

## Minutes of the Special General Meeting

Held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 9.00pm  
At Cemetery Road Baptist Church

**Present:** Officers - Chris Walker (Chairman), Kitty Ross (Treasurer), Liz Buxton (Secretary), Anne Adams (Social Secretary), Vicky Hight (Publicity Manager), Sarah Hogan (Joint Librarian), StJohn Wright and Liz Paice (Ordinary members of the Committee). Also in attendance were George Nicholson (President), and 35 members of the Society.

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting
2. Apologies for absence: none
3. The Chairman outlined the reason for the meeting as previously notified. In accordance with the Constitution, the meeting sought approval from the membership to increase the annual subscription from £125 to £150 with effect from the start of the 2023-24 season. The Committee had considered this matter carefully, but felt that given the significant increase in running costs associated with the Society, an increase is judged necessary at this time. The membership fee has remained at £125 since the start of the 2017-18 season.

In addition to the increased costs outlined by the Chairman, A Cowling also alerted members to a further anticipated increase in the hire for CRBC.

**Resolved: The Committee proposal to increase the annual membership subscription to £150 with effect from the start of the 2023-24 season, was approved unanimously.** (Proposed: A Heath, Seconded: A Cowling)

Reduced subscription for students.

A question was raised about a reduced subscription for students. The secretary reported that there was currently a reduced subscription in place but in discussion with our new conductor, the Committee hoped to accept his recommendation to make membership free to students. As this was not included in the notification of *this* meeting, it was not possible to formally put this to the membership at this time, but approval for this would be brought to the AGM.

Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.15pm