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THREE RIVERS MUSIC SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1035666

FORTY SIXTH SEASON: 2021/2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH STREET, RICKMANSWORTH
ON 1st MARCH 2023 AT 2.15 PM

MINUTES

1. **Introduction:** Mr Ash Patil, Chairman, opened the meeting welcoming everyone.
2. **Apologies for Absence:**
Officers' Apologies: Mrs S Howse
Members Apologies: Mr M Baker Mr D Clarke Mrs S Lupton, Mr & Mrs T Venner
3. **Minutes of the AGM** on 1 December 2021 which had been previously distributed were corrected, approved and signed.
4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman thanked his committee for their continued support. The Covid pandemic, together with a cold winter and finance squeezes continue to have an impact on the Society's concerts and audiences, as it has elsewhere. The Society continues to struggle to grow its membership and audiences and consequently finances. The Treasurer's Report will cover this more fully. Thanks were given to Dr Steven Halls for the Society's programming both for the past season and the forthcoming one. Whilst the 2023 concerts are in place, the 2024 are presently being worked on. The relationship with the Purcell School will continue. The tradition now established of inviting local primary schools to the lunchtime concert will continue as this has proven very popular. Changing the timing of our concerts has not improved audience attendance so it is envisaged we will continue with lunch and evening concerts only. At the present time few members have renewed their subs for the 2023 year and the Membership Secretary was to send a reminder to everyone that these are now due for this calendar year.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2021/22 had covered 16 months. The accounts have been distributed to the membership. All following accounts will now be for the calendar year. He also was concerned about the poor attendance and the impact of the Society's finances. This is a worrying trend, but one that other societies are also experiencing. Discussion on remedies are made under Marketing and Publicity.
6. **Other Reports:**
Marketing & Publicity: Discussion ensued about the promotion of the Society's concerts. It was thought we should continue trying to expand the number of websites

we promote the concerts on and we should try to produce a newsletter for our membership via email. Whilst we still wish to target other Societies – specifically musical but not necessarily, along with U3A's, NADFAS etc we also recognise the need to approach Resident Associations. the Society needs to be more aware of social media - Facebook Tweeting, NextDoor, WhatsApp etc. to pass info on to friends and colleagues. It was also suggested that perhaps donations via Just Giving be looked into. We will also pass Information to local schools. It was also thought we should be approaching local dignitaries to support and therefore encourage attendance (the local Leader (Debbie Morris) and our local MP Gagan Mohindra

Membership: The Membership Secretary reported – and supported the Treasurers report, that membership over the last Season has declined along with audience numbers. Subscriptions for the forthcoming season were coming in very slowly. This was partially the outcome of fewer concerts during the winter period. Our efforts to promote membership continues. It is important to note that in future, subs will cover the calendar year. A reminder is to be sent about subs being due for the 2023 season.

Programming: We intend to run 9 evening and 4 lunchtime concerts and these are well in place.

7. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2023**

Officers:

Chairman	Mr Ash Patil
Secretary	Mrs Denise Wellham
Treasurer	Mr Irvin Needle
Programme Director	Dr Steven Halls

Committee Members:

Mr David Budge; Mr Michael Currey; Mr John Donegan; Mrs Sue Howse

All currently serving Officers and Committee Members have agreed to stand for re-election and this motion was approved unanimously.

8 Matters arising not appertaining to the Reports: None

The meeting closed after a vote of thanks to the committee from the membership for their hard work over the past year.

4th January 2022

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