



Minutes dated : 14 January 2024

**MINUTES OF THE BRISTOL CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY AGM, HELD ON 11
JANUARY 2024 AT THE UNITARIAN HALL, BRISTOL**

Members Participating	Departing Exec Cttee	Barry Corbett Colin Marrs	Outgoing Society Sec Outgoing Webmaster
	New Exec Cttee	Francisco Correa Andy Fagan Vince Smith Thorben Louw Peter Smith	Chairman/Concert Org Treasurer Soc Sec & Dep Chair Ann Prog Co-ord & Webmaster Asset & Data Curator
	Ex-officio Cttee	Francisco Correa Alan Montague	Ensemble Director Social Events Co-ord
	Membership	Martin Allsop Cari Aplin Paul Bradshaw Graham Harvey Trevor Hellen Steve Moran Tony Mulholland Tim Rigley Kurt Tipler	
Apologies		Tony Lewis Nick Regan Ciaran Elster	Outgoing Chairman Outgoing Ann Prog Co-ord Social Media Co-ord

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
Opening Comments	1. As the departing Chairman was unable to attend the meeting, the departing Society Secretary (Barry Corbett) introduced the meeting and explained that he would chair the meeting agenda for the first two Items on the agenda. After which the new Cttee membership should have been ratified and voted in. From Item 3 onwards the new Chairman (Francisco Correa) would chair the AGM.	

<p>ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM AND EGM</p>	<p>2. There were 2 outstanding actions from the 2023 AGM:</p> <p>2a. Francisco Correa to investigate Blaise Castle as a potential professional concert venue.</p> <p>On investigation, Blaise Castle was a good potential venue but was not available for use at the time of this meeting.</p> <p>Action. <i>It was decided that Francisco would keep a watching brief on the potential use of Blaise Castle if it should become available.</i></p> <p>2b. The Chairman (Tony Lewis) was to feedback comments to Tony Mulholland on members' appetite for using online tools to deliver practise concert performances.</p> <p>There was not sufficient interest to move this idea forward in 2023, however, the current membership felt it was worth trying the idea again.</p> <p>Action. <i>It was decided that Tony Mulholland should again try to set up on-line playing and performance opportunities.</i></p> <p>3. Proposal</p> <p>That the minutes of the AGM on 12 January 2023, and the EGM on 12 October 2023, be accepted as true records of those meetings.</p> <p>Decision. <i>The AGM and EGM minutes were accepted as true records of those meetings.</i> Proposer : Peter Smith Secunder : Trevor Hellen Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	<p>Francisco Correa</p> <p>Tony Mulholland</p> <p>Society Secretary</p>																		
<p>ITEM 2 – BCGS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP VOTE</p>	<p>4. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the following Full Members of the BCGS be accepted as Executive Committee members and in ex-officio roles, as listed below:</p> <p>Executive Committee:</p> <table data-bbox="438 1512 1109 1736"> <tr> <td>Chairman*</td> <td>Francisco Correa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer*</td> <td>Andy Fagan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Society Secretary* (& Dep Chairman)</td> <td>Vince Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Concert Organiser</td> <td>Francisco Correa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Prog Co-ord and Webmaster</td> <td>Thorben Louw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Media Co-ord</td> <td>Ciaran Elster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Society Asset and Data Curator</td> <td>Peter Smith</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Minimum core executive Committee members/roles.</p> <p>Ex-Officio roles:</p> <table data-bbox="438 1881 1109 1937"> <tr> <td>Ensemble Director</td> <td>Francisco Correa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Events Facilitator</td> <td>Alan Montague</td> </tr> </table>	Chairman*	Francisco Correa	Treasurer*	Andy Fagan	Society Secretary* (& Dep Chairman)	Vince Smith	Concert Organiser	Francisco Correa	Annual Prog Co-ord and Webmaster	Thorben Louw	Social Media Co-ord	Ciaran Elster	Society Asset and Data Curator	Peter Smith	Ensemble Director	Francisco Correa	Social Events Facilitator	Alan Montague	
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	<p>Most of the above roles required ratification of the EGM vote, but the Asset and Data Curator role is new, as is Peter’s candidacy. The role was introduced and explained by Thorben Louw and Peter Smith was willing to undertake the role.</p> <p><i>Decision. The above list of Cttee roles and those identified to fulfil those roles were accepted.</i> Proposer : Tim Rigley Secunder : Colin Marrs Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Following this vote the new Chairman (Francisco Correa) assumed chairmanship of the meeting.</p>	Society Secretary
ITEM 3 – TREASURER’S REPORT	<p>5. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that Treasurer’s Report, as presented be accepted.</p> <p><i>Decision. The Treasurer’s Report as presented, and independently audited by David Wells, was accepted.</i> Proposer : Thorben Louw Secunder : Alan Montague Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	Treasurer
ITEM 4 – PROGRAMME OF BCGS EVENTS FOR 2024	<p>6. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the programme of events for 2024, as presented (but subject to update during the BCGS programme year) is accepted and maintained thereafter on the Society’s website.</p> <p><i>Decision. The Programme Plan as presented was accepted and should be maintained on the BCGS website.</i> Proposer : Barry Corbett Secunder : Tony Mulholland Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action. The Programme Plan Co-ordinator and webmaster is to maintain an up-to-date BCGS programme on the BCGS website throughout 2024.</p> <p>7. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed to look for an alternative venue to Red Maid’s School, for BCGS professional artists’ concerts. This is being driven mainly by our inability to fix concert dates well in advance and to try to seek a way to attract larger audience numbers.</p> <p><i>Decision. Whilst Red maids would not be cancelled as an available venue for BCGS concerts, a search would begin for different venues.</i> Proposer : Peter Smith Secunder : Trevor Hellen Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action. The Concert Organiser would search for new and appropriate concert venues.</p>	Ann Prog Plan Co-ord Ann Prog Plan Co-ord & Webmaster Concert Organiser
ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL	8. Proposal	

<p>PLAN FOR 2024</p>	<p>It was proposed that: sponsorship of future young guitarists be continued and, in particular, the sponsorship of Luke Bartlett to remain during 2024.</p> <p><i><u>Decision.</u> It was decided to continue with the sponsorship of Luke Bartlett until the end of the academic year 2024, after which a further decision will be made on whether to extend this sponsorship for the academic year 24/25. The idea of continuing sponsorship as a general BCGS policy was also agreed.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Tony Mulholland Secunder : Peter Smith Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>9. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that financial sponsorship be sought from outside businesses, institutions, charities and other agencies, so that the BCGS 2024 financial plan will incorporate an assumed initial income uplift of £500.</p> <p><i><u>Decision.</u> It was decided to seek an initial sponsorship gift of £500 in FY24.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Tony Mulholland Secunder : Peter Smith Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action Obtain a £500 sponsorship gift.</p> <p>10. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the Financial Plan for 2024 be accepted.</p> <p><i><u>Decision.</u> The Financial Plan for 2024 was accepted.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Tim Rigley Secunder : Peter Smith Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	<p>Chairman & Treasurer</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Dep Chair/Exec Cttee</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
<p>ITEM 6 BCGS CONSTITUTION</p>	<p>11. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed to undertake a review of the BCGS Constitution, including consideration for the BCGS to become a registered Charity.</p> <p><i><u>Decision.</u> It was decided to undertake a review of the constitution and bring back any recommendations on seeking charitable status to an EGM.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Peter Smith Secunder : Trevor Hellen Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action. Undertake a review of the constitution and report back.</p>	<p>Society Secretary</p> <p>Exec Cttee</p>

	<p>12. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the following changes to the 2023 Constitution be made and to take effect immediately with the constitution updated and re-issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To address an anomaly between having 3 minimum exec cttee members to function, but needing 4 execs to hold a cttee mtg. - To address the ability to formally vote in a new cttee member at an EGM and not await ratification at an AGM. - To clarify that the latest constitution will always be available and published on the Society’s website public pages. - To update the constitution to reflect the latest Exec Cttee roles and their definition of duties. <p><i>Decision.</i> It was decided to accept the recommended changes and update the constitution accordingly. Proposer : Thorben Louw Secunder : Steve Moran Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action. Update and publish the revised constitution.</p>	<p>Society Sec</p> <p>Society Sec</p>
<p>ITEM 7 – BCGS FRIENDS AND PATRON OF THE SOCIETY</p>	<p>13. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the following are maintained or accepted as Friends of the Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Gregory - Luke Bartlett - Helen James - Jane Debney <p><i>Decision.</i> It was agreed to accept the above list of individuals as Friends of the Society. Proposer : Tony Mulholland Secunder : Cari Aplin Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p><i>Decision.</i> It was agreed that all other past Friend status will lapse. Proposer : Tim Rigley Secunder : Tony Mulholland Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>14. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that Berta Rojas remain the Patron of the BCGS.</p> <p><i>Decision.</i> It was agreed that Berta Rojas will remain the Patron of the Society. Proposer : Trevor Hellen Secunder : Peter Smith Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	<p>Chairman/Soc Sec</p> <p>Chairman/Soc Sec</p> <p>Chairman/Soc Sec</p>

ITEM 8 - AOB	<p>One item was accepted for AOB.</p> <p>15. Proposal</p> <p>It was proposed that the Society runs ‘themed’ sessions for solo playing as part of society meetings.</p> <p><i>Decision. It was decided to incorporate themes into the Annual Programme Plan.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Steve Moran Secunder : Tony Mulholland Vote : Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Action. Decide on what themes to use for solo sessions and incorporate them into the 2024 Annual Programme.</p>	<p>Annual Prog Co-ord</p> <p>Annual Prog Co-ord</p>
ITEM 9 - DofNM	<p>16. Next Meeting. The next AGM will take place during the BCGS meeting on 9 January 2025.</p>	<p>Soc Sec</p>

V SMITH
BCGS Secretary