Helensburgh Orchestral Society Committee Meeting 2.11.26, 18:15.

Present: Judith France, Jack Tarr, Christine Sinclair, Goetz Bucher, Matthew Hack, Frankie Hamner.
Apologies: Stephen Caira, Scott Arroll, Janine MacFarlane.

On behalf of Sc (president), JF welcomed Matthew and Goetz to the committee.

1. **Minutes of previous minutes** agreed.

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Matters arising: Conductor's stand: JT refurbished both conductor's stands and both are now fully usable again. Many thanks to JT.
Website SA has added copies of latest committee meeting minutes to the Website, where they will be uploaded in future. Agreed that in future the aim will be to have these uploaded within a week of the meeting.
Celeste: a keyboard has been sourced and is with Anne B, who will play it in the concert.

2. **November Concert Update:**
   - **Rehearsals** are going well despite changes last week when Pillar Hall was unavailable at short notice. Extra rehearsal planned for Thursday 26/11 to be cancelled for several reasons: Hermitage have said they now cannot honour our booking for the main hall (VH not available); no percussion would have been available at Hermitage; Michael thought it was not essential.
     Action JF to notify members of change.
   - **Extras** Brass & horns are all organised.
     Still need 1 x 1st vn, 1 x cello; 1 x d bass; 1 x percussion. Action Enquiries in hand by various orchestra members.
     - **Publicity** Article and listing in Community Advertiser; listings in Destination Helensburgh & Helensburgh Advertiser. FH sending extra photos to Helensburgh Advertiser.
     - **Tickets & Flyers** SA has had these printed and will be distributed at the rehearsal. Action JF to take tickets to Destination Helensburgh and North-NorthWest.
     - **Programmes** SA organising these.
     - **Banners** JT will put these out in concert week.
     - **Front of House** volunteers needed. JF to ask D Brown.
     - **Refreshments & raffle** FH to organise. ActionJF to email for volunteers and donations.
     - **Music** to ask anyone not playing in the concert to return music to Matthew (Librarian) for reissue to extras.

3. **Conductor:**
   Play Day - Derrick Morgan has confirmed he will conduct us for the 2027 Play Day.
   March & May concerts - Alan Craig is not available.

SC asked Michael B for ideas - he has suggested Suzanne Godet. Action JF to email S Godet and see if she would be available, in the first instance, for the March concert.

ACTION CS to check whether Alan Craig can conduct the 20th March 2027 concert.
ACTION JF to email Derrick Morgan and formally ask him to commit to the 2027 Play Day.
CS suggested we ask Robert Baxter if he would be interested in coming back to conduct HOS for the March 2028 concert in our 70th anniversary year. Action JF to email Robert Baxter and enquire.

4. **AOB**

Financial update JT reported that finances are as expected, with @ £10k in bank. November concert is forecast to run at a loss of @ £150. Thanks to Paul for securing advertising which will cover the cost of the programmes, enabling these to be included in the ticket cost. Thanks to sponsorship by BTO will cover cost of sectional rehearsals with tutors.
Subs of £120 pa. ONly 25 out of 40 members have paid so far. Action JF to remind members in general email prior to JT emailing later as needed.

Indoor banner FH asked whether we should have a tall indoor banner. To be considered next year.

Meeting closed 19:05.
Next meeting Monday 11.1.27.

Judith France, Secretary. ***2.11.26***