

Chairman's Report 2024 - Brenda Wilkinson

As I reported last year choirs are still being affected by the recent pandemic according to the list of reasons why they are disbanding. The depletion has been almost balanced out by new choirs joining the association.

The mixture of holding some MOF meetings by zoom and some in person appears to be successful and we are going to continue with this. This isn't the only change we have made. More people are technology prone and use various apps to read what we put out instead of hard copy which we had to post; this encouraged us to look at ways of using our website to more advantage and we are now issuing soundbite-type information to our members in addition to our regular magazine, and I'm sure there are many more things we will be able to do in the future.

I am very pleased that the initiative of the Legacy Fund is moving forward. We put an item in our magazine some little while ago about this fund along with an application form. Look it out and see if this could help you or contact us to find out more about this.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all again and hope you have a lovely weekend.

Treasurer's Report 2024 – Paul Gailiunas

Following comments at last year's conference we have transferred some of our cash into accounts where it earns interest. Some of it in a 95 day notice account with variable interest with regular reporting; some of it into a fixed term account that will pay 5.01% p.a. when it matures in September. The total at the end of the year was £48485.65 compared with £47375.78 last year, so hardly any change.

The accounts have been presented in a slightly different way this year so that income for News & Views and the Year Book appears in a more natural place under "income".

Notes

- a) Subscriptions are less, reflecting a fall in membership, in many cases because choirs have ceased.
- b) Advertising revenue is falling as some regular advertisers have not renewed their orders.
- c) This is from the 95 day notice by the year end. The income from the £15000 in a fixed-term deposit will be reported next year, when it will have become available.
- d) Money is now held in three different accounts.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHOIRS
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

2023		2024		2023		2024	
£	Notes	£	£	£	Notes	£	£
	Expenditure				Income		
11684.51	News & Views	11941.17		29027.00	Subscriptions:		
				75.00	Full Member	25977.50	
4325.38	Year Book	4562.73			Associated Member	113.00	
				2031	Sales and Advertising		
				430	News and Views	1230	
					Year Book	208	
0.00	Purchase of Goods	0.00		10.00	Donations		
					Sundry	0.00	
	Admin. Costs				Other Income		
10841.96	Exec. Travel + Expenses	7510.35		0.00	Bank Interest Received	332.65	
2957.67	Post. Tel. & Stationery	575.58		0.00	Web advertising	0.00	
435.48	General Exp.	1770.15					
175.20	Group Promotion	0.00		0.00	Sale of Goods	0.00	
380.00	IT	555.88					
	Cost of Goods	0.00		0.00	Services	0.00	
0.00	Donations	0.00					
0.00	Bank Adjustment	0.00					
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00					
792.00	Debt written off	0.00					
		0.00					
6139.65	Conference loss	2864.78		0.00	Conference Surplus	0.00	
37731.85		29780.64		31573.00			27861.15
0.00	Accumulated Surplus	0		6158.35	Accumulated Deficit	1919.49	
37731.85		29780.64		37731.35		29780.64	

BALANCE SHEET AT 31/12/2024

2023		2024
£	Notes	£
	Sundry Assets	
	Bank Balance	
47375.78	Lloyds Account	8153.00
	fixed term deposit (4/9/25)	25000.00
	95 days notice deposit	15332.65
		<u>48,485.65</u>
	Debtors	
1000.00	Reserve for Conference Officer	1000.00
206.70	Insurance (for next year)	206.70
	Conference	
306.00	Yearbook adverts	186.00
1248.00	N&V adverts	456.00
2024 2314.78	Conference planning	2025 1788.58
2025 1092.16		2026 4148.00
		<u>7785.28</u>
152.31	Stock in Hand	152.31
<u>53695.73</u>		<u>56423.24</u>
	Less:	
	Creditors	
	Advanced subscriptions:	
12996.00	Full	17992.50
25.00	Associate	103.00
0.00	Conference receipts	0.00
		<u>18095.50</u>
<u>40674.73</u>		<u>38327.74</u>
	Accumulated Fund - unrestricted	
42150.18	Balance brought forward	35991.83
-6158.35	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-1919.49
0.00	Transfer to Centenary fund	0.00
		<u>35991.83</u>
2538.19	Balance carried forward	<u>34072.34</u>
	Centenary fund – Designated	2018.19
	Group funds - Restricted	
	Lincolnshire	92.50
209.04	Mids N	209.04
637.67	Mids SW	637.67
217.00	Group 14W (now Scotland West)	217.00
43.00	Group 17 (now South Wales)	43.00
243.00	Group 8 (now Yorkshire East)	243.00
575.00	Group 2 (now Yorkshire North)	575.00
220.00	Group 1 (now North West Group)	220.00
		<u>2237.21</u>
2144.71		
<u>40674.73</u>		<u>38327.74</u>

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of National Association of Choirs

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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