



## Minutes of SSS Board of Trustees 16th March, 2024 on Zoom

Item	
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Attendance &amp; Apologies:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Karen Dodd KD (Chair), Viv Rolph VR (Secretary), Mary-Rose Griffiths MRG (Treasurer), Lisa Godfrey LG, Steve Fosdick, SF, Lesley Eley LE, Judith Mason JM, Andi Hopgood AH (Observer)</li><li>- As all members were in attendance, there were no apologies</li></ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Appointment of a new Trustee</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Members unanimously agreed to the appointment of Judith Mason as a member of the Board of Trustees. Judith was welcomed by the Chair.</li></ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Continuing review of SSS Roles &amp; Responsibilities</u></b> <i>(previously known as SSS Rules &amp; Regulations)</i> <p>The focus for this meeting was on the <b>Members Code of Conduct</b>. Trustees agreed on adopting the new, introductory paragraph, setting out the choir's aim of being an inclusive organisation. Some minor adjustments to the wording of the Code of Conduct were also recommended and agreed upon.</p> <p>JM proposed an amendment to the procedure for dealing with a case of persistent non-compliance with the Code of Conduct. The Trustees agreed to transfer the responsibility to hear appeals to a panel of three Trustees who had not previously been involved in the case, rather than the Chairperson.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Promoting SSS charitable objectives - future plans &amp; suggestions</u></b> <p>4.1 KD expressed concern about the lack of up-to-date, good quality photos &amp; videos to use in promoting the choir, both for recruitment and for gigs. Trustees agreed to investigate hiring a professional photographer to take pictures during a special rehearsal session. <b>AH</b> would explore further.</p> <p>4.2 Trustees agreed to AH's proposed summer collaboration with Cambridge Jazz Choir in July, if a suitable venue in Bury St. Edmunds could be found.</p> <p>4.3 Suggestions for suitable venues for busking, outside Ipswich, were invited, to broaden the audiences we reach. Both Abbey Gardens &amp; Whisstocks Yard in Woodbridge were proposed, but there was concern about lack of shelter in bad weather in both cases. <b>SF</b> volunteered to find out about borrowing a marquee.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b>  Friends of SSS - AH revived the idea of having 'Friends of Suffolk Soul Singers' who would pay a small amount annually to receive news of SSS activities and possibly receive discounts on tickets for gigs. Several Trustees agreed this was a good idea in principle, but more time was needed to investigate what level of subscription would be required, what benefits there would be to subscribers, etc.	
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting:</u></b> To be arranged  <p style="text-align: right;">Viv Rolph, Secretary</p>	