

## Birmingham Ladies Barbershop Harmony Club

Minutes of emergency committee meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Pearl Whiten	Chair	PW
	Sue Bubb	Vice Chair	SB
	Sue Breakwell	Treasurer	SBr
	Midge Turner	Fund Raiser	MT
	Sandra Moss	Secretary	SM
<b>Apologies</b>	Elaine Mobsby	Membership Secretary	EM
	Rod Butcher	Music Director	RB

This meeting had been called to consider the responses of the Chorus members to an email sent by the Chair asking whether or not they would like to compete at Convention in October 2019 and to decide on the matter.

PW presented the responses from the members as follows:-

1. 34 members expressed the wish that they would like to attend and compete at Convention.
2. No responses were received from:
  - A) Diane Baker - but a positive telephone conversation indicated that she wished to attend.
  - B) Margaret Hannay } register themselves separately with LABBs but have paid up to date for the hotel
  - C) Helen Perkins }
  - D) Jennie Thornton - but has indicated that she will not be attending
  - E) Carrie O'Regan - but has not attended for a long time and is no longer paying subs.
3. The following people indicated that they did not wish the chorus to compete: RB, Helen Tipping, Pam Doherty.
4. The following people indicated that they were concerned that the chorus was under rehearsed: Yvonne Powell, Kate Hyde.

SBr asked if we should present RB with these results. Some general discussion followed. PW was able to speak to RB during the course of the meeting, who indicated that he was prepared to direct the Chorus at Convention. It was decided that PW should write another email to all chorus members informing them of the committee's decision and urge commitment to rehearsals and improved attendance. It was further decided to use **Club Rule 5. Attendance and Standards**, which states "We are a Chorus striving for continuous improvement and therefore all members are expected to attend all possible rehearsals and sing outs. Any member not reaching the accepted level of performance and/or attendances required by the Music Director will be asked not to sing in public. This includes competitions." The committee suggested that all members wishing to attend Convention should attend 6 of the last 8 rehearsals in September/October 2019.

SBr and SM will register the Chorus with LABBS on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019, in order to make use of the early bird registration fee.