**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 3 February 2014 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

**Present:** Rachel, Mike, Jan

1. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Milly as she had to attend a Deanery Synod meeting.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed with one amendment in minute 5 of “vicar” to “rector” and then signed by Mike as acting chairman.
3. **Matters arising**

**7 – AGM** Milly had not replied to Dave’s email and he had asked Jan about it just before they left to attend the AGM. She had replied verbally that it had been recalled by members of the committee that his remarks had been made before the meeting had started and had, therefore, not been recorded.

Jan had emailed quire members reminding them that they could add items to the agenda if they wished and had attached the Constitution and address list for updating by members.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Mike said that there was £1632.84 in the bank. He had received £330 in subs, including a contribution from Mary Motley of £15. He had £40.01 in petty cash. Rosemary had become our second associate member.

Mike asked Rachel how much she needed to claim in expenses and then paid her cash of £30 on her reply in that amount.

1. **Past Events**

**Thursday 9 January – Sussex Harmony birthday party.** There had been several absentees from the party and they had been missed. However, everyone had enjoyed eating and chatting together and there had been the usual fun and action-packed pass the parcel game.

The two practices between the party and the AGM had been as normal.

**Thursday 30 January – AGM.** There had been 14 attendees at the AGM – approximately 70% of the quire. It had been a calm and peaceful meeting, ending at 9pm with tea and coffee.

1. **Forthcoming events**

There would be three normal practices and then Rachel would be away on 27 February.

**Thursday 13 March, 7.30pm – fund raising concert for St John sub Castro.**

Rachel would be away from 17 March until 8 April. It was suggested, and agreed, that the practice leaders during Rachel’s absence should be a rotation of Milly, Marsden and John, providing they were willing to do so. Rachel suggested that they did a half-hour slot each and then the quire members to decide whether they would like to reprise one or more pieces from the evening or sing something more familiar.

**Saturday 22 or 29 June – concert at Warbleton.** Rachel said that there were people who could do both dates but 29 June was looking to be the favourite date.

**Saturday 5 July – Sussex Harmony Sacred Harp sing at Malling.**

**Sunday 21 September – Bexhill.** Rachel said she had spoken to Barry today about the service/evensong.

**Saturday 4 October – Harveys Old Ale**

**Sunday 12 October – possible Moody and Sankey evening.** No-one knew yet whether there would be a Lewes Folk Festival this year as Vic has retired from organising folk events. If not it would still be possible to do a Moody and Sankey sing but possibly on another date.

**Saturday 29 November – Advent/carol concert at Punnetts Town.**

**Thursday 18 December – carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park.**

**Sunday 14 or 21 December – carol service at Malling.**

**Saturday 27 December – post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes High Street.**

1. **Any other business**

Rachel would send an email to Paula, with copy to Robin, giving details of forthcoming events as far ahead as we know. Rachel would also ask Robin to email quire members with instructions for viewing the “members’ area” of the website as we had several new members who would not have the original instructions. Jan would send Robin copies of the meeting minutes since September 2013 for inclusion in the Members Page. **Action points for Rachel and Jan.**

1. **Date of next meeting – Monday 28 April 2014, 8pm, at the Brewers Arms, Lewes.**