



## CONSTITUTION OF SINGERS RECHOIRED CHOIR (Established September 2008)

### **NAME:**

The Organisation shall be called "Singers Rechoired" hereafter known as SR.

### **PURPOSE:**

The overall purpose for SR shall be:

- To learn and perform music to enjoy and share with others.
- To perform publicly for the purposes of entertainment and in support of a chosen charity.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

The main object of SR shall be:

- To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the Committee see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals;
- The bringing together of people who enjoy singing as an individual or part of a group.
- The choir seek to be self funding; but not as a profit making activity, any subscriptions collected from members will be used to pay for music, hall hire, musical director, pianist, insurance and other costs that enable the choir to function.
- A subsidiary object shall be a social programme for the members of SR.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

The membership shall consist of :

- Anyone over the age of 18, the ability to read music is an advantage although not required. Persons under the age of 18 may be admitted provided that a parent is already part of the choir.
- Subscription to the choir is due in advance of each half term that the choir meets and may be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.
- As the aim of SR is non profit making, if finances allow at the Committees discretion the subscriptions may be varied or waived for a given period.
- Failure to pay subscriptions in a timely manner, may result at the Committees discretion in exclusion of an individual from SR.
- Any antisocial behaviour by an individual may result in that members immediate exclusion from SR.
- On joining SR, all members must agree to abide by the rules as laid down in the Constitution.

### **MANAGEMENT:**

- The affairs of SR shall be conducted by the Committee in consultation with its members
- Members of the Committee will perform the functions of Office in the following categories as a minimum:
  - Chair Person
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
- The Committee will be elected annually at the AGM by SR members.
- The Committee shall meet at least twice during the year, to manage the affairs of SR. The



times of these meetings to be fixed by agreement with the Committee.

- Should an emergency situation arise, which requires an immediate decision, this may be made by two out of the three committee members.

### **MEETINGS:**

The Committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of January to:

- provide members with a financial statement and approve annual accounts
- receive a report from the Chairperson
- elect a committee
- consider changes to the Constitution
- deal with other relevant business

### **VOTING:**

Decisions put to the vote at meetings shall be resolved with a simple majority. In the event of no majority, the Chair will have the casting vote.

### **QUORUM:**

- The quorum for all meetings shall be at least fifty per cent of the members of SR.
- Any changes in the Constitution shall require at least two thirds majority of those present at the AGM.

### **FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS:**

- The financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts of SR.
- The accounts may be audited at any time by an independent person appointed by the Committee.
- All cheques drawn against SR's funds shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, Secretary or Chairman.
- The only paid positions within SR maybe that of Musical Director and Pianist.
- The income and property of SR whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the choir as set forth above. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any person except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of SR or with approval and/or permission from the Committee.

### **DISSOLUTION:**

- In the event of SR being wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of SR.

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