 complimentary tickets (per concert) could be made available (typically via community groups) to people who found concerts unaffordable. Members were invited to contact members of the committee if they wished to use this opportunity.

Treasurer's Report

Liz Cleary (Treasurer) presented the accounts for 2015/16 (available on the website) which showed a small surplus of £674 on income of £14,789 against expenditure of £14,115, taking the surplus to £4,728. She presented a balanced budget for 2016/17, proposing that we maintain the current subscription (£70 per term with 50% concession) and increase professional fees (conductor and leader) by c.5%, all of which was approved by the members.

She noted that ticket sales for the Spring were among the best on record whereas the summer concert receipts were relatively low. The Treasurer emphasised the need for strong audience support to sustain programming of major works.

Liz was thanked for her work throughout the year.

Election of Committee

The following were elected for 2016-17 without contest:

Jeremy Crump (chair)
Tessa Crilly (Secretary)
Liz Cleary (Treasurer)

Sarah Bort, Chris Burns, Sarah Bort, Hannah Gamlen-Thomas Ruth Holton, Ishani O'Connor
(ordinary members)

Any Other Business

Russell Ashley-Smith suggested that an independent examiner should be appointed to look at our accounts. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The meeting finished at 8pm.