Palmerston North Choral Society (Inc.)
P O Box 1636 Palmerston North 4440 New Zealand

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting: Monday 23 February 2026
Time: 7.30pm. St Peter's Church.

Present: Sue Brown (President) chaired the meeting; Myra Smith, Alison Stewart, Robert van Bentum, Mike Tuohy, Kevin Stafford, Ken Jolley, Brian Colless, Stanley Barnes, John Chittenden, Anne Smith, Shirley Deere, Marian Dean, Robyn Good, Susan Larsen, Sushmita Aind-Cable, Gina Fermor, Catherine Whitby, Bev Waugh, Heather Wilson, Frances Siddle, Jo Lewis, Emma Jolley, Shelia Jolley, Nicola McCarthy, Karen Hall, Tineke McLean, Naomi Clements-Roeper, Averil Nasario, Craig Barber, Graeme Siddle, and John Drake.

Apologies: John and Sheryl Rogers, Miriam Peel, Katharine Bracey, and Carrol Donohue with regret (this is the first AGM Carrol has missed)

Minutes of the 2025 AGM
The Minutes of the 2025 AGM were circulated prior to the AGM and were taken as read.
Motion that the minutes are a true record of that meeting. Sue Brown Carried.

Matters Arising: Nil.

President's Report – 2026 – was circulated prior to the meeting so was taken as read.
Motion that the President's report be received; Sue Brown /Myra Smith Carried.

Music Director's Report – 2026.
The Music Director's report was circulated prior to the meeting so was taken as read.
Motion that the Music Director's report be received; Alison Stewart/ Sue Brown Carried.
The Meeting records its thanks for Alison's commitment and competence in her musical directorship of the Choir.

Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31/12/2025
These were also circulated prior to the meeting so were taken as read.

The Choral Society ended the year with a deficit of $1,600 compared with a surplus of $504 in 2004 The increase in membership fees this year (agreed at the 2025 AGM) will help to close the gap between expense and income.

Motion that the Financial Statements be received Robert Van Bentum/ John Chittenden

Election of Honorary Members (Patrons).
All have agreed to continue as our Patrons.
Motion that Jenny Boyack be elected as Patron, and that Guy Donaldson, Graham Parsons and Roy Tankersley be elected as Vice-Patrons.
Moved Sue Brown/Karen Hall. Carried.

Election of Management Committee
The following nominations had been circulated prior to the AGM and were elected unopposed:
Sue Brown, Robert van Bentum, Myra Smith, John Chittenden
Alison Stewart (Music Director) ex officio

There were no nominations from the floor.

The President commended other volunteers who carry out essential roles.

The Meeting places on record the contribution to the Choir by the outgoing Secretary Ian Rowden. Ian was largely responsible for updating the Constitution to meet the new requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

The Meeting also acknowledged the significant contributions from our Honarary Accompanists, Myra Smith and Frances Siddle.

Subscription 2026-27
Motion: That the subscription for the 2026 financial year be $160 reducible to $150 if paid early by the indicated date, or $60 per performance if not singing all year. Moved Robert van Bentum seconded John Chittenden. Carried.

Appointment of Reviewer
Robert van Bentum thanked the current Reviewer Alan Martin (retired chartered accountant) who was willing to be re-appointed.
Motion: that Mr Martin be reappointed: moved Robert van Bentum seconded Stanley Barnes. Carried.

General Business: Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

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