

**Minutes of
SCUNA Committee Meeting**

Level 5, School of Music,

6 p.m., 29 October, 2008-10-28

(to be approved at next committee meeting)

Present: Nathanael (Chair), Fiona, Helen, Sandie, Thomas, Zoe.

Apologies: Petra, Jesse, Hannah.

The Committee noted Jesse's resignation with great regret, recorded their profound gratitude for his contribution to SCUNA, and wished him every future success.

1. Notes from discussion at SCUNA rehearsal 22 October

Draft notes were agreed, with the addition of agreement to maintain relationship with ANU Students' Association.

Agreed to send draft notes to Petra for approval, with the recommendation that they then be sent members for amendment and approval.

Action: Helen.

2. Treasurer's report

Takings from the last concert were \$2,300. Given the lower expenses incurred, the concert should nearly break even.

3. Future meetings

Agreed to hold one further full committee meeting, which would focus mainly on issues raised from the SCUNA members' discussion on 22 October. The proposal is that this should include a leisurely lunch at Helen's place. The problem is that some student members will leave Canberra soon after exams are finished, leaving only 19 and 20 October as possibilities. (Hannah has since said she can't attend during the day from 1-21 Nov.).

The most urgent meeting required is the concert sub-committee. Agreed that this group should consist of the Music Director, Orchestra Conductor, Choir Accompanist, SCUNA President, Choir and Orchestra Concert Managers, and Secretary.

For 2009, it was agreed that the first Committee meeting would be in the week beginning 26 January (on 28 January?), would be during the day, possibly combined with lunch at a suitably pleasant (outdoor?) venue on campus—suggestions welcome. It was also agreed that Jonathan and Alan should be consulted as to whether and how they wished to attend committee meetings.

Action: Helen to find out availability of committee members and set up meetings.

4. Program October-December, 2008

Carol rehearsals will probably commence on 12 November, depending on the availability of a conductor, and continue on 19th & 27th November, and possibly on the 3rd or 10th December. Jonathan is available on the 12th and 27th (at least).

Sandie presented an outline of possible carol-singing events (see attached). Agreed that this outline would be emailed to SCUNA members by as soon as possible, notifying them that

they'll be asked at the first carol rehearsal the events they're prepared to commit to. Noted that Rodney had agreed that arrangements would be different for the Jerrabomberra Carols this year (SCUNA could choose its own carols, would sing on their own with their own conductor) and that he was very keen for SCUNA to participate.

Sandie has approximately 70 carol books. Agreed that members be asked if they wish to order and pay for their own Carol books.

Action: Sandie to organise:

- carol rehearsals and information to Petra for notifying members re:
 - (1) first rehearsal
 - (2) possible events
 - (3) opportunity to purchase carol books.
- members' orders for carol books
- carol books' printing and distribution.

5. Orientation Week Market Day

Organising group:

- Nathanael—co-ordinator; liaison with ANU Students' Association; bookings & equipment, roster for the stall
- Zoe—posters, flyers, possible sandwich board, information packs
- Thomas—musical events and performers.

Follow-up: not discussed.

6. Collaboration with the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)

Agreed that SCA would be approached re SCUNA members' singing at SCA feast (approx. 3 weeks after 2009 term begins)—new SCUNA members to be encouraged to participate; non-student members to pay non-student rate for dinner.

Action: Fiona.

7. New Appointments

The following volunteers for positions were noted with appreciation:

- Orchestra Concert Manager—Sue Xu
- SCUNA webmaster—Cody Christopher.

8. Other

Member skills audit: Sandie and Helen to work out format.

Music for Brahms Requiem: Sandie informed the Committee that music is under control.

Venue for orchestra rehearsals for either Tues or Wednesday in SoM: Thomas to organise.

Request for Messiah keyboard part: Helen to forward message to Sandie, who'll reply.

SCUNA mailbox: Sandie will check over the summer.

Availability of committee members: Nathaniel and Thomas are unavailable in Canberra after 21 November.

9. Timeline of tasks for 2009

Aside from matters dealt with above, the following were agreed as requiring consideration in future meetings:

To be done in November –December 2008

- Camp and concert debrief
- Decide on future meetings and frequency of concert sub committee meetings
- Decide on dates for:
 - Camps

—Concert with NCO (proposed 17th May)
—Orchestra Concert
Should include checking clashes with other musical events in Canberra
(Musica Viva, ACO, other choirs ?????)

- Book venues for the above
- Work out orchestra organisation; auditions; cooperation with South Canberra Youth Wind Orchestra
- Confirm booking of Lewellyn Hall with NCO and costing
- Matters arising from 22 Oct. members' discussion:
 - review of Constitution
 - members' skills audit
 - apprenticeship system
 - social events
 - exploring new sources of membership and financial support.

to be done January – February 2009

- re-affiliate with ANUSA
- source and tentatively plan music for orchestra
- source music for choir
- plan activities for first rehearsals for orchestra and choir (including getting-to-know-you activities)
- publicity for Fresher's Concert
- publicity for Orchestra Concert
- Camp forms and payment
- maintain regular contact with NCO
- print new membership forms
- decide on 2009 fee structure.

March and beyond

- performance of Composition Competition pieces
- International Festival in Sydney Beethoven's 9th
- 1812 with Duntroon (October)
- Dido and Aeneas
- prepare handover documents

Next Committee meeting: either Wed. 19 November or Thursday 20 Nov. at Helen's place (1/6 Tauss Place, Bruce—together with either a BBQ lunch or early evening meal).

Action: Helen to find out members' availability.

The meeting closed at approximately 8 p.m.

Possible Dates for Carol Singing Performances

Rehearsals scheduled for 12th, 19th, 27th November and possibly on the 3rd or 10th December.

Possible performances (to be put to members asap):

| Date | Time | Where/What |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Saturday 29 th November | | OxFam Christmas Fair Albert Hall |
| Friday 12 th December | 6pm | University Beer Garden (Jazz band starts at 5pm) |
| Saturday 13 th December | 11 or 2 | Goodwin Nursing Village 29 Bonney Street Ainslie |
| | 1pm | LUNCH Canberra City Bowling Club Elder St, Braddon |
| | | Civic Carols |
| | | Canberra Hospital |
| | | Jerrabombera Carols |