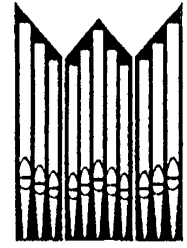


Chester & North East Wales Organists' & Choirmasters' Association



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2016 at 7.00pm at Upton Golf Club, Chester

1. Chairman's Welcome - John Evans welcomed all present for their attendance and looked forward to a successful meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence – these were received from Richard Bass, Ray Harper and Wynn Jones.
3. Minutes of the last AGM - the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed (proposed: Ethan Henshaw; seconded: Iain Stinson).
4. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising not covered by other items on the Agenda.
5. Presentation of Accounts – these were circulated at the meeting. David Bird explained that the balance at the end of last year was to 30th April 2015 (i.e. 13 months) instead of 31st March, and he had therefore prepared this year's income and expenditure account as at 30th April 2016, to bring it back to a 12-month period. David informed the meeting that the Organisation's bank account was now held at Lloyds Bank, following a decision made by the Committee. The account at Lloyds Bank is a Treasurer Account, which incurs neither bank charges nor interest.

It was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Philip Rushforth that the accounts be accepted, and this was agreed.

David asked the meeting whether they felt that the Accounts needed to be sent out in advance of the AGM. The members present confirmed that they did not feel it necessary to send these out in advance of the AGM; they appreciated that it took time to get the accounts audited, and presentation at the AGM was perfectly acceptable.

The Chairman thanked David for the work he had done on behalf of the Organisation over the past 12 months as Treasurer.

6. Chairman's Report – The Chairman thanked the Officers and Committee Members for their hard work and enthusiasm during the year, and particular thanks went to Bob Jones for hosting committee meetings at his home and for making the committee most welcome. There was a real variety of events arranged during the past season for our members, which included visits to four Cathedrals and Poulton Hall. John commented that the coming year's programme will include a visit to a National Trust property and an Organ Builders factory, as well as the more usual parish churches and cathedrals.
7. Election of Officers – Iain Stinson was standing down as Membership Secretary, remaining on the Committee as a Committee Member, and Ethan Henshaw had offered to take on the role of Membership Secretary for the coming year. All other Officers and Committee Members were agreeable to standing for re-election. There was one vacancy on the Committee for which no nominations had been received.

It was proposed by Robin Newby, seconded by Philip Rushforth and agreed that the following nominations be voted on "en bloc":

Chairman:	John Evans	Membership Secretary:	Ethan Henshaw
Vice-Chairman:	Tony Warren	Treasurer:	David Bird
General Secretary:	Angela Evans	Publicity Officer:	Bob Jones

Committee Members: Jim Treloar, Richard Bass, Tim Jones, Mike Edwards, Iain Stinson, *vacancy*

The above were all accepted.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner – last year's auditor, Eileen Johnson, was unavailable to audit our accounts this year, therefore David Bird had approached Philip O'Neill, an accountant with Shell and a friend of David's who lived locally in Upton, to audit our accounts this year. David proposed that Mr O'Neill be asked to continue as Auditor next year. This was seconded by Bob Jones and agreed.
9. Any Other Business – Iain Stinson gave a vote of thanks to the Officers of the Association, on behalf of the membership, which was gratefully received.
10. Date of the next AGM – it was suggested that the next AGM be held on Tuesday 13th June 2017; the date and venue would be confirmed in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.15pm