



Minutes dated : 26 June 2024

MINUTES OF THE BRISTOL CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY EGM, HELD ON 13 JUNE 2024 AT THE UNITARIAN HALL, BRISTOL

Members Participating	Exec Cttee Membership	Francisco Correa Vince Smith Martin Allsop Cari Aplin Paul Bradshaw Trevor Hellen Steve Moran Tony Mulholland Tim Rigley Kurt Tipler Nick Regan Paul Hapney Kurt Tipler Colin Marrs June Smith Steve Watson Rob Blackwell Steve Smailes Peter Birch Tanja Zerenner	Chairman/Ens Dir Soc Sec & Dep Chair
Apologies		Peter Smith Thorben Louw Andy Fagan Ciaran Elster Alan Montague Paul Bradshaw	SADC Webmaster Treasurer Social Media Co-ord Social Events Co-ord Member

Items	Discussion and Decisions	Actions
Item 1 – Minutes of the last AGM held on 11 Jan 24	<p>Item 1 of the agenda was simply to reconfirm that a project had been launched at the last AGM to determine whether the BCGS should seek registration with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (CCEW). This project had been authorised by the membership at the AGM held on 11 Jan 24. This item of the agenda was intended to ensure that the many new members that had joined the BCGS since the AGM were aware of the importance of this EGM, the vote to be taken, and potential future actions.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>That the minutes of the AGM on 11 January 2024 were correct and the CCEW project had been authorised.</p>	



	<p><i>Decision. The AGM minutes were acknowledged and accepted as true records of those meetings.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Chairman Secunder : Society Sec Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	Soc Sec
<p>Item 2 – Confirming a Quorum for the EGM</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this EGM had only 2 BCGS Exec Cttee members available to attend the meeting (the Chairman and Dep Chair/Soc Sec). This issue had to be discussed, as the current BCGS Constitution requires 3 exec cttee members to be in attendance for EGM votes and actions to be valid. There were sufficient members to meet the required quorum.</p> <p>Each absent Exec Cttee member has written and signed a letter prior to the EGM (these are with the Soc Sec if members wished to see them) confirming that their absence was unavoidable, but they were content to enable the EGM to move forward.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>It is proposed that the EGM and, specifically, item 3 of the agenda could move forward and any vote taken would be valid and actionable.</p> <p><i>Decision. It was decided that the EGM decisions would be valid despite having only 2 exec cttee members present.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Chairman Secunder : Soc Sec Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	Soc Sec
<p>Item 3 – Charitable Status for the BCGS</p>	<p>A paper entitled ‘A Proposal to move to Charitable Status for the BCGS’ was circulated to all members at least 2 weeks prior to the EGM. This paper covered the benefits and challenges in moving to charitable status under the CCEW. The contents of the paper and any ancillary questions were discussed at the meeting and issues addressed.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>It is proposed that the BCGS seeks to register as a charity with the CCEW.</p> <p><i>Decision. That the Exec Cttee should take the necessary steps to register the BCGS as a charity with the CCEW.</i></p> <p>Proposer : Chairman Secunder : Soc Sec Vote : Unanimously agreed</p>	Chairman



	<p>Action. Once the BCGS is registered with the CCEW the registration must be confirmed at the next AGM or, if necessary an EGM, together with AGM/EGM confirmation of the CCEW appointed BCGS Trustees, and separately Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT).</p>	Future Chairman of the BoT
<p><u>Item 4</u> – Any Other Business</p>	There were no AOB items requested or approved.	Soc Sec
<p><u>Item 5</u> – Date of Next AGM</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting.</u> The next AGM will take place during the BCGS meeting on 9 January 2025.</p>	Soc Sec

V SMITH
BCGS Secretary

