Vancouver Master Chorale
2024 Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21 2024

Board Members present: President: **Katherine Nitsch**; Music Director: **Jana Hart**; VP Business: **Dennis Haberkamp**; Treasurer: **Dave Lawley**; VP Membership: **Susan Pautz**; VP Marketing: **Min Kuang**; VP Concerts: **Cara Hernandez**: VP Technology: **Jaz Bielby**; Secretary: **Sonya Sigler**

Board Members Absent: None

General Membership Present: We counted well in excess of 75/100 choir members present which more than meets our quorum requirements.

Greeting and Call to Order: Katherine Nitsch
Meeting called to order: 7:18 PM
Katherine thanked everybody for attending the 2024 General Membership Meeting

REPORTS

2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes:

President Katherine Nitsch presented the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. Jana Hart motioned and Susan Pautz seconded to approve the minutes from the 2023 General Membership Meeting, which the membership approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Dave Lawley

The treasurer's report was not available so soon after our concert. [See the May 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes for the latest Treasurer's Report.]

MEMBERSHIP

Katherine presented the slate of officers for next year:

- Musical Director: **Jana Hart**
- President: **Doug Friend**
- VP of Membership: **Susan Pautz**
- VP of Marketing: Open
- VP of Technology: **Bai Pham**
- Secretary: **Sonya Sigler**
- VP of Business: **Dennis Haberkamp**
- VP of Concerts: **Valerie Winkle**
- Treasurer: **Dave Lawley**

Jaz Bielby made a motion to accept these nominees for officers on the Board of Directors, and Amy Christenson seconded it. The motion passed by the general membership.

APPRECIATION OF CHOIR MEMBERS FOR SUPPORT AND SERVICES

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Dennis: extended appreciation for Jonathan Bowman for driving the rental truck when we hauled the risers to/from Skyview; Thomas Nadal and the riser crew members for their incredible dedication; Sonya Sigler for all the training on grant writing; Peterson & Associates for helping compile and submit our first IRS Form 990EZ; Philip Denton, Will Johnson and other Skyview staff for supporting our producing an incredible concert.

Susan: Thanked the volunteers taking attendance each week and getting messages to sections: Paulette McCoy, Lee McCoy, Amy Christenson, and Doug Friend; Carolyn Hamby for taking care of purchasing and presenting flowers at concerts; our Hospitality chair Robin Patton; and Hailey Sorrell for taking care of the correspondence to members for Sympathy/Congrats etc.

Min: Thanked her marketing committee for their help over the concert season: Tom Paulu, T.Y. Zhai, Charlie Zhang, Hailey and David Sorrel, Bai Pham

Jaz: Thanked Bai and Amy for their behind the scenes help.

Cara: Thanked all her volunteers, especially Nick Hernandez for stepping up to be the house manager, and Bai, Amy and Dave for their work in making the concerts run smoothly.

Sonya: Thanked the outgoing board members (Katherine, Jaz, Min, and Cara) and Jana, who received a standing ovation while the member sang, For She's a Jolly Good Fellow.

Jana: Thanked the riser crew, the board and all the volunteers as a community.

Katherine: Thanked the board, Amy, Sonya, the volunteers, and Jana and handed Jana her honorarium.

HIGH NOTE AWARD:

This year's HIGH NOTE award for outstanding service to the choir was awarded to Jonathan Bowman who has donated so much time and resources to helping VMC's logistics on performances, risers, and chairs. This year we awarded an additional HIGH NOTE award to Dennis Haberkamp for his work on logistics/risers, mentoring Dave Lawley, the Treasurer, grant writing success, and managing donations!

After a lovely bit of entertainment by the Diva Soprano (isn't that redundant), the **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 pm.**