

SCUNA Ordinary Committee Meeting 15th August 2008

Present: Nathanael Cox (Treasurer), Jesse Kennedy, Zoe Lander, Petra Lindsay (Chair), Fiona McLean, Alexander O'Sullivan (Secretary).

Apologies: Sandie Walters

The meeting opened at 6:46pm at Caph's Manuka

1. Previous Meeting and Actions Arising

- **Academic Dinner venue information (Social Officer and President) - Ongoing**
- ~~Resolution of the combined concert venue (President and music staff)~~
- **Discussion with Alan regarding accompanying situation (President) - Continuing**
- **Changeover forms for Bank and ANUSA (Executive) – Bank done, ANUSA not**
- ~~Updating Facebook group (Various)~~
- **Investigation of Concert Venues for Orchestra Concert (Concert manager) - Ongoing**
- ~~Cost of bus hire enquiry (Secretary)~~
- ~~Roll taking at choral rehearsals (Secretary)~~
- ~~Ordering of big songbooks on request (Librarian)~~
- ~~Formation of Orchestra Subcommittee (Orchestral Rep)~~
- ~~Decision on UC Chorale (Music Staff)~~

2. Combined Concert

- The venue has been booked as the Parkway, which is booked for the whole of the 18th October, and the night (flexible start time) of the 17th October. The venue hire cost is \$1000, and the deposit will be done soon.
- The insurance certificate needs to be delivered as soon as possible.
- **The soloist fee was set at \$300, and the musician fee was set at \$200 flat.** This will need to be discussed with the music staff. There is the possibility of the orchestra conductor ranging School of Music students for free.
- It was decided that the absolute maximum amount to be spent on soloists and musicians would be \$1200.

A short recess was held from 6:50pm to 6:52pm

- The cost of risers was estimated at \$300. Research will be conducted by the Concert Manager to see if a more competitive rate can be found.
- **The starting time for the concert was set at 7:30pm.**
- Suggestions for the title of the concert included "Songs of Death and Tenderness". General opinion tended to sway towards "Lullabies and Requiems".

- Regarding Posters, the Publicity Officer will research previous SCUNA posters for inspiration.
- **The Concert Manager and the Publicity Officer will organise ticketing.**
- The music staff will try to find a French orchestral item for the concert.
- The President is in the process of organising the general rehearsal schedule.
- The Publicity Officer reported on the prospect of publicity sings at the Hyperdome and Westfield Woden. The extent of SCUNA's public liability insurance will need to be researched before a booking can be made. Small numbers are expected to these publicity sings.
- Regarding the Orchestral Concert, the Concert Manager will research the hire of University House and Bruce Hall.

4. Camp

- It is expected that camp forms are almost all received, save for new members. The current number of people attending is 83 (this value is subject to change). There is a theoretical maximum capacity of 90 at Kioloa
- The number of interstate caterers needs to be finalised, but is expected to be equal to or less than five.
- Money for accommodation can be collected as soon as next rehearsal.
- The magnitude of the food fee will be inversely proportion to the magnitude of the ANU Student Association grant.
- Associate members will probably charged more for food, as they are not covered by the grant.
- Regarding transport, conventional chartered coach services did not prove economical considering the small number of people who could not organise their own transport. The secretary will research chartering the Canberra College Bus.
- **The ANU Student Association grant will be applied for on Monday 18th August.**
- The schedule for the camp has been discussed with the orchestral conductor, who indicated that he would appreciate as much combined rehearsal time as possible, given the short period between the camp and the performance.
- **Food purchase will be organised by the interstate choristers.**
- Public liability insurance will be needed for all attendees.
- Kioloa has provided a checklist which will be sent to all attendees.

5. Rehearsal

- Roll taking has been a success at rehearsal, becoming more streamlined as the rehearsals progress.
- The SoM conductors seemed to work, but they need to be made aware of the special needs of choristers.
- A quote was received for songbook printing. For 30 songbooks with 2 sided printing, cardboard ends and binding, the cost is \$15 per songbook. It was suggested that the sell price be \$20 to cover unexpected costs. It was decided that monies will be received before the order is processed. It is expected that this will happen in the next month.

- **Thomas Liu was accepted as the Orchestral Representative.** The role of the Orchestral Representative is to liaise between the committee and the orchestra. The Queen wears green underwear.

A short recess was held from 7:13pm to 7:17pm

6. Composition Competition

- The President indicated that she required copies of the finalists' works. The works are 3-4 minutes in length each.
- **The Treasurer will organise the production of choral parts and scores by the next meeting.**
- A finalist was disqualified when it was discovered he had previously sold compositions for money. It was decided to suggest to the music staff that the fourth placed competitor to become a finalist.
- **Judgement will be conducted by the President and the Music Staff.**
- The piece will ideally be performed in a concert next semester.

7. Social Events

- **Charissa Dunkley was unanimously appointed Social Secretary.**
- **Movie Tuesday has been scheduled for the 26th August.** The movie itself is undecided.
- It was noted that only a few people have been attending dinner before rehearsal. The event will continue in the hope that more people will attend.
- A tentative date for the Annual Dinner was set. It was September 12.
- It was suggested that a publicity sing be held next Market Day.
- A post-concert party venue near the Parkway needs to be booked.

8. Other Business

- It was decided that SCUNA would apply to sing at the National Folk Festival next year pending a measure of choral interest. The form was filed by the Secretary. The repertoire will be songbook songs. The due date for applications is September 30.
- The Secretary reported that he had received programmes from the Australian International Music Festival. It was decided that SCUNA would encourage its members to attend next year's festival, but that it would not devote rehearsal time to it.
- There is sufficient interest in the choir to provide billeting for the families of the Gondwana Chorale. Those who are billeting are required to sign standard liaising with children forms.
- It was formally noted that SCUNA would not sing in the University of Canberra Battle of the Choirs

Petra Lindsay left the chair, and was not involved in the next decision due to a conflict of interest given her position as President of CIV. Alexander O'Sullivan took the role of Acting Chair.

- The President of the Canberra Interschool Choral Festival 2010 presented correspondence from the President of CIV '03, detailing a donation of \$2170.84 that was made to SCUNA in 2003, with the understanding that SCUNA would support CIV 2010. **The decision was taken by the Acting Chair and the Treasurer that a payment would be made of \$500 to CIV before camp, and then another payment of \$500 would be made after camp.**

Alexander O'Sullivan left the Chair and resumed the role of Secretary. Petra Lindsay took the chair.

- The Concert Manager suggested asking the choir and orchestra what they would wish to do for social events.
- The Secretary will look into better venues for Committee Meetings.

The next meeting is yet to be scheduled.

The meeting closed at 7:54pm