



FEDERATION OF CATHEDRAL OLD CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATIONS

**The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Video-conference
on Saturday 12th September 2020, commencing at 2pm**

30a Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman of the Federation, Alastair Pollard, welcomed 17 delegates to the virtual meeting.

Nick Hodges (Warwick), Alastair & Nicola Pollard (Durham), Will Butcher (Warwick), Richard Belton (Leicester), David Tranter (St. Pauls), Michael Lake (Chelmsford), Ayrton Westwood (Norwich), Tim Winter representing Richard Watts (Westminster Abbey), Ollie Hamilton-Box (Peterborough), Richard Lilley (St. Albans), Ian Henderson (Rochester), Stephen Milner (Salisbury), Arnold Wills (Peterborough), Colin Charter (Gloucester), John Marshall (Ely), Gordon Hughes (Oxford CC).

30b Federation Prayer and Obituaries

The Chairman read the Federation prayer. No reported deaths.

30c Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 7 individuals:

Chris Seaton (Wells), Eric Dare (Truro), Peter Fellowes (Portsmouth), Francis Bunch (Lichfield), John Gaston (Worcester), Geoffrey Mitchell (Exeter), David Horwood (Eton).

30d Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 11th May 2019 at Lichfield Cathedral, having been circulated in advance.

30e Matters arising from these minutes (not on the Agenda)

29a corrected to Lichfield!

30f Presentation and Adoption of Annual Accounts for 2019

The Honorary Treasurer, Michael Lake, gave a statement supporting the accounts, the report being filed with these minutes. Subscriptions are down due to losing some associations to closure or mothballing. We have 46 association members and a few Individuals. Merchandise is for ties. Donation of £100 from Peterborough after their successful Festival in 2018. Setup grant of £100 given to Kingston.

Chairman and Secretary Chains were revalued in July 2020.

With no questions asked, the accounts were proposed for adoption by Alastair Pollard (Durham), seconded by Nick Hodges (Warwick) and agreed by all present.

30g Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners

The nomination of Mr Matthew Guest, ACMA, of Manchester as the Federation’s Independent Financial Examiner was formally proposed by the Honorary Treasurer, Michael Lake (Chelmsford), seconded by Vice-Chair, Arnold Wills (Peterborough) and agreed by all present.

Ian suggested increasing the subscription from £20 to £25 in 2022. Deferred for discussion at the next committee meeting.

30h Election of Officers

The following were elected to hold Office.

Office	Name	Association
Chairman	Nick Hodges	Warwick
Vice Chairman	Arnold Wills	Peterborough
Hon. Secretary	Alastair Pollard	Durham
Hon. Treasurer	Michael Lake	Chelmsford
Membership	Richard Lilley	St. Albans
Website Officer	Richard Watts	Westminster Abbey
Development Officer	Arnold Wills	Peterborough
2021 Festival Rep’s.	John Marshall	Ely
Associations’ Reps.		
South West	Stephen Milner	Salisbury
East Anglia & South East	Ayrton Westwood	Norwich
North and Ireland	Alastair Pollard	Durham
Midshires & Wales	Nick Hodges	Warwick

30i Reports by Chairman, Secretary and Associations’ Representatives

Reports were circulated in advance. These reports will be published in Once a Chorister 2020 later this year.

30j Any Other Business

- Richard Belton asked about the Federation assisting with postage costs for printed OaC magazine. This was deferred to the next committee meeting.
- John Marshall (Ely) has a draft program for the 2021 Festival in Ely. All is in hand.
- Nick Hodges was honoured to be elected as chair, the first from Parish Church Association. He thanked his predecessor (Alastair Pollard) for the past 5 years, and was looking forward with confidence to the challenges ahead.
- The OaC deadline for copy was set at the end of October. Associations and former choristers were encouraged to submit interesting articles and reports to secretary@fcoca.org.uk.

30k Close of meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2:37pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____