**Diamond Membership Policy**

**1. Introduction and purpose**

1.1 Where a retiring member of the chorus has made a significant contribution over an extended period of time, Lace City Chorus would like to recognise this contribution through the award of Diamond Membership.

**2. Responsibilities**

2.1 The decision to award Diamond Membership rests solely with the Management Team of Lace City Chorus, according to the following criteria:

* The member has retired from the Chorus
* Before retiring, the member had a minimum of 10 years continuous membership of the Chorus
* The member has gone the extra mile for the Chorus (e.g. as a member of a team) over a long period

2.2 The Management Team will appoint a Diamond Membership Co-ordinator, who will be responsible for all communication with the Diamond Members

**3. Benefits of Membership**

3.1 The benefits of Diamond membership are as follows:

* Free (non-participating) life membership of the Chorus
* a certificate and a special diamond pin
* invitations to chorus events including socials, special rehearsals and shows
* VIP seats and one free ticket to attend shows
* a regular newsletter to keep abreast of Chorus news

**4. Returning Members**

4.1 In the event of a Diamond member returning to sing with the chorus again, she would need to return as a “normal” member, rejoining Sweet Adelines and would resume paying chorus dues. 

**5. Further information**

5.1 Any queries or questions in relation to this policy should be directed to the Lace City Chorus Diamond Membership Co-ordinator.

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