



## Somerville Music Society

### Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008, DHQ Music Room

Present: Joe Burgess (Vice-President)  
Lea Krämer (Publicity Officer)  
James Percival (President)  
Stefan Schwarz (Secretary)  
Martin Suckling  
Almat Zhantikin

Apologies: Tom Butcher (Treasurer)  
Alex Parker (Webmaster)  
Rosie Shakespear

**The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **1. Concert in 8th week**

- Dido concert will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of 8<sup>th</sup> week
- first half: instrumental and vocal music featuring musicians from Somerville; second half: performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*
- posters have already been prepared
- post-concert drinks will be organised
- role of drama society unclear

**Action: James to ask David Crown whether or not Somerville Drama Society will be involved.**

#### **2. Other Concerts**

- Senthuran Bhuvanendra's recital *Songs for the Seasons* will take place on Sunday of 5<sup>th</sup> week (9<sup>th</sup> November) at 12:45; Lea will be advertising the recital (SMS and OUMS mailing lists, posters, Daily Info)

- Stavros will not be organising open mic night → event would duplicate *Somerville's Got Talent* (organised by Bryony Tayler) which will take place on Thursday of 5<sup>th</sup> week

**Action: James to offer Bryony help with publicity; *Somerville's Got Talent* could be advertised as SMS event.**

### **3. Committee Positions**

- Martin suggests to create the new committee post 'social secretary'
- seven members of the society vote in favour of creating the new committee post; two-third majority is needed to amend the constitution

**Action: Stefan to update the constitution accordingly.**

### **4. Elections**

- James Suckling is unanimously elected as the new (joint) senior member of Somerville Music Society
- Joe Burgess is unanimously elected as social secretary → Stefan points out that the constitution allows SMS members to hold more than one committee position

### **5. JCR Budget Meeting**

- SMS will receive £1,000 from the JCR this year
- Tom will give a full report on the SMS budget at the next meeting

### **6. Mailing Lists**

- SMS currently has two mailing lists: a committee mailing list (6 members) and the regular SMS mailing list (76 members)
- Stefan suggests to set up a separate mailing list to advertise SMS events since more than a hundred people signed up at the Freshers' Fair who probably do not wish to receive regular updates about SMS meetings and other internal affairs → SMS members vote in favour of creating new mailing list

**Action: Stefan to create new mailing list.**

## 7. Freshers' Fair

- more than 120 freshers signed up for our concerts mailing list; idea to offer free copies of the choir CD as additional incentive was a success
- 30-40 Somervillians joined SMS at the college's FF; list has not been typed up yet

**Action: Joe to forward list from the Somerville Freshers' Fair to Stefan.**

## 8. Practice Rooms

- Peter Zeniewski's proposal to install recording equipment in Park Music Room had to be rejected since the safety of such valuable equipment cannot be guaranteed
- College proposed a new online booking system for music practice rooms → porters refused to implement new system
- paper booking still the only viable option
- from now on practice rooms can only be booked one week in advance to ensure that everyone has the chance to reserve a music room
- list of people who are allowed to use musical instruments in college (e.g. organ, piano and harpsichord in chapel) has been updated
- college members who wish to be added to the new list should contact Martin Suckling

**Action: James to inform Peter Zeniewski.**

## 9. College Orchestra

- college orchestra will be revived next term; Tom will no longer be involved
- SMS will appoint someone who will be in charge of fixing string and wind players

## 10. Other Business

- Tristan proposes a choir/music outreach programme (joint services with local schools)
- Martin suggests to increase the number of SMS meetings
- next SMS meeting will take place on Thursday of 6<sup>th</sup> week (20<sup>th</sup> November 2008)
- suggestions for agenda can be submitted to Stefan (deadline: Wednesday of 6<sup>th</sup> week, 8pm)

**Action:** Tristan to write up a proposal which could be forwarded to the college's education committee.  
Stefan to send out agenda one day before next SMS meeting.

**The meeting was concluded at 7:58 p.m.**