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The Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 21st April, 1968, at 2 p.m. at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair, Miss Dinn, Miss Unwin, Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Barker, Mr. Herson, Mr. James, Miss Wright, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Gray and Miss Davis.

Apologies for absence Miss Downer, Miss Murray, Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Bonsor and Dr. Bergmann.

The Chairman reported that Dr. Bergmann was in hospital, and it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should send flowers and a letter of sympathy from the Society.

Minutes of last Meeting. The Minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising Therefrom

Magazine:

The Chairman said that Mr. John Thomson had asked to be relieved of editing the Society's pages in the Recorder and Music Magazine. The matter of finding a new editor is to be discussed at the forthcoming Conference.

Miss Dinn suggested that the Chairman should guide branches on their reports in order to make them more interesting. It was also suggested that branches might publish a Fixture Card in the August issue.

Miss Dinn also suggested that a section in the main Magazine might be devoted to children's pages. Mr. Herson said Mr. Corcoran had this idea already in mind.

Advertising.

Miss Downer (in a letter to the Hon. Sec.) asked whether we had advertised in the periodicals previously suggested.

The Hon. Secretary said a small advertisement had been inserted in the 1967 Haslemere Festival brochure, and it was agreed that it should be repeated this year.

The question of advertisements in the other journals was still in abeyance, chiefly because of Mr. Thomson's resignation, but it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should obtain details from 'Music', 'Music Teacher', 'Making Music', 'Music in Education' and 'American Recorder' and Mr. Wyatt proposed these should be presented at the Conference.

Miss Dinn suggested that a large poster might be displayed in Schotts. She agreed to ask Susan Conrad to submit a rough design which could be discussed further at the Conference. Copies of this poster might later be sent elsewhere. County Music Advisers and the Dolmetsch Workshops could receive copies.

Cambridge Branch

Mr. James agreed to write to Miss Melville to find out what had happened to the Branch assets. A sum of £8. 16. 4d and a bass recorder, costing £21 in 1965, were outstanding. It was agreed that Miss Melville could be offered the recorder for her own use at £15, otherwise she should send it to Mr. James who could advertise it in the Magazine.

Miss Barker suggested using the Cambridge assets to help towards the proposed advertising of the Society

Finance. The Treasurer estimated that there would be a small surplus again this year unless a large amount were to be spent on the proposed advertising. It was agreed that the balance from the Junior Section should now be transferred to the main account

Membership Secretary's Report. Mr. Gray reported that there had been a drop in membership, the figure now standing at 835. London had lost 37 members and this fact probably was due to increases in fares and music. Miss Dinn suggested Branches might organise an Open Day to encourage new members and it was agreed to mention this at the Conference. Dr. Dolmetsch wondered whether a competition for writing recorder music might be an attraction

£20 Loan to Dolmetsch Foundation. It would seem that the money had been sent to the Dolmetsch Foundation in error. Mr. James agreed to telephone Miss Mabbett and then, if necessary, to contact the Foundation

Any Other Business. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. L. Taylor asking whether information could be published in the Recorder News giving names of all the colleges of music which accept recorder playing for a diploma course. The Committee thought that this was a good idea and that the Editor should be approached.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from The Schools Music Association requesting that The Society of Recorder Players might become associated with the organisations constituting the M.I.S.C. It was proposed that a letter should be sent agreeing to this request.

Date of Next Meeting. The next Meeting was announced to be held at 72, Elmwood Road, London, S. E. 24. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 12th May, 1968.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 5 p.m., there having been a short break for tea kindly given by Mrs. Bergmann, to whom all members accorded a warm vote of thanks.

Edgar Hunt
12 May 1968

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on 12th May, 1968,
at 72 Elmwood Road, S.E.24., at 2.p.m.

Present: Mr. E. Hunt (Chairman)
Miss J. Davis (Secretary)
Miss F. Dinn
Miss K. Murray
Dr. C. Dolmetsch
Mr. Gray
~~Mr. H. Herson~~
~~Mr. C. Kenworthy~~ Miss E. Downer
Mr. T.E. Wyatt Miss Wright
Miss E. Unwin

1. Apologies for absence from Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Benson, Mr. James, Miss Barker, Mr. Herson, Miss Downer, Mr. Kenworthy
2. Minutes of last Meeting.

Miss Dinn said that she had not intended to say, as reported in the Minutes: "a section of the magazine should be devoted to children's pages". She would like this to be changed to: "...young people's interests".

With this amendment the Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Poster for Society Publicity. The Secretary said it had been agreed at the Branch Delegates Conference that a sub-committee should be set up to consider the poster submitted by Norwich Branch and see whether a poster on similar lines could be prepared for use by all Branches.

Mr. Wyatt was proposed for Chairman of the sub-committee by Miss Murray, seconded by Mr. Gray, and agreed unanimously.

Mr. Herson was proposed for the sub-committee by Dr. Dolmetsch, seconded by Miss Murray, and accepted unanimously.

Mr. Kenworthy was proposed by Mr. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. Hunt, and accepted unanimously.

The sub-committee was therefore agreed as follows:-

Mr. T. Wyatt (Chairman)
Mr. H. Herson
Mr. C. Kenworthy

It was agreed that this sub-committee should agree on a wording and layout for the poster, consult with Mr. James on the question of cost, and, subject to his approval, go ahead with production.

Advertising in musical journals. The Secretary had obtained the following quotations:-

"Music in Education" - 1/4 page	£5.0.0.
"Music Teacher" - 1/4 page	£7.10.0.
"Music" - 1/4 page	£9.10.0.
American Recorder Society Journal - 1/4 page	£12.0.0.

It was decided after discussion that the best two journals for the Society's purpose would be "Music in Education" and the "Music Teacher". It was agreed that Mr. Wyatt's sub-committee should decide on the wording

of the advertisement, possibly using the one previously inserted in the programme of the Haslemere Festival as a guide. The Secretary would then insert a $\frac{1}{4}$ page advertisement in each of the two journals mentioned above as soon as possible, in their July editions if practicable. The Committee would wait to see the results of this before deciding on the value of future advertising.

It had already been agreed that the funds paid over to the Society by the Cambridge Branch on its closing down would be used to pay for this advertising.

Request from Mrs. Taylor on publishing names of Colleges of Music at which Recorder Playing was accepted for a Diploma Course.

It was agreed that Miss Dinn and Mr. Hunt should look into this matter together and that the Secretary should write to Mrs. Taylor to tell her what was being done. Mr. Hunt suggested that the names of those School Certificate Examinations which accepted local examinations in the recorder might also be published in the magazine.

4. Branch Delegates Conference 1968

Mr. Gray asked whether Mr. Minchin, the Society's Auditor, could be given Honorary Life Membership of the Society. Miss Murray queried whether this could be done within the rules. The Chairman said he thought this was a matter for interpretation of the relevant rule by the Committee, and the Committee agreed that they could see no objection to the suggestion. Dr. Dolmetsch proposed that Mr. Minchin should be made an Honorary Member of the Society. Mr. Gray seconded. Agreed unanimously. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Minchin to tell him the Committee's decision.

Editorship of the Magazine. Mr. Hunt volunteered to write himself to Margaret Donnington to find her reaction. If she could not take it on he would write to the other names mentioned at the Conference.

Mr. Hunt reported that he and Miss Dinn had been to see Mr. Makins and discussed a number of matters with him pertaining to the Magazine. Mr. Makins had not objected to the publication dates being a month later than they were now in each case, but to save a lot of reprinting had suggested that the date might be at the end of the month in which it now appears, rather than at the beginning of the next month.

It had been decided that the present design of the magazine cover should be continued.

It was pointed out that if the name "Recorder News" was dropped by the Society anyone else could bring out a publication under this name and we would lose our title to it. It was therefore decided that the name should be kept, though it might be given less prominence.

On the question of distribution of the magazine, Mr. Makins had given the same answer as before, that W.H. Smith would not take a publication with a circulation of less than 30,000 to 50,000. He thought Ryman might be prepared to take one with a smaller circulation than this and said he would make enquiries on behalf of the Society. Dr. Dolmetsch said the magazine would be on sale on the Haslemere Festival bookstall and asked whether other Festivals could not be asked to take it, e.g. Aldburgh, Edinburgh, Bath.

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Mr. Hunt suggested that Schotts might be asked to include one of the Society's new posters with each copy of the magazine sent to a library. Mr. Gray mentioned the leaflet "Why Join a Society?" and asked if this could be revived and put into the magazine. This led to an inconclusive discussion on the reasons for the Society's existence and on its future.

Mr. Bonsor's suggestion of holding a Branch Delegates Conference outside London. Mr. James was looking into the financial implications of this.

5. Any Other Business

Miss Wright asked if her Branch could be called "The Country and Overseas Branch" since at least one third of its members lived overseas. This was agreed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be decided.

Edgar Hunt

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 1968,
at 28 Belsize Square, N.W.3., at 3.p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Miss Unwin and Mr. Bonsor.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been circulated and were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. Matters Arising.

Magazine

- of Recorder News*
- (a) New Editor. It was announced that Sam Taylor had agreed to take on the editorship from the first issue in 1969.
 - (b) Change of Publication Dates. Mr. Hunt said action had already been taken on this and the main reason for the alterations was to make the dates more useful to us. It would now be published in March, June, September and December.

Advertisements

The Secretary reported that 10 enquiries had been received from the advertisement in "Music in Education", which was the cheapest of the three inserted. One had been received through the "Music Teacher" and two through the Haslemere Festival Programme advertisement. Of all these it was believed that only one enquiry had resulted in a new member for the Society.

Mr. James asked whether the Committee thought they would be justified in putting in any further advertisements. Mr. Wyatt said that to him it seemed like throwing good money after bad.

It was agreed that for the time no being no more advertisements would be put into musical journals. Following a suggestion from Mr. James it was agreed that copies of the magazine should be sent to all those who had answered the original advertisements, as a follow up to the information already sent them by the Secretary.

Miss Dinn suggested that the Society should try to get the editor of "Music in Education" interested in the Society, and Mr. Kenworthy said he had been asked to write an article about the recorder world as seen by an outsider for "The Recorder & Music Magazine". It was agreed that any further steps in this direction should be left to the London Branch.

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Poster

Mr. Wyatt said this had taken longer to produce than he had expected. Northampton Branch had sent a draft poster and Miss Barker said Glasgow were trying to produce one. Mr. Wyatt suggested the colour might be red on white or white on red. It was agreed that all these matters should be left to the sub-Committee.

Cambridge Assets. Mr. James said these, amounting to £9.4.11. in cash and £15 received for a bass recorder, had now been brought into the Central Fund.

Publication in the "Recorder News" of Colleges where the recorder is taught.

Miss Dinn said she had made enquiries of the Royal Academy, The London College of Music, the Guildhall School of Music, the Royal Manchester College of Music, Trinity and the Royal College of Music. She gave the Committee an account of her findings and it was agreed that she should make this into a report for the "Recorder News". She said that the situation with regard to practical examinations in the recorder by the Associated Board was too fluid to report on at the moment. Miss Barker said the Recorder was accepted as an "O" Level subject in Scotland and she said would send a copy of the paper to the Chairman.

4. FINANCE

Mr. James said the £20 loan had been repaid.

Mr. Bonsor's Travelling Expenses. The Chairman, in this connection, brought up the question of Mr. Taylor's travelling expenses to Committee Meetings. Dr. Dolmetsch proposed that when Mr. Taylor was asked to attend a Committee Meeting by the Chairman his fare should be paid. Miss Dinn seconded and this was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman said that members of the Committee in a similar position to Mr. Bonsor must realise the situation when they are elected. It was suggested that he should be sent the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Agenda of the coming meeting and given an opportunity to make comments, and that this should be done officially. The Committee were sympathetic towards Mr. Bonsor's difficulties but it was decided to wait and see whether he could manage the journey before going any further into the matter.

Disposal of Merseyside Assets. Mr. Hunt said he had had a letter dated 28th June, 1968, saying that Merseyside Branch wished to "disaffiliate" themselves from the Society. Mr. James said he had written to the Treasurer drawing his attention to the rule about the disposal of Branch funds on the closing of a Branch. Since then he had seen a copy of the final accounts showing the balance to be 9/9d. Dr. Bergmann proposed that the action of the Merseyside Branch in spending the balance of 9/9d on music should be approved. Seconded by Miss Murray and agreed.

It was agreed that for the moment nothing further could be done about bringing ex-Merseyside members back into the Society.

Accounts for Previous Year. Mr. James said surplus of income over expenditure was £8.4.9. Cost of magazine was down by £30 (due to reduction in membership) Visiting Conductors was up by £52. Subscriptions were down by £16. Royalty from Schotts down £10. Cash balance up by £4. But for the closing down of the Cambridge Branch there would have been a deficit. Total cash

in hand was now £712.

Mr. James then said he did not wish to stand for re-election in the coming year. Mr. Hunt said the Committee must look for a replacement and suggested it would be best to look inside the London Branch.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

Mr. Gray said there were now only 14 Branches. So far this year £349.2.10 had been paid in subscriptions. Last year's membership had been 621 full and 84 student members. New members this year so far were 87, which was hopeful but not good enough.

Mr. Gray then reminded the Committee that he also did not wish to stand for re-election.

Miss Dinn said the Committee should thank both Mr. James and Mr. Gray for all they had done for the Society.

The Chairman recorded a formal vote of thanks to Mr. James and Mr. Gray for their work for the Society.

6. Any Other Business

The Secretary mentioned correspondence she had with a gentleman in Hull called Greaves, who said he wished to start a Branch there in October. She had told him he must have permission and asked how many members he hoped to have.

Mr. James asked about the leaflets which had been published in the previous year. The Secretary said they had been circulated to Branches and were available at Roehampton and Little Benslow Hills. Mr. Wyatt suggested some might be sent out to Branches with the new poster.

Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 23rd March, 1969, at 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize Square, N.W.3.

The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, held on 23rd March, 1969, 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize Square, London, N.W.3.

- PRESENT: MR. Hunt (in the Chair)
 Miss Davis
 Miss Unwin
 Miss Murray
 Miss Wright
 Mr. James
 Mr. Grey
 Mr. Hersom
 Dr. Bergmann
 Mr. Wyatt
 Mr. Taylor (as Editor of the "Recorder News")

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Mr. Bonsor, Miss Dinn, Miss Downer, Miss Barber, Mr. Kenworthy.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting. It was pointed out that Mr. Taylor was referred to in Minute 3(a) as Editor of the magazine instead of the "Recorder News". Also the bottom paragraph on Page 1 was ambiguous and should be altered to make it clear that it was the Editor of "Music in Education" who had been asked to write the article. With these two amendments the Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Mr. Wyatt said the poster was not yet ready but he hoped to have it in time for the Delegates Conference.

It was pointed out that Mr. Bonsor's name had been left out of the list of Musical Directors in the "Recorder News" section of the magazine. Mr. Taylor promised to remedy this omission.

It was announced that Miss Lorna Hill had volunteered to take on the Membership Secretary's job from Mr. Grey, who had announced his intention of retiring. It was agreed unanimously that she should be invited to stand for election at the Conference.

Dr. Bergmann suggested Mr. Rouse-Jones as Treasurer in place of Mr. James, who was also retiring. Mr. Rouse-Jones had agreed to accept nomination and it was agreed that he should be asked to stand for election at the Conference. It was also decided that Miss Hill and Mr. Rouse-Jones should be invited to attend the Delegates Conference from the beginning and not to wait until they were elected.

Because the next edition of the magazine was due to appear too soon to include an account of the Delegates Conference, it was agreed that the election of Miss Hill and Mr. Rouse-Jones should be announced in the next issue in anticipation of the Conference, with a note saying that Branches will have been informed of any change. Mr. Taylor was asked to see that this was done.

4. FINANCE

Mr. James said that as usual he had to report a fall in subscriptions, which were about £23 down on the same time in the previous year - £476 as against £505. Taking into account subscriptions paid in previous years in respect of this year total subscription income this year so far was £536. Mr. James expected about another £30 of income, including interest on the account, making an estimated total of £565. Estimated

expenditure amounted to £580, leaving an expected deficit of £15. Mr. James felt this was not a large amount considering the size of the Society's capital balance, but obviously an increase in membership was needed.

Mr. Hunt thanked Mr. James for producing the accounts and for his work during the year.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

Mr. Gray said numbers were slightly down on this time last year - 834 against 843. This, however, was not too discouraging because it took into account the closing down of the Merseyside Branch, which had removed 30 members all at once. Nine of the Branches showed signs of improvement in numbers and five, including London, were down on the previous year. Miss Wright said there were 24 new Country Members.

Mr. Gray also asked the Committee to arrange for a fresh printing of Membership Cards - 1,000 each of five colours.

6. Formation of a Branch at Hull

After the last Committee Meeting the Secretary had received another letter from Mr. Greaves, which she read. He said they had 30 possible members, two thirds of whom were adults, and three possible conductors, all of whom had had some years experience of recorder playing and teaching. In reply to this the Secretary had sent him 60 leaflets and had received another letter saying he had distributed these and that all the 36 members had expressed a desire to become a Branch of the S.R.P. as soon as practicable. The Secretary had then sent them copies of the Rules.

Mr. Wyatt proposed that Hull should be adopted as a new Branch. This was seconded by Mr. Hersom and agreed unanimously.

It was also agreed that they should be given the option of paying their subscriptions now and getting the magazines for this year, or joining as from 1st October and getting their first magazine in December.

Mr. Hersom suggested that, as a matter of courtesy, the Secretary of the West Riding Branch should be told of the formation of the Hull Branch, as some of the members of the new Branch would be drawn from the West Riding Branch membership.

7. Forthcoming Conference

It was agreed that this should be held from 7.30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday 10th May and from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday 11th, at Schotts.

The Agenda would be as last year except that there would be no Branch Secretary's Report and "Magazine" and "Publicity" would be separate items.

8. Any Other Business

Mr. James said that he felt we should put another advertisement in the Haslemere Festival Programme, since this was the only Festival in which the recorder played a major part. Agreed nem con.

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Mr. Taylor asked whether it would be possible to have a college or school as a member of the Society.

Mr. Hunt said in the past the Society had been opposed to such corporate membership. Mr. Taylor suggested some sort of affiliation.

Mr. Wyatt said he thought Mr. Taylor was envisaging the Society providing a service different from its present one and suggested that perhaps such a service could be provided to a school for say £10 a year. Mr. Herson said schools did pay subscriptions to various Societies and obtain their journals. He thought the idea was a practical one and could be useful.

It was suggested that Mr. Taylor might like to put the idea to the Delegates Conference.

The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar H Hunt

5 October 69

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Report of the Working Party

1. At the Annual Conference of 1969 we were appointed as a working party to consider the reasons for the decline in the membership of the Society and to make recommendations for improving the active and healthy life of the Society so that this decline might be arrested and, if possible, be reversed.

2. We began with a thorough review of the scene as it is now. The Society consists of a small and declining number of country members and 16 branches. The membership of all but 3 of these branches lies between 25 and 40. Each branch has a leader, or musical director, and a committee. It seems to us that most branches thrive on the activity of one or more key figures in the branch. These people determine the branch's activities and then work to maintain the viability of the branch.

3. We were unable to identify the cause of the decline in membership. We are inclined to think that the build-up to a maximum number of around 1,000 in 1961 and the falling back to the present level of 800 (the same as in 1958) should be seen simply as the effect of chance and changing fashion on a somewhat torpid and undynamic body. We could detect no difference in the Society or the conduct of the affairs between the period up to 1961 (when it was growing steadily) and the present that would explain the change in numbers. Nevertheless, we are satisfied that the Society's membership can and should be increased.

4. We considered action to revivify the Society under three main heads:-

- (a) Making present activities better known
- (b) Improving the quality of present activities
- (c) New activities

PUBLICITY

5. We think it doubtful whether the decline in the society's numbers is due primarily to declining public awareness of what it has to offer. Recruitment continues at a reasonably high level. The London Branch,

for example, has had an average of 44 recruits per year for the last 5 years, equivalent to 20% of membership - more than enough to provide for growth if the rate of losses had been lower. Nevertheless, it is certain that a considerable proportion of those who play the recorder in this country are simply unaware of the Society's existence. We have, however, been unable to find any simple way out of the dilemma that the Society with its present resources is unable to afford the means of reaching these people. Such national advertising as the Society has undertaken hitherto appears to have been ineffective. We think that it would be prudent for branches to undertake such local advertising as their resources permit; we hope that full use will be made of the posters recently provided, and we would recommend branches to cultivate close relations with the local Press. We suggest that the Society considers advertising itself in the programmes of many of the competitive festivals which have recorder classes, especially those festivals which are located reasonably near to S. R. P. Branches.

IMPROVEMENT OF PRESENT ACTIVITIES

6. For most of its members the Society provides nothing more than an opportunity for massed playing, monthly, or in a few cases more frequently (if we discount provision of the magazine which members could, if they wished, obtain through other channels). Though massed playing has attractions of its own, we have felt obliged to recognise that there are many players, particularly the better ones, for whom it has little appeal. We have already noted that with only three exceptions (one of them London) all branches have between 25 and 40 members. This reflects in part the Society's insistence of a minimum of 25 members before admission. But we suspect that there may be a point, around the 40 mark where the musical attractions of group playing begin to fall off sharply with increasing numbers and perhaps also where, socially, the group ceases to cohere. If this were so it would suggest that a really substantial increase in the Society's numbers would be likely to come only from the promotion of new activities or an increase in the number of branches.

7. We have been unable to suggest ways in which massed playing

could be made more attractive. The appeal of this playing depends primarily on the personality and musical skill of the Conductor. We believe that branches are very well served by those who now direct their music and we do not wish to suggest any change in the informal procedures by which these directors emerge.

8. We believe that visits of conductors from other branches are very valuable both in spreading the highest standards and in giving a feeling of cohesion to the Society as a whole. We should like to see even more such visits taking place and we have looked in this connection at the present system of pastoral visits - whereby each branch is entitled once a year to claim from central funds the expenses of a visit by a member of the Society's panel of visiting conductors - to see whether the system needed modifying. The system has played a valuable part in encouraging movement, but we have to recognise that on the other hand it is one of the principal factors making it necessary for the Society to insist on a minimum size of branch, which some groups find it difficult to achieve, and which is well above the minimum at which a branch could otherwise be viable.

9. Though we have little evidence of groups below 25 seeking and being refused admission to the Society, we feel that the formation of branches ought to be made as easy as possible. We therefore put forward the following tentative suggestion for further discussion:

- a) The minimum size of branches to be reduced to 12 or ~~15~~. ✓
- b) All new branches to be entitled on formation to a pastoral visit. ✓
- c) Branches to be entitled to the full expenses of sending a representative to the Annual Conference and of a pastoral visit only if membership is 25 or over; otherwise to halve such expenses.

10. In general we think branches should be encouraged to do as much as possible, outside and in addition to the formal pastoral visit scheme, to arrange exchange of conductors.

NEW ACTIVITIES

11. So far the Society has one examination at the Summer School at Roehampton. This is a teacher's test which 67 people have passed in 32 years. We feel that these low numbers indicate the need for a more effective examination system. We therefore propose:-

12. L.S.R.F. - A licentiate equivalent to the present Teacher's Test which would be taken centrally in London where the examiners would be two or more of the musical directors. This examination would be of high standard, and perhaps more emphasis should be placed on ability to conduct and to direct groups of adults and children so as to fit those passing the Licentiate to carry out the full function of musical directorships in branches where the age limits are widely spaced and where children, as well as seniors, are attending to make music.

13. C.S.R.P. - As well as the above the Society should institute a new examination calling it the "Certificate of the Society of Recorder Players". Here the branch headquarters would provide the sites and the examiners. The examinations would be taken by any two branch musical directors or persons on the Conductor's list recognised as suitable for this work. Local teachers and College of Education students would be encouraged to take this examination. This would not require the playing standard of the Licentiate, but would be directed towards the innumerable people who do recorder work in schools without any background of knowledge, technique or of the repertoire of the instrument. The candidates would be examined on the playing of a recommended piece on the recorder, both Descant and Treble. There would be aural tests and a thorough examination on the teaching of the recorder and on the literature appropriate to school work.

14. We realise that if these examinations were instituted very great care and hard work would need to be devoted to designing the exams and preparing a proper syllabus. (Scope might be given for a special publication to cover the syllabus of both exams; this would need regular revision but it might have a ready sale amongst many teachers).

15. We point out that examinations, certificates, diplomas and licentiateships are attractive to many people although others have no interest in them; but there still remains a healthy interest in this type of process. We also realise that by introducing certificates of L.S.R.P. and C.S.R.P. the Society would appear to some, perhaps, to be invading the territory of the music colleges. We submit that this would not be so. These exams would be very different from those provided by the music colleges, and they would, in no way substitute for them, but would have an influence in raising the standard of recorder playing by offering something that is approachable to the present day teacher in the school, and for some teachers in training at colleges. In attracting teachers in this way the Society would attract recorder players with them.

16. The Recorder Association, independent of the Northampton branch but operated by the same personnel, organises examinations for school children and issues certificates. It has done valuable work in promoting the recorder, and has indirectly produced several useful recruits for the branch. We believe that the idea could, with profit, be adopted in other localities similarly placed. We recognise, however, that it demands a good deal of enthusiasm and hard work. We commend the idea of this to other branches who have the necessary reserves of enthusiasm, and suggest that they should initiate discussions with the Northampton branch who would be happy to give advice and guidance. These examinations fill the "gap" at the bottom of the Grade examinations for the recorder run by the colleges.

17. Payment of Examiners would be necessary if examinations were to be organised nationally, and combining this with the discussion of the Competitive festival recommendation, we strongly press the Society to amend its rules in relationship to payment. The Society cannot thrive unless there is some slight deviation from its present total amateur status. We feel that there is no menace in this as all payments would be carefully controlled by the various committees concerned, and there would be no risk of exploitation of the Society by unscrupulous professionals.

18. Weekend Training Courses - It would be no use running examinations for recorder teachers without providing some training for them. It is recommended that the Society arranges appropriate weekend courses for such people, and that publicity about these courses should be included in the examination information. Branches should be encouraged to run such weekend courses, and experimental courses could be reported in the Society pages of "The Recorder News" so that expertise is increased and mistakes eliminated by pooled experience.

19. Courses in General - We would also mention that organisers of courses of all sorts might well imitate the practice of Halsey where discounts are given to members of the Society. We also feel that every opportunity should be sought to give recorder instruction in parallel with instruction courses for singers and instrumentalists e.g. the Northern Recorder Course, Orton, and, in the past, Canford. This would help to achieve the integration and acceptance of the recorder into general music making.

20. Encouraging Leadership - Leaders seem to be important in the S.R.P. and we feel that it is equally important that we should develop, train and give status to potential leaders. At the moment most branches have only one leader apiece, but we are aware of branches which have as many as five or six potential leaders in their ranks. It is suggested that such potential leaders should be moved forward to take examinations on the lines mentioned above, and then they should be supported to set up their own consorts and groups which can be affiliated to the Society as branches. In the past the Society has permitted pre-structured, well-led groups to join. We suggest that we should train leaders and encourage them to go and find their own groups, and, by giving them appropriate status in the Society and planning support for them in their primary meetings, it might be possible to accomplish expansion of the Society in this way.

21. Good Players - We also considered the problem of good players. It is well known that many good players have been "through" the S.R.P.; in at the bottom end, so to speak, and out at the top with

never a look over their shoulder. In a sense the Society has still achieved something when this happens, but it seems regrettable that these players should be lost, and we are also aware that the music colleges are training many excellent musicians who could give something to the Society, but they too seem to be out of contact with it.

22. A Competitive Festival - We devoted a lot of thought to the possibility of running a competitive festival where the adjudication would be of high standard. The competition would be carried out in the same way as the present Brass Band festivals. This festival would be widely publicised and music for test pieces would be commissioned with composers, and every effort would be made to give winning entries publicity, and get the BBC interested in performances by winning executants. We recommend an experiment along these lines. Again, as mentioned in the foregoing, problems would arise about payment; either the S.R.P. would have to set up a parallel society whose rules would be approved by the British Federation of Competitive Music Festivals, or the Society's rules would need to be altered so that payment could be made to members of the Society properly carrying out duties as adjudicators in the Festival.

23. Branches would be encouraged to send in large or small consorts on set pieces and own choice material, and we recognise that a festival like this would not be readily attended by people in the North, or Scotland or Devon. Hence we recommend that the first experimental festival should be held at the centre of England, and we feel that Birmingham might be a suitable site for such an experiment. We also recommend that if the experiment is approved a special committee should be set up to work out the very many difficulties and details that will be encountered.

24. We feel that the Society has much to offer local education authorities and colleges of education, and branches should try to interest such bodies in its work. They could be approached regarding availability of premises and co-operation in the course and examination work outlined above. Local education authorities may care to help the Society with

grants for residential courses, provision of music, and transport in view of the educational benefits conferred by the Society's work.

signed:

Paul Clark

Richard Coles

Brian Crispin

Sam Taylor

Theo Wyatt

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MEMORANDUM - for presentation to Branch Delegate Conference and A.G.M. 10/11 May, 1969

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THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY

I. REASONS FOR MEMORANDUM.

- (a) The retiring Membership Secretary's article in the March issue of the Magazine reminded us of the gradual diminution of membership since the peak year of 1961/62. and of the low 'ceiling' for a nationally-based Society. Year by year the steady inflow of new members is rather more than matched by outflow.
- (b) In the last two years two Branches have ceased to exist. (How many of their former members have remained as Country members ?)
- (c) The recent Questionnaire distributed to London Branch members appears to be a realistic attempt to increase the attractiveness of, and attendance at, Branch meetings.
- (d) It is now ^{five}~~six~~ years since a crisis in the financial affairs of the Society produced some radical re-appraisal of its working, resulting in a revised set of Rules and a modified system of finance; and the time may be at hand when a fresh survey, looking ahead over the next five or six years, is needed.

THE MAIN PROBLEM

II. LOSSES: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

- (a) Before considering ways of increasing recruitment (and there is a steady annual inflow) we should try to find means of reducing the loss; otherwise if intake rose so, eventually, would the rate of resignations, - allowing, of course, for the obvious time-lag.
- (b) In general it seems that people leave a Branch either because they lose their desire to attend meetings (for a variety of reasons, but with the significant ones sometimes camouflaged) or because they find themselves unable to attend through removal from a locality. In theory they can become Country members but would find nothing specific to hold their allegiance.

WE OFFER NO INDUCEMENT OR EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES OTHER THAN THE BRANCH MEETING.
The Society is virtually based on the Branch meeting only, a most important and valuable feature but of little use to an unattached member; and so a person leaving a Branch will also, probably, leave the Society.

(c) A COMPARISON:-

1954. The Society offered, exclusively, to Branch members:

1. The meetings, the main attraction, coupled with
2. The annual visit by one or other of the "Big Four", whose names were nationally, and internationally, known.
3. The "Recorder News" - available to members only, and the sole publication of its kind.
4. The annual music publication. (This would no longer be a 'draw' but it served a useful purpose in earlier days.)
5. Representation at the Annual Conference.

To Country members there was the exclusive privilege of the "Recorder News".

1969. We now offer to Branch members the meetings, the only exclusive attraction, plus (5) above, a nebulous benefit in any case for single members.

- N.B.
1. The 30-odd names on the Conductors' Panel list mean that visits by the 'Big Four' are now much rarer.
 2. The Magazine is not exclusive to members, either Branch or Country, and can easily be purchased by anyone.

III. POSSIBLE LOSSES: BRANCHES.

Even Branches have less inducement to belong.

Example: 'X' Branch.

(a) Present position: Subscription = 25/- per annum (10/- kept). For 15/- per member (sent to H.Q.) we get:-

1. Four copies of the Magazine per member.
2. A free visit by a member of the Conductors' Panel.
3. The right to send a delegate to the Conference, - treasured, perhaps, by the delegate but little valued by the average member!

(b) Suppose S.R.P ceased to exist!

There would be no Conference for a delegate to attend, but for 25/- per annum per member (all kept) the Branch could -

1. Continue the meetings exactly as before.
2. Pay for an annual visiting conductor.
3. Provide enough Magazine copies to satisfy (greatly reduced) requirements.
AND have some money over!

Losses: The word "Branch" from the title! And the delegate would miss his Conference, poor chap!

Gain: A slight financial one.

SO WHY BELONG ? - except, as 'older' members might feel, for reasons of loyalty and/or sentiment, or of some feeling of advantage by reason of rather hazy connections with other groups far away and unknown.

In other words I S S R P. R E A L L Y N E C E S S A R Y ?

IV. WHAT IS TO BE DONE ?

Basically WE SHOULD OFFER MORE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES so that there is more inducement both to join and, especially, to remain; this, I feel, is the core of the matter;

But WHAT CAN WE OFFER, EXCLUSIVELY ?

Would this cost more? If so would this affect membership?

(N.B. "Gimmickry" should be avoided. Quick solutions of this nature are rarely of lasting value. We need steady growth, soundly based, and not developed under any high-pressure quick-return method.)

*- I suggest that the present situation merits the formation of a WORKING PARTY with the clear purpose of surveying the whole situation as it stands, of making constructive suggestions as to possible remedies and of reporting in full to the Executive Committee by a specified date. Such a group, to be broadly based, could include both Executive and non-Executive members, should be reasonably limited in number but have co-optive powers to be used as necessary (and, possibly, temporarily). It could sound opinions and receive suggestions from members. It would NOT have Executive powers and would cease to exist when no longer required. I suggest that it should be established, in embryo, during the present Conference.

V. CONCLUSION. (Thank Heaven!)

- (a) I hope it is unnecessary to explain that this Memorandum is not comprehensive and that it leaves many important matters untouched; also that some of the foregoing questions and statements are intended to be provocative!
- (b) May I say that nothing in it is intended to criticize in any way the work of any Officers, Committees, workers or Branches of the Society.
- (c) We are all in this together and our common effort is to preserve and develop S.R.P. so that it may play as useful and stimulating a role in the future as it has done over the past 32 years. Even with our present numbers we are not obviously failing and we should not under-estimate the Society's effectiveness. Over the years people have joined, remained and left but have used to good purpose what we have had to offer; and the overall benefit to recorder players and recorder playing cannot adequately be assessed.

So even if we can do no more than maintain our present position and offer nothing extra the Society will still be of service to the cause. Long may it continue!

BRIAN CRISPIN.

(Devon Branch).

May, 1969

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on SUNDAY
5th OCTOBER, 1969, at 2.30 p.m., at 72 Elmwood Road, S.E.24.

- PRESENT:
- Mr. E. Hunt (In the Chair)
 - Miss J. Davis
 - Miss F. Dinn
 - Mr. T. Wyatt
 - Mr. L. Rouse-Jones
 - Miss Wright
 - Miss F. Downer
 - Miss E. Unwin
 - Miss K. Murray
 - Mr. S. Taylor
 - Mr. P. Clark
 - Miss L. Hill

1. Apologies for absence from Dr. Dolmetsch, Dr. Bergmann, Miss Barker, Mr. Bonsor. *Mr. Herson*

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Retirement of Mr. James and Mr. Gray. It was suggested that the Society should give something to each of these in appreciation of all they had done for it. Miss Dinn proposed that each should be sent a book token for 5 guineas. Mr. Hunt seconded this. The proposal was then amended to read "a cheque for 5 guineas" and this was agreed unanimously. The Chairman agreed to sign the letters.

Miss Lorna Hill asked about the printing of new membership cards and whether the Committee wished to change the present format. After discussion Mr. Wyatt proposed and Mr. Rouse-Jones seconded that the cards should remain as at present but with the omission of the amount of the subscription. This was agreed. Mr. Herson was asked if he would be willing to undertake the printing of 5,000 in 5 different colours and he agreed to do this.

4. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1970

This was to be held on Saturday afternoon and evening, 9th May, and Sunday morning 10th, at Schotts.

Mr. Wyatt said the Sub-Committee appointed by the Conference had convened a meeting for 18th October to discuss a policy. Mr. Taylor thought no report would be ready for the Committee until the New Year. The Committee could then discuss and the final report should be ready for the Conference.

5. FINANCE

Mr. Rouse-Jones said that he now calculated a slight excess of income over expenditure, amounting to £47. He gave some supporting figures. He then asked whether consideration should be given to transferring money from the current account into the special account or the L.T.S. It was agreed that this should be left to his discretion.

Mr. Wyatt commented that 5½% was not a high rate of interest and asked whether the surplus could not be put into something yielding a higher

rate. Miss Dinn then proposed and Mr. Wyatt seconded that the Treasurer should be authorised to look into the investment policy of the Society. Agreed unanimously.

Mr. Rouse-Jones asked the Committee to approve the transfer of the Society's account from *National Westminster Bank, Raglan Lane* to *National Westminster Bank, 82, Fleet Street, London*. He also asked for the signatories to be changed on the two accounts at the London Trustees Savings Bank. Mr. Taylor seconded this and it was agreed. The necessary forms were then signed.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill said there was very little she could say at this stage. At the end of 1968/69 there were 830 members. She had now sent 40 cards to the new Branch at Hull who probably have 25/30 members.

7. NEW BRANCHES

Lincolnshire. Mr. Colin Hand had written in August saying he would like to start a Branch and the Secretary had sent him the rules and explained the situation. He had written again to say he was calling a meeting to get the scheme off the ground. He only had 15 possible members.

The Committee discussed whether the new Branch could be accepted on this basis and it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. Hand saying that, subject to his having a satisfactory response at his meeting the Society agreed to the provisional formation of a Branch and hoped that by the end of the year he would be able to report to the Conference that it was a going concern.

8. REVISION OF VISITING CONDUCTORS LIST

The following names were removed:-

- Mr. Paul Clark
 - Mr. Brian Bonsor
 - Mrs. Lily Taylor
 - Miss Diana Grant
 - Dr. R. Johnson
 - Mr. Stanley Taylor
 - Mr. & Mrs. Lefkovitch
- } now Musical Directors

It was agreed that the following names should be added, if the people concerned were willing:-

- Mr. Colin Hand
- Miss Joy Crispin (Mrs. Joy Wilson)
- Miss Maureen McAllister

9. PUBLICITY

The question of reprinting the leaflet was discussed and it was agreed that this should be reconsidered in the light of the policy agreed on by the Society following the recommendations of the Working Party.

10. MAGAZINE

The smaller size of the magazine was commented on. In reply to a question from Miss Dinn the Chairman said Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Herson and Mr. Rowland Jones had been nominated by the Society to the Editorial Board.

Mr. Taylor suggested writing to the Editor of the magazine asking whether the policy could not be slanted rather more towards the recorder. Mr. Wyatt said a great deal of trouble had been taken to set up a proper machinery between the Society and the **Schotts for the** transmission of the Society's views and he felt that Mr. Taylor should write, if at all, as a private individual.

It was suggested that the Working Party might consider what direct use might be made of the Society's pages in the magazine.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7/6d subscription. Miss Wright had had a complaint from a member that this was too low, and several members had sent 10/- instead. After decimalisation 7/6d would be an awkward amount to deal with and it was suggested that it should be raised to 10/- or even 15/-. It was agreed that this should be raised at the Conference, and a decision taken then as to whether it should be 10/-, 12/6d or 15/-.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 24th January, 1970.

Edgar Hunt
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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on
SATURDAY 24th JANUARY 1970, at 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize
Square, N.W.3.

PRESENT: Mr. E. Hunt (Chairman)
 Dr. W. Bergmann
 Mrs. Barker
 Mr. P. Clark
 Mrs. E. Cobbs
 Miss J. Davis (Secretary)
 Miss F. Dinn
 Miss L. Hill
 Miss K. Murray
 Mr. L. Rouse Jones
 Mr. S. Taylor
 Miss E. Unwin
 Mr. T.E. Wyatt

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Mr. Bonsor, Mr. Hersom, Miss Wright, Mr. Kenworthy.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that he had had a letter of thanks from Mr. James for the 5 guineas which it had been agreed should be sent to him from the Society. The Secretary reported receipt of a similar letter from Mr. Gray.

The Secretary reported that all arrangements had been made for the Annual Conference. She said she had received a letter from a non-Branch member asking if she could attend the Conference and it was agreed that she should be told she could attend if she wished.

Lincolnshire Branch. Mr. Colin Hand had only found 15 potential members so far and thought it would be better to wait a while before forming a Branch. He had asked if he could attend the Conference and this was agreed.

Investment Policy

Mr. Rouse Jones said he had been giving this consideration but had no concrete proposals to make as yet. He also said that he was going into the question of the Society's liability to pay tax on its investment income.

4. FINANCE

The Treasurer said that with a slight rise in membership he hoped the subscription income would be some pounds higher than last year's total of £562. Schott's royalty this year was £18 compared with £9 last year.

The Chairman asked whether there was likely to be a need to raise the subscription again before decimalisation in 1971. Mr. Rouse Jones said with a surplus this year of about £40 making a total reserve of £725 he did not think this need be considered at present.

Mr. Rouse Jones said he had been asked whether members of the Working Party could claim travelling and other expenses incurred during the preparation of their report. It was unanimously agreed that they should be allowed to do so.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill said there had been a small rise in membership this year. 750 subscriptions had been renewed and she had not yet heard from the new Branch in Hull, to whom she would be writing again. On the printing of new membership cards she said she was waiting to hear from Mr. Hersom on when they could be printed and how much they would cost.

6. LIST OF VISITING CONDUCTORS

The following names were being removed as the members concerned no longer wished to be included:-

Dr. Robertson
Miss Saunders
Miss Joan Hale
Miss P. Morgan
Mr. T.H. Johnston

The following were no longer members of the Society:-

Mr. Rowland Jones
Miss Margaret Downington

The Secretary was asked to write to these two to remind them that their membership had lapsed.

The Secretary said everyone who had been asked had given details of their qualifications, career, etc., and the three new names suggested at the last meeting had all agreed to be included on the list.

The question of paying for Pastoral Visits was raised and Mr. Rouse Jones said he would not pay any expenses in future without first checking with the Secretary. It was suggested that Branches should be told that if they did not register a pastoral visit with the Secretary before it took place they would not be allowed to claim expenses for it. The Chairman volunteered to draw up a suggested procedure to be discussed at the Conference.

7. PUBLICITY AND REPORT OF WORKING PARTY

The Chairman thanked the Working Party for the work they had put into the production of this report.

Paragraph 5 - Publicity

Advertising in Festival programmes was discussed and Miss Dinn suggested a better plan might be to send a leaflet to Festival Secretaries drawing attention to the S.R.P. and giving information about music obtainable.

Paragraphs 6 - 10 - Improvement of Present Activities

Para. 9. Mr. Rouse Jones suggested that the minimum number necessary for the formation of a new Branch should be even lower than 12/15, as suggested in the Report. Dr. Bergmann asked whether the minimum was needed at all. It was suggested that 9(a) might be amended to read: "The minimum size of Branches to be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee"

Paragraphs 11 - 24: New Activities

Para. 12 The Chairman said that only Chartered bodies were entitled to give diplomas and the S.R.P. was not a Chartered body. If they attempted to introduce anything like the L.S.R.P. they would come up against the R.S.M. and the Ministry of Education. He felt it would be better for the Society to support the existing examining bodies and supplement this with the existing Teachers Test. Mr. Clark said the Working Party had not felt the Teachers Test was having sufficient impact and that something could be provided for teachers not so difficult or of so high a standard as existing diplomas. Dr. Bergmann thought if the Teachers Test could be taken at places other than Roehampton it might function better, but pointed out that it was essentially amateur whereas the College examinations were essentially professional.

Miss Dinn asked whether one or two Music Inspectors or Advisors could be approached to discuss how the Society could co-operate in the work being done in In-Service Courses, with which both she and Mr. Hunt were concerned. The Chairman approved of this suggestion.

Mr. Clark said the object of the Society running examinations and awarding diplomas was to improve the standard of recorder playing and in his experience of music officials in Birmingham they were the last people who should be awarding diplomas for the recorder.

Mr. Rouse Jones mentioned that there would be considerable financial responsibility for the Society if they decided to organise examinations and award diplomas. The Chairman said it would almost certainly involve a change in the Society's constitution so that examiners could be paid and we would no longer be an amateur body. He queried whether the rules about non-payment of officers, etc., had been included in the Society's constitution in order to avoid the payment of Income Tax, but Mr. Wyatt said we had been told that we were almost certainly liable for Income Tax already.

It was agreed that, after receiving and studying the Report, the Committee considered it should be circulated to all Branches as a good basis for discussion by the Conference.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Miss Unwin said that she was going away for three months and asked for the Committee's approval that Miss Strachan should carry on with her work in her absence. This was agreed.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be decided after the Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann were thanked for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
28-6-70

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on SUNDAY 28th JUNE 1970, at 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize Square, London, N.W.3.

PRESENT: Mr. E. Hunt (in the Chair)
Miss Barker
Dr. W. Bergmann
Mrs. E. Cobb
Dr. R. Coles
Miss J. Davis
Dr. C. Dolmetsch
Mr. H. Hersom
Miss K. Murray
Mr. S. Taylor
Miss Wright
~~Mr. T.E. Wyatt~~

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. B. Bonsor, Miss F. Dinn, Mr. P. Clark, Miss L. Hill and Mr. L. Rouse-Jones.

Mr. T.E. Wyatt

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Miss Wright said that Miss Margaret Donnington had been referred to in the Minutes as a non-member, but this was due to a mistake on her part (i.e. Miss Wright's). Miss Donnington had in fact paid her subscription for the year. With this alteration the Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary said she had written to Mr. Rowland Jones, who had replied that he would like to be included on the conductors' list, but did not mention membership. It was confirmed that only members of the Society should be included on this list.

4. FINANCE

Mr. Rouse-Jones had asked the Secretary to tell the Meeting, in his absence, that the position was the same as at the last meeting, and he therefore had nothing to report.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Membership Secretary had nothing to report.

6. ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MATTERS ARISING

Dr. Coles reported on the research on the effectiveness of an advertisement which was being undertaken by Mr. Gordon Dalziel. He showed a printer's pull of one of the two advertisements which were being inserted in the "Music Teacher" opposite Miss Dinn's articles. One would go in this month and one with the final article. Dr. Coles asked if any answers received to the advertisements should be sent to him. Dr. Dolmetsch suggested that the words "Increase your enjoyment by playing with others" might be added to the second advertisement, since it was too late to alter the first one.

Other suggestions were made for increasing membership. Mr. Hunt said perhaps members could be given a discount on their Roehampton fees. Dr. Bergmann suggested that a note urging members to find new members might be put in each number of the "Recorder News". Dr. Coles said that there must be more branches. Dr. Bergmann said an article could be written for the magazine on community playing versus one-to-a-part, and an article on how to set up a branch. He suggested that Mr. Wyatt, who had been made responsible for the formation of new branches, might write the latter. Dr. Coles said the smaller branches could be asked to tell the Society how they had come into being.

C.S.R.P., etc. Dr. Coles said he and Mr. Taylor were in the process of preparing a draft on this whole question.

Concert. Dr. Bergmann asked about the possibility of a concert sponsored by the Society, but there was some doubt whether this would bring in recruits.

Dr. Dolmetsch spoke about the possibility of schools belonging to the Society as a group. The question of subscriptions was discussed and also of what the Society would have to offer a school. It was suggested that somebody from the Society could go to the school and give them help and encouragement in their recorder playing. The Chairman asked Dr. Coles if he would prepare a draft on the subject for the Committee's consideration, and said he thought definite guide-lines must be laid down for branches. A suggested subscription was £2 for Junior Schools and £3 for Secondary Schools. There was also a suggestion that the Local Education Authority might be approached rather than the individual schools.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary said she had had a letter from Mr. Jerome in Bath saying that they had 15 potential members and asking if they could form a branch. It was agreed that he should be told to go ahead and that Mr. Wyatt should give him what help he needed. Dr. Bergmann mentioned that Colin Martin had said he would like to form another branch in Liverpool. Miss Wright said that she would give him the names of any former Mersyside members who had become Country members after the closing down of their branch.

It was agreed that an explanatory note about the new membership list should be added to the forms which the Membership Secretary was to send out to Branches.

In reply to a question from Mr. Taylor it was agreed that a list of all those who had passed the Teachers Test should be printed in the magazine once a year. Only names and towns should be shown, not full addresses.

Possible list of recommended music for schools in the magazine. Mr. Herson said he was somewhat averse to doing this but agreed that he would produce a draft list for the consideration of the Committee.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday 20th September, at 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize Square, N.W.3.

Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann were thanked for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
20.9.70

Society of Recorder Players

MINUTES of MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on
20th SEPTEMBER 1970, at 2.30 p.m., at 28 Belsize Square, N.W.3.

PRESENT:

- Mr. E. Hunt (Chairman)
- Dr. C. Dolmetsch
- Miss F. Dinn
- Mr. L. Rouse-Jones
- Dr. W. Bergmann
- Dr. R. Coles
- Miss Wright
- Mrs. E. Cobb
- Miss J. Davis
- Miss K. Murray
- Mr. H. Hersom
- Mr. B. Bonsor
- Mr. T.E. Wyatt
- Mr. P. Clark
- Mr. S. Taylor

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Barker and Miss Hill.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Mr. Wyatt pointed out that he had not been present at the meeting. With this amendment the Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Possible List of Recommended Music for Schools
 Mr. Hersom said this was in hand and he hoped to have copies ready for the next meeting.

(b) Token of Appreciation for Mr. Kenworthy and Miss Unwin
 The Secretary was asked to send a cheque for £5 to each with a letter of appreciation from the Society.

(c) Publicity. In reply to a question Dr. Coles said he would prefer not to give a report on the advertisements yet. He hoped he and Mr. Dalziel would have a report on both advertisements ready for the next Conference. He said there had been very little response to the posters and he gathered the advertisements were unlikely to produce much response either.

3. NEW BRANCHES

The Secretary reported that she had heard nothing more from Mr. Jerome.

Dr. Coles said that Leicester were once again anxious to start a branch. He would pass on any information to Mr. Wyatt.

Nuneaton

Mr. Wyatt said they had been sent the draft guide-lines for the formation of branches drawn up by the sub-committee. Arrangements for the formation of the branch were in hand; a concert was to be held the following week and the inauguration of the branch would follow a week later.

Mr. Clark said it was the Midland Branch who were giving the concert in Nuneaton prior to the setting up of the branch in November.

Mr. Wyatt said he had been asked to form a sub-committee to stimulate the formation of new branches and he had co-opted Mr. Herson, Dr. Coles, Mr. Crispin, Mr. Bonsor and Mr. Taylor. They had drawn up draft guidelines for the formation of branches.

Dr. Coles recommended the acceptance of this draft. Mr. Bonsor seconded and it was agreed unanimously.

It was also agreed that the draft should be sent out to Branch Secretaries who would be invited to give any comments at the next Annual Conference. They would also be told that the draft will be appearing in the "Recorder News". Dr. Dolmetsch proposed that it should be printed in the Society's pages. This was seconded by Dr. Bergmann and agreed.

Mr. Bonsor proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wyatt for the work he had done on this draft.

Affiliation. Dr. Coles produced a draft on this subject and it was discussed. Dr. Bergmann proposed and Mrs. Cobb seconded that the idea should be dropped, but that Colleges and Education and other bodies might be approached to become members of the Society in order to further the aims of the Society. This proposal was not pursued.

Mr. Herson proposed that Dr. Coles' report, or something like it, should be put into operation as soon as possible. Seconded by Dr. Dolmetsch.

Mr. Wyatt proposed an amendment. A sub-committee should be appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Coles to draft the necessary amendments to the rules of the Society, draft the documents necessary to publicise the scheme among educational bodies and any other documents, e.g. guidelines to Branches, and present all these to the Conference. Seconded by Miss Murray. Carried nem con.

C.S.R.P. Dr. Dolmetsch said he thought there should be two grades of certificate so that the highest standards should not be debased. (Dr. Dolmetsch then left the meeting.)

Dr. Coles put before the meeting his report, prepared by the Working Party of 5, on the C.S.R.P.

Mr. Bonsor felt it should certainly not be less difficult than the present Teacher's Test. He also said it must be made quite clear that the Certificate is for basic competence only. Mr. Wyatt queried whether a branch would ever have the resources of people or finance to put such a scheme into operation.

Dr. Coles proposed that this Committee should approve in principle the concept of an examination of a suitable standard and that a sub-committee be formed to produce all the necessary documentation for the implementation of such a scheme, for submission to the Conference in 1971. Dr. Bergmann seconded.

Carried with 2 against.

Dr. Coles suggested a sub-committee of himself, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hunt, to hold say one meeting in the next ten months, with Mr. Hunt as convenor. This was agreed,

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rouse-Jones said the financial year closed at the end of the current month and there was therefore no point in working out the accounts until then. The position on income had not changed since the Conference and he had no reason to think the expenditure would be very different from the previous year.

The Treasurer proposed that the Society's liquid funds should be put into a Building Society which would give roughly the same income as was being received from the present investment of the funds, but after tax instead of before. Certain formal resolutions framed by the Huddersfield Building Society would have to be passed. He gave details of these. Seconded by Miss Murray and agreed unanimously.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill was not present but had informed the Committee that she had nothing to report.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Corcoran in which he said that the publishers had decided that the magazine should be exempted from the obligation to print the three names constituting the Editorial Board. In its place they had decided to incorporate two other persons (Mr. Hunt and Miss Dinn) who, together with Mr. Hersom would constitute a working panel of Society's Editors.

Mr. Wyatt said this was an extraordinary way to treat an agreement made with the Society. Mr. Hersom said the Editorial Board had never been called and that the feeling was that the Society's representation should

be widened rather than narrowed. Dr. Bergmann said that it had been done to prevent Schotts dominating the magazine and that his only objection was to the way in which it had been done.

Dr. Coles proposed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Corcoran expressing the Society's surprise, regret and concern that what was an agreed process had first never been honoured in spite of our requests and secondly been terminated without any consultation with the Society. The Society should also point out that in spite of repeated requests no meetings of the Editorial Board had been called.

This was seconded by Mr. Rouse-Jones and agreed unanimously.

Festival. Mr. Clark had made enquiries but had had difficulties recently because of officials leaving his branch. He had hoped to have the Festival in the spring of 1971 but now felt it must be postponed until 1972. Suggested a date of 3rd April.

Mr. Rouse-Jones said in view of this postponement of the festival could Dr. Bergmann's suggestion of a Society concert be pursued. Dr. Bergmann pointed out that this had not been received with enthusiasm at the last Committee Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th January, 1971, at 2.30.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
10.1.71

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MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Sunday 10th January, 1971, at 2.30 p.m., at 8 Wilton Grove, S.W.19

PRESENT: Mr. E. Hunt - In the Chair
Mr. H. Herson
Dr. R. Coles
Mr. P. Clark
Miss M. Wright
Mr. L. Rouse-Jones
Mr. T.E. Wyatt
Mrs. E. Cobb
Miss K. Murray
Miss J. Davis - Secretary

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Dr. Taylor, Miss Barker, Miss Hill, Miss Dinn and Mr. Bonsor.
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING had been circulated and were accepted and signed as a correct record.
3. MATTERS ARISING

Mr. Herson stated he would be writing in the Magazine on recommended music for schools.

Dr. Coles said the advertisement had resulted in only 11 enquiries and that one person only had joined the Society, as a Country Member.

Festival

Mr. Clark said he was making arrangements for the Festival to take place on Friday 24th/Saturday 25th March 1972, and was considering various sites in Birmingham. He would like to have details fixed in time for the Conference. Mr. Rouse-Jones asked about the probable cost and the following figures were estimated:-

Adjudicator's Fee	£ 20
Hall	50
Prizes	35
Printing & advertising	30
Sundries	<u>15</u>
	£150

There would be some receipts from the Festival but Mr. Rouse-Jones said there was bound to be a loss which could not be even guessed at. He queried the value of such an expense to the Society. Dr. Coles said there were three objectives: Combined playing: A chance to hear good young players: Possibility of some publicity for the Society.

Dr. Bergmann proposed the following timetable:-

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| Friday evening | - Ensemble playing for S.R.P. members |
| Saturday morning | - Competition with public admitted |
| Saturday evening | - Groups playing with public admitted and possibly prizewinner's performance |

It was agreed there should be no official accompanist and no special piece of music written for the occasion, as had previously been suggested.

The suggested timetable was discussed. Dr. Bergmann then proposed that the Midland Branch should prepare a rough timetable to present to the Committee with name of adjudicator and some idea of cost. Seconded by Dr. Coles and agreed unanimously.

Magazine

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Corcoran stating that the price of the magazine would be increased to 5/- from the March issue. Schotts would be pleased to continue to supply copies to the S.R.P. at half price, i.e. 2/6d. Mr. Rouse-Jones said this increase would cost the Society about £200 a year but he did not see any immediate need to put up subscriptions. Dr. Bergmann asked about the agreement between Schotts and the Society and Dr. Coles proposed and Dr. Bergmann seconded that the officers of the Society should look into the matter and if there was any breach of the agreement it should be pointed out to Schotts. Mr. Wyatt then proposed that if there was scope for negotiation we should negotiate. It was agreed that the officers should take whatever action they thought appropriate and the Committee would support this action.

Mr. Hersom reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Corcoran saying that John Thompson would take over responsibility for the December and March issues of the magazine and Mr. Corcoran was too busy to handle them.

The Secretary reported that no reply had been received to the letter about the Editorial Board and it was agreed that the matter should not be pursued any further.

AFFILIATION

Dr. Coles had produced and circulated a draft on this subject. The Secretary read a letter from Miss Freda Dinn dissenting from the draft.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that the following should be added to the Rules:-

"A Corporation, Institution, School or similar body can be a member of the Society. At meetings such a body would be represented by one of its members. Other members could be admitted by consent of the Branch concerned."

He thought that this would make any form of affiliation unnecessary.

Dr. Coles said that he felt he should say that Dr. Taylor, who was absent from the meeting, felt very strongly that Corporate bodies should be able to join the Society and send representatives to neighbouring Branches. Dr. Coles then proposed acceptance of Dr. Bergmann's suggested addition to the Rule. Seconded by Mr. Clark. It was agreed that the Treasurer should put this new Rule into legal form and present it to the Annual Conference for discussion.

C.S.R.P.

Mr. Hunt suggested that anyone wishing to take this examination might have a card on which could be listed the number of Branch Meetings he had attended, or suitable courses, until he had enough entires to qualify to take the examination. Dr. Coles proposed that the sub-Committee already appointed should consider this idea and possibly draw up a draft card for consideration by the Committee. He also suggested that Mrs. Cobb should be co-opted to the sub-Committee, to which the meeting agreed.

NEW BRANCHES

The Secretary had heard from Middlesbrough and from the Fylde District where there were players who thought they would like to form Branches.

Mr. Wyatt asked for guidance on his function with regard to the formation of Branches. He had been asked to form a sub-Committee and to give advice and help to new or potential branches, but he assumed that the actual administration of the formation of new branches was still the responsibility of the Secretary. The question of the Hull Branch was raised and Mr. Wyatt agreed to get in touch with Mr. Greaves and ask him why the Branch had closed down after less than a year. This information would be of interest to other branches. Mr. Wyatt said he had written to Mr. Colin Hand about the branch that he hoped to form. Mr. Hand had replied that he did not have as many members as he had hoped and that the group at Grimsby which he had expected to join had told him they saw no advantage to themselves to be gained from membership of the Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rouse-Jones gave the Committee the figures of income and expenditure for the current year and said they did not vary substantially from the previous year. He felt, however, that with the increases in the price of the magazine and of postal charges a subscription of £1 would be inevitable. He did not, however, think any action need be taken immediately.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rouse-Jones for his report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill was absent but had asked the Secretary for help in connection with the list of members which was being prepared. This was discussed and Miss Murray agreed to try to find out something about the possible cost.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NO DATE WAS FIXED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
21.3.71

Society of Recorder Players

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, held on
SUNDAY 21st MARCH 1971, at 10.30 a.m., at 28 BELSIZE SQUARE, N.W.3.

PRESENT: Mr. E. Hunt (in the Chair)
 Dr. W. Bergmann
 Mrs. E. Cobb
 Miss Joan Davis (Secretary)
 Mr. H. Hersom
 Miss K. Murray
 Mr. L. Rouse-Jones
 Dr. S. Taylor
 Miss M. Wright
 Mr. T.E. Wyatt

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Barker, Mr. Brian Bonsor, Mr. Paul Clark, Dr. Coles, Miss Freda Dinn, Dr. Carl Dolmetsch, Miss Lorna Hill.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Magazine. The Secretary reported that Mr. Wyatt had looked at the agreement with Schotts and could find nothing to justify the Society in demanding notice of a rise in price. Mr. Corcoran's letter had therefore been simply acknowledged.

Branches. Mr. Hunt queried the accuracy of the list of branches appearing in the magazine. For instance, Hull was still shown although it was no longer functioning, and the same applied to Leicester. Dr. Taylor said that Mr. Greaves had written to him and he hoped to be able to keep the Hull branch alive. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Emery had written to her about starting up the Leicester Branch again. It was agreed that these two branches should be helped and encouraged to start again. The Secretary had also heard from a Miss Ceinwen Keatley in Worcester, where she had eight potential members. Mr. Wyatt was asked to send her the relevant literature and it was agreed that she should not be discouraged in spite of the small number. Mr. Wyatt also reported that a Mr. Hugh Watkin had written to him from Wolverhampton. Mr. Wyatt had sent him the literature but had heard nothing further. Mr. Hunt suggested that the list of branches in the magazine should also include a list of prospective branches. It was agreed that Dr. Taylor would speak to Mr. Clark about Wolverhampton and might also suggest that, now that there is some decentralisation in the Midlands, the branch might revert to its original name of Birmingham Branch.

List of Members. Miss Murray reported that she had made various enquiries about the cost of producing this list. To have it typed and printed would cost about £130. If it were Xeroxed Office Aids would type 1,000 names for £6.50 plus paper, and Rank Xerox would reduce and reproduce for £3.75 per 100 copies (with reduction this would be about 15 sheets, say 1,000 copies of each). Miss Murray also promised to find out the cost of a duplicated list and Mr. Wyatt would enquire about offset litho. Mr. Herson proposed that a list in the cheapest possible form should be produced in time to be sent out with the June magazine. Seconded by Dr. Bergmann and agreed. Miss Murray and Mr. Wyatt were asked to arrange this at a cost of not more than about £60.

Affiliation. Mr. Rouse-Jones had re-drafted the clause suggested at the last Committee Meeting and he passed round copies. It was agreed that this draft should be produced for discussion at the Annual Conference as a possible addition to the Rules. Dr. Taylor said he would like groups of students to be able to go to Branch Meetings, not simply as members of one branch but going from branch to branch, and not just as visitors but with some feeling of belonging to the Society. Mr. Wyatt suggested some system whereby students could join for a smaller subscription without receiving the magazine. Miss Wright said they could join as Non-Branch Members for 50p and could then get in touch with the Secretary of any branch they wished to visit. The meeting was not entirely sympathetic to Dr. Taylor's views and he agreed to consider the matter further and possibly make his own re-draft of the clause. It was also agreed that the matter could be discussed at the Conference but should not be put on the Agenda.

4. AGENDA FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A new Secretary had to be appointed to take Miss Davis's place and Mr. Rouse-Jones told the meeting that he also wished to resign at this Conference. Mr. Wyatt said he had approached Mr. Ingram, who was willing to stand as Treasurer. If he accepted this job then a new auditor would be required. Mr. Kenneth Murray was suggested and Mr. Michael Arno. Mr. Hunt asked whether Mr. Arno could be asked to be the Treasurer. Miss Murray agreed to ask Mr. Arno if he would be willing to stand. If not she would like to put his name forward for the Committee.

Several names were suggested for Secretary: Miss Enderby, Mr. David Miles and Mr. Russell Bruce. Dr. Bergmann agreed to ask Mr. Miles and Mr. Bruce.

The order of items for the agenda was agreed as follows (following Apologies for Absence, Minutes of last Meeting and Matters Arising):-

- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers and Committee
- Festivals
- C.S.R.P.
- Publicity
- New Branches
- Branch Reports
- Any Other Business

The meeting would be held at Schotts, on Saturday 15th May from 2.30/5.30 and 7.0/9.30, and on Sunday 16th May from 10.30 to 1.0. After further discussion it was decided that Branch Reports would be taken at 7.0 on the Saturday.

In reply to a question from Dr. Taylor it was agreed that representatives should be invited from Middlesbrough, Hull, Lincoln, Worcester, Leicester and Wolverhampton. The Society would pay the expenses of the Middlesbrough representative but none of the others.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rouse-Jones said the only variation from what he had told the Committee at the last meeting was that about £34 more had been received in subscriptions. He said that Mr. Ingram, the Auditor, had said that he felt there should be a reserve in the Society's Accounts for Corporation Tax liability, but we did not yet know whether Inland Revenue would charge us for this. The question of the Society's liability or not for tax was discussed once again. Mr. Wyatt queried whether the introduction of the C.S.R.P. might not make the Society an educational body and make it possible to register as a charity. The Chairman said he thought this might have already been done. Mr. Rouse-Jones agreed to look into the question of whether the Society was registered as a charity and if not what advantages it might gain by so doing. He would also consider whether the holding of the competitive Festival might prejudice the Society's position in any way.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Cobb raised the question of a new Publicity leaflet for the Society. The Music Club of London, of which she was a member, was holding an Evening with Frans Bruggen in May and had asked for leaflets about the S.R.P. to distribute to its London members. It was agreed that this publicity should be left to the London Branch but that the whole question of a new leaflet should be put on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.30 AM. Sunday, 3rd October

~~To be arranged after the Conference.~~ at Walters

The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
3-10-71

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Sunday 3 October 1971, at 10.30 a.m., at 28 Belsize Square, LONDON NW3.

Present: Mr. E. Hunt (Chairman)
 Miss F. Barker
 Dr. W. Bergmann
 Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary)
 Mrs. E. Cobb
 Dr. R.B. Coles
 Miss F. Dinn
 Mr. H. Hersom
 Miss L. Hill
 Mr. A.J. Ingram
 Miss K. Murray
 Dr. S. Taylor
 Miss M. Wright
 Mr. T.E. Wyatt

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Allen, Mr. Bonsor, Mr. Clark and Dr. Dolmetsch.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. Matters Arising

List of Members

There was concern that this was not yet complete. Miss Murray explained that returns from Branches were not complete and that many of those received did not tally with the list of members used by Office Aids for despatch of the magazine. A proposal by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mrs. Cobb, was agreed, that a simple alphabetical list of names and addresses be compiled from the Branch membership returns due on 31 December 1971. Miss Murray and Mr. Wyatt are to supervise and arrange for the preparation and duplication of the list by whatever means they consider best within the previously agreed cost of £60.

ACTION: Miss Murray and Mr. Wyatt

In order that the membership list should be available in time for only paid-up members to be sent the March issue of the Magazine, and also to avoid further delay to the published list of members, it was proposed by Dr. Coles, seconded by Miss Murray, and agreed, that Branch Secretaries should be informed that their yearly lists of paid-up members should henceforth be returned to Miss Hill by 31 December, and not 31 January as formerly. Miss Hill agreed to write to Branch Secretaries about this and other matters. Dr. Taylor agreed to insert an explanatory paragraph in the Society's pages in the next issue of the magazine, the same paragraph to ask Branches to notify the Hon. Sec. of all changes of officers or addresses.

ACTION: Miss Hill and Dr. Taylor

4. BRANCHESNew Branches

Hampshire: A playing day, conducted by Dr. Bergmann on 2 October 1971, had shown there to be a nucleus of members. It is hoped to form a new Branch during the next 12 months.

- Cambridge: It is likely that a meeting to be held on 20 October 1971 will lead to the re-opening of this Branch. Dr. Coles agreed to contact the Cambridge group secretary to offer assistance and encouragement.
ACTION: Dr. Coles
- Nottingham: Arrangements were being made for a summer meeting to inaugurate the Branch. Information on the outcome has not yet been received.
- Mid Herts: The new Branch will be launched at a meeting to be held on 9 October 1971
- Ireland: A letter has been received from Mr. Corran asking the approval of the Executive Committee for the opening of a branch to cover the whole of Ireland. After discussion it was agreed to give the required approval in view of the fact that the proposed Branch would cover all of Ireland and that there is no currency or travel problem.

Branch Secretaries and Treasurers

It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. should be responsible for obtaining and keeping up to date a list of Branch Secretaries and Treasurers.

Formation of New Branches

It was proposed by Dr. Bergmann, seconded by Dr. Coles, and agreed, that the Hon. Sec. be empowered to deal with and at his discretion approve all applications for the formation of new Branches.

It was also agreed that a leaflet is needed to supplement the existing "Guidelines to the formation of a Branch" giving precise details of the necessary steps in forming a Branch, and of the information required by the Society. Miss Hill, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Bruce accepted the task of producing this leaflet.

ACTION: Miss Hill, Mr. Wyatt,
Mr. Bruce

'Pastoral' visits to Branches

The Bristol Branch asked for a ruling to allow them to carry over into 1972 their visit from Mr. Hand which had to be cancelled at the last moment in May 1971 because of Mr. Hand's illness. It was proposed by Dr. Bergmann, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and agreed, that while in general because of the possible damaging effect on central funds, pastoral visits could not be saved up from year to year, it was reasonable in this case of last minute cancellation that the Bristol Branch should be allowed to arrange a replacement visit by Mr. Hand, in addition to their normal visit for 1971/72.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no formal report since Mr. Ingram had only been in office 2 days and Mr. Rouse-Jones' being temporarily out of the country had delayed the handing over of the books.

Mr. Ingram expressed concern at the high proportion of the membership fee accounted for by the magazine, and at the continued rise in general expenses, particularly postage. He reminded the Executive Committee that the subscription had remained constant for at least 7 years and said that this indicated the likelihood that some of the increased cost was being met by the committee members themselves. Mr. Ingram warned that it would probably be necessary to ask the AGM to approve an increase in subscription in 1972.

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It was proposed by Dr. Coles, seconded by Miss Barker, and agreed, that the SRP bank account should be held in the name of Mr. Ingram as the new Hon. Treasurer and that he should be empowered to sign cheques on behalf of the Executive Committee of SRP. This in place of the retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Rouse-Jones.

Since Mr. Ingram is now Hon. Treasurer he has relinquished the post of Hon. Auditor and a replacement must be sought. It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. should first approach Mr. Michael Arno. In the event of his being unable to accept Dr. Coles was asked to approach Mr. Dalziel and Mr. Cale.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill had nothing to report which has not been covered elsewhere in these minutes.

7. MAGAZINE

Changes

The Hon. Sec. read letters from Mr. John Thompson referring to the proposed changes, some of which had already been implemented.

The Executive Committee expressed qualified approval of the changes and asked the Hon. Sec. to write to Mr. Thompson in a tone of general encouragement but pointing out two comments in particular, namely:

- (a) that consideration should be given to the possibility of keeping the word Recorder as part of the magazine's name, particularly in view of the strong identification with the magazine felt by Recorder players in schools,
- (b) that although the scope of early music will be taken as extending from Medieval to early 19th C. romantic music, and therefore appears wide, too close an association of the Recorder with early music might do disservice to the contemporary, 20th C., role of the Recorder and the new music being written for it.

At this point in the Meeting, 2.00 p.m., Mr. Hunt, Mr. Ingram and Miss Dinn apologised for having to leave and Mr. Wyatt was unanimously asked to take the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

Distribution

Complaints were again made about late delivery of the September 1971 issue. Mr. Hunt had earlier said that he would do what he could to help at Schotts but that he believed the delay between publication by Schotts and distribution by Office Aids to be the biggest problem. Dr. Allen is to be asked to instruct Office Aids to prepare envelopes in advance of publication so that this delay can be reduced to a minimum.

ACTION: Mr. Hunt, Dr. Allen

Details of SRP officers, Branches and Branch Secretaries appearing in the Society's pages.

It was proposed by Mr. Wyatt, seconded by Dr. Bergmann, and agreed, that the Hon. Sec. should be responsible for obtaining and keeping up to date these details in the magazine, and for keeping the magazine editor informed of them.

8. AFFILIATIONS

Dr. Coles report and proposal was accepted, and it was agreed that it

should be recast in the form of a resolution from the Executive Committee to go forward at the AGM in 1972. It was agreed that the affiliation fee should be £4 per year, of which the equivalent of two membership subscriptions should go to SRP, the Branch to which affiliation is made retaining the remainder.

Dr. Coles was asked to enlist the aid of Mr. Dalziel in preparing the necessary change to the rules of SRP and the publicity leaflet which will be required to launch the new scheme, both documents to be approved at the next Executive Committee meeting.

ACTION: Dr. Coles

9. SRP PUBLICITY LEAFLET

It was agreed that the existing one was hopelessly out of date. It was decided that in order to have a new leaflet available with the minimum of delay, and in view of changes likely at the next AGM, the Hon. Sec. should prepare an up-to-date version which would also include details of Branch Secretaries. Mr. Herson offered to arrange typing and duplication.

10. BANKERS ORDERS

Miss Hill, Miss Wright and Mr. Ingram were asked to evolve and agree a convenient way of dealing with Bankers Orders and other subscription payment problems.

ACTION: Miss Hill, Miss Wright, Mr. Ingram

11. NEXT MEETING

On Sunday 9 January 1972 at 10.30 a.m., at 28 Belsize Square, NW3.

The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
9.1.72

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee,
held on Sunday, 9th January 1972, at 10.30 a.m.
at 28 Belsize Square, London, N.W.3.

Present :-

- Mr.E.Hunt (Chairman)
- Dr.J.Allen
- Miss F.Barker
- Dr.W.Bergmann
- Mr.R.A.Bruce (Secretary)
- Mrs.E.Cobb
- Dr.R.B.Coles
- Dr.C.Dolmetsch
- Mr.H.Hersom
- Miss L.Hill
- Mr.A.J.Ingram
- Miss K.Murray
- Dr.S.Taylor
- Miss M.Wright
- Mr.T.E.Wyatt

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr.Clark and Miss Dinn.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. Matters arising

List of Members

Mr. Wyatt reported that preparation for the list were still going ahead, the target being that the list should be circulated with the March issue of the magazine. A newspaper firm in Hawick had submitted a low tender for printing. Mr.Ingram warned that hidden costs such as postage might well exceed the cost of actual production and asked for an overall estimate of costs in view of the low level of Society funds at present. He also asked that a notice reserving Copyright of the list to S.R.P. should appear on the list.

Action: Miss Murray and Mr.Wyatt

Miss Hill and Dr.Taylor reported that although no notice had appeared in the Magazine, all Branch Secretaries had been informed of the December 31st deadline for membership lists. To date lists had been received from all except two branches.

Formation of new branches

Mr. Wyatt tabled the final draft of an explanatory leaflet for the guidance of branch secretaries. The secretary agreed to arrange typing and duplicating after final minor revisions.

Magazine Changes

Further letters, this time about the Society's four pages, had been received from Mr.Thomson and were discussed, there being considerable opposition to the proposals suggested by Mr.Thomson.

Dr.Bergmann reported that at a meeting ^{between Mr.Thomson and} Mr.Makins at Schotts on January 7th 1972 it had been decided to drop all of the recent and further proposed changes to the magazine. The name "Recorder and Music Magazine" will continue, and editorial policy will be that followed up to the September 1971 issue. Mr.Thomson expects to launch an entirely new magazine, to be known as "Fanfare", to cater for the wider scope, including Early Music, in June 1972. Schotts had been informed of the concern of committee members that decisions of importance to the society have been taken in the past without prior consultation. It was agreed that the editor should be invited to the Annual Delegates Conference.

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Magazine Distribution

For the December issue the delay at office aids had been minimal, and although the magazine had been late from the printer the majority of members received their copies before Christmas.

Affiliations

Dr.Coles' draft proposal had been circulated. Three main amendments were discussed and agreed, as follows :-

1. Dr.Taylor pointed out that "Colleges of Education" was the correct style and should replace the words "Teachers' Training College".
2. That rather than refer to a visit of '.....a registered conductor' the leaflet should read '.....a conductor from the Society's panel'.
3. In view of the likely substantial increase in subscriptions, the leaflet should be reworded so that the affiliation fee is to be agreed with the branch concerned. The branch would then forward two subscription fees to the society in respect of each affiliating body who would receive two copies of the magazine.

Dr.Coles agreed to amend and duplicate the leaflet in the form of a resolution and a proposed change to the Rules. He agreed to supply the Secretary with 40 copies to be sent out with the papers for the Delegates Conference.

Action: Dr.Coles

S.R.P. Publicity Leaflet

A new leaflet has now been produced, an extract from which will appear in the March (and subsequent) issues of the magazine.

Action: Dr.Taylor

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr.Ingram presented the accounts for the year to 30th September 1971. Copies of these accounts will be circulated with the March issue of the magazine. Salient points are as follows :-

1. The deficit for the year was £242.
2. The total assets at 30.9.71 were £374.
3. The forecast deficit for 1971-72 is £418.
4. It is forecast that the Society may be £50 in debt at 30.9.72.
5. The overall cost of the magazine, which has increased by 67% during the year, accounts for more than the present annual income.
6. Allowing for the inevitable overlap of lapsed members we still seem to be sending out about 100 magazines each issue more than our membership.
7. With 850 members we need a subscription of £1.20 to balance our income and expenditure.
8. By September 1972 we will have more than consumed our reserves, so the increased subscription should allow for paying debts and re-establishing the reserve.

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This serious situation was discussed in detail and it was proposed by Miss Murray, seconded by Dr. Bergmann, and agreed that the Exec. Committee should put a resolution at the May Conference to increase the subscription to £1.50 and to make provision for the subscription to be reviewed annually.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ingram for his excellent efforts since taking over the treasurership in September.

Action: Mr. Ingram and Dr. Allen

5. Secretary's Report

New Branches

- Mid-Herts. - The branch was formed in October
- Ireland - Mr. Wyatt reported that about 25 members had joined and the branch would soon complete its formation.
- Hampshire - The formation will be delayed until later in 1972.
- Cambridge - The branch was formed in October. Their treasurer wrote asking that the money passed to the Society on the dissolution of the former Cambridge branch should be given to the new branch. After discussion it was agreed that there was no obligation to do this, the money and proceeds of the sale of a bass recorder having become the property of the society in accordance with the rules. A proposal, made by Dr. Dolmetsch, amended by Dr. Coles, seconded by Dr. Bergmann, was agreed, to the effect that a gesture of goodwill should be made to the new branch in the form of a donation of £10. The Secretary will write a full explanation of the situation to the new Cambridge branch.

Auditor

The secretary announced that Mr. Michael Arno had accepted the office of Honorary Auditor.

Gift to Miss Joan Davis

In accordance with the wishes of the 1971 Delegates Conference a gift of £10 had been made to Miss Joan Davis as a token of appreciation for her ten years as Hon. Secretary.

6. Examinations

A draft of the proposals for an S.R.P. certificate examination was circulated and discussed. Several technical points were raised and it was finally agreed that with some amendments the document should go forward to the May Conference. A sub-committee consisting of Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Bergmann, Dr. Coles, Mr. Hunt and Dr. Taylor was set up to finalise the proposals and work out administration of the examination scheme. The sub-committee will have a quorum of 3. It was pointed out that the scheme must be self-funding. The sub-committee will provide the secretary with duplicated copies of the final proposals to go out with the May conference papers.

Action: Examinations Sub-committee

7. New Vice Presidents and Musical Directors

It was suggested that Branch Secretaries should be asked for information about V.P.'s of Branches who might be considered as V.P.'s of S.R.P. The Chairman agreed to write to David Munrow and Hans Gal to enquire if they would become V.P.'s of the society.

Action: Mr. Hunt

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Mr.Hunt is retiring as Chairman in May and it was unanimously agreed that the committee would nominate Mr.Hunt as a Musical Director of the society at the May Conference.

8. Birmingham Festival

There was a brief discussion during which it was stated that, despite the absence of effective publicity or apparent preparedness of the organisers, some branches were rehearsing items and preparing transport plans. The festival sub-committee is asked to report to the chairman on the state of preparations.

Action: Festival sub-committee

9. Annual Delegates Conference

Full details will be discussed at the next meeting. Miss Murray suggested that a session from 5 to 7 pm on the Saturday should be reserved for an informal social gathering. She offered to organise a buffet if assistance was forthcoming.

It was also suggested that the Sunday lunch could be organised on the premises in order, primarily, to save expense.

The committee were unanimous in agreeing that Mr.Theo Wyatt be nominated to take on the chairmanship when Mr.Hunt retires. Mr.Wyatt agreed to be nominated. It was decided that a notice about this should appear in the Society's pages of the March issue of the magazine.

10. Magazine circulation

In view of the treasurer's statement and the consequent need to ensure that the magazine goes only to paid-up members, a sub-committee was set up, consisting of Miss Hill, Dr.Allen and Mr.Ingram, to reconcile mailing list numbers with subscriptions received.

11. Increase in Subscription

As noted in item 4, an increase in subscription to £1.50 will be proposed at the May Conference. It was felt that not only should branches be presented with the facts necessitating the increase, but also with the benefits which result from the existence of the society. Among the points mentioned were:

1. The visiting conductors scheme
2. The close association with and through the magazine
3. The extension of recorder playing and improvements in standards by encouragement of new branches.

Further benefits whose introduction will coincide with the increase in subscriptions are:

1. Membership list
2. Festival
3. Affiliations
4. Certificate of S.R.P.

The Chairman agreed to draft, with the aid of Dr.Bergmann, Dr.Coles and Mr.Ingram, a statement to be sent to branch secretaries with the conference papers.

Action: Mr.Hunt

12. Next meeting

This will be at 10.30 am on 5th March 1972 at 28 Belsize Sq. London, NW3.

The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs.Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
5 March 1972

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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Sunday, March 5th., 1972, at 10.30 a.m., at 28 Belsize Square, London N.W.3.

Present: Mr E. Hunt (Chairman)
Dr. W. Bergmann
Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary)
Mr. P. Clark
Mr H. Hersom
Mr. A.J. Ingram
Miss K. Murray
Miss M. Wright
Mr. T.E. Wyatt.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Allen, Miss Barker, Mrs Cobb, Dr. Coles, Miss Dinn, Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Hill and Dr. Taylor.

2. The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chiarmman as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

List of Members. Mr Wyatt reported that the reconcilliation of the membership list had still not been completed. The list would therefore not go out with the March issue of the Magazine, but it was hoped it would be ready for June.

Formation of New Branches. The explanatory notes had been duplicated and would be sent out to all Branch Secretaries. It was reported that there is likelihood of a branch being formed in Belfast, in which case the Ireland Branch may have to be persuaded to change its name to something more local, for example Dublin.

Affiliations.

Dr Coles' revised draft was approved: it will go forward as a change to the rules at the May Conference.

New Vice Presidents and Musical Directors. The Chairman reported that he had not yet written to Hans Gal or David Munrow but would do so soon.

Increase in Subscription. The Chairman reported that an explanatory statement was being sent to Branch Secretaries. It was agreed that the new subscription for students should be £1.

4. Officers' reports:

The Treasurer reported on the grave financial situation, forecasting that the Society would use up all of its cash reserves before the benefits of any new subscription to be agreed at the May Conference were felt. The membership now exceeds 1000.

5. Addition to the list of conductors:

Dr Coles' proposal that Mr Gordon Dalziel's name be added to the Society's list of conductors was agreed unanimously.

6. 1972 Delegates Conference:

The agenda was discussed, and agreement was reached that proposals from the Exec. Ctte. should go forward regarding Affiliation, Examination, Removing the limit on the number of Musical Directors and the increase in subscription needed.

It was decided gratefully to accept Miss Murray's offer to provide a buffet on the Saturday evening, and Mr Hunt agreed to approach Schotts about the use of the kitchen. It was also agreed that in view of the sad state of the Society's purse, free lunches on the Sunday would not be provided. As a further economy measure, London Branch members will be asked to provide hospitality for the Conference Delegates who need it.

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7. Birmingham Festival:

Mr Clark reported on the progress of the arrangements. Notices will be sent to Music Colleges and adverts inserted in the April and May numbers of the Musical Times.

There was considerable discussion on details of the day's timetable. In response to Mr Clark's request for funds to prepare for the Festival it was proposed by Miss Murray, seconded by Mr Hersom and carried that the Treasurer should advance £50 to the Festival sub-committee.

8. Any other Business:

At the conclusion of the meeting, after the departure of the Chairman, it was agreed unaimously that the Secretary should write to Branches about a presentation to Mr Hunt on his retirement from the Chair at the May Conference. A deadline for subscriptions was set for April 22nd. to allow time for the purchase of a suitable present in time for the Conference. Every effort must be made to ensure that the project is kept from the Chairman's ears.

9. Next Meeting:

It was decided to postpone fixing the date of the next meeting until after the May Conference.

The Chairman thanked Dr & Mrs Bergmann for their excellent hospitality.

I E. Wyatt
15/10/72

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.m.
on Sunday, 15th October, 1972, at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr. T. Wyatt - Chairman
Dr. J. Allen
Dr. W. Bergmann
Mr. R.A. Bruce - Secretary
Mrs. E. Cobb
Dr. R.B. Coles
Mr. G. Dalziel
Mr. H. Hersom
Mr. E. Hunt
Mr. A.J. Ingram
Dr. S. Taylor
Miss M. Wright

1. Apologies were received from Misses Barker, Dinn, Hill and Murray, and Messrs Bonsor and Clark.
It was suggested, and agreed, that in future the Hon. Secretary will send to any absent member details of any meeting or urgent action agreed on in that member's absence.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as representing a true record.

3. Matters Arising
Membership List

- This was discussed and the following points agreed on:
- a) That the list should be restricted to S.R.P. members.
 - b) That telephone numbers should not be included.
 - c) That the list should be revised every two years.
 - d) That for the next edition a new format based on a straight alphabetical listing with initial codes for geographical areas should be considered.
 - e) That new members should be sent the list with their first copy of the Recorder and Music Magazine.
 - f) That in future overseas members should be included.

Action: Dr. Allen

Miss Wright offered to prepare and have duplicated a list of overseas members, which would include a short explanatory note. In addition to the overseas members copies of this list would be sent to Branch secretaries.

Action: Miss Wright

Branches

Mr. Hersom reported that the South Somerset branch had now been started.

Mr. Bruce reported that the Warwick branch had now been formed.

A letter from the Worcester group was read in which they stated their intention not to form a branch. They will be removed from the list of branches in formation.

Affiliation

Mr. Hersom agreed to amend the publicity leaflet to include mention of affiliations. It was agreed that changes to the officers and to subscriptions should be included in the revised leaflet.

Action: Mr. Hersom

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Dr. Coles agreed to let Dr. Taylor have some copy about affiliations for inclusion in the Society's pages in R&MM.

Action: Dr. Coles

Vice-Presidents

Dr. Gal and Mr. Munrow have agreed to be vice-presidents of the Society.

Festival

It was agreed that the 1972 Festival in Birmingham was a success and Mr. Wyatt will write a formal letter of thanks to the Festival committee.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

Suggestions were put forward, and accepted, for arrangements to be made for a 1974 Festival in Northampton. It was felt that there was a need for good advance publicity in order that greater numbers would help to make the proposed Festival pay its way. Mr. Ingram suggested that guarantors should be found against possible losses. Mr. Dalziel thought that the wealthier branches might be prepared to stand guarantee. The possibility of grants from educational bodies should also be investigated. Dr. Coles and Mr. Dalziel expressed themselves willing to set up and serve on a local (Northampton) committee to organise the proposed Festival. This offer was accepted.

Action: Messrs Coles and Dalziel

After discussion it was agreed that there was a possibility of the Festival following that of 1974 becoming international.

4. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram presented the accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1972, and pointed out that the loss on the year, £456.10 out of a total £1259.93, was worse than expected. The following detailed points emerged:

- a) The largest factor in the loss was the cost of buying and distributing the magazine.
- b) That we had waited too long before increasing the subscription.
- c) That a significant expenditure was incurred (£17.46) in printing and distributing the annual accounts to members. Mr. Dalziel offered to duplicate the accounts this year himself so that the cost could be reduced.

Action: Mr. Dalziel

- d) The accounts showed the Society to be £81.55 in debt. Mr. Ingram announced that he had made an interest free loan of £200. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Mr. Ingram and stipulated that if this loan could not be repaid within 12 months then other loans should be raised. Mr. Dalziel suggested that some branches might be approached.

5. Actions arising from 1972 A.G.M.

Mr. Wyatt tabled a draft he had prepared of a letter to branches. There was considerable discussion which led to agreement on the form of an amended draft. This letter is mainly concerned with possible future arrangements for the Magazine, and will be sent to all Branchsecretaries. The

letter will also ask branches to send copies of their accounts for the year ending 1971 and 1972 to Mr. Ingram.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

6. Miss Wright announced that some Country members, including Mr. and Mrs. Gray, had not renewed their subscription because of the large increase. A suggestion from Miss Wright that Mr. Gray be made an Hon. Life member was discussed but rejected, the objection being to the principle of Life Membership and not, of course, to Mr. Gray. Mr. Wyatt expressed his willingness to write a letter to Mr. Gray thanking him for his past work for the Society.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

Publicity for the Society was discussed. It was agreed that all aspects of this should be left in the hands of branches.

Mr. Hersom presented for discussion a Leeway School Descant Recorder and commented on its lamentably poor timbre and intonation. It was regretted that the Society, while deploring the existence of such poor quality instruments (especially when sold as suitable for use in schools) could do nothing to prevent their sale.

7. The next meeting was arranged for Sunday, January 7th, 1973, at 10.30 a.m. at 28 Belsize Square, London N.W.3.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their warmhearted hospitality.

L. E. Wyatt
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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 am on Sunday, 7th January 1973, at 28 Belsize Sq. London.

Present: Mr T. Wyatt - Chairman
 Mr R.A. Bruce - Secretary
 Miss F. Barker
 Dr W. Bergmann
 Mrs E. Cobb
 Dr R.B. Coles
 Mr G. Dalziel
 Dr C. Dolmetsch
 Mr H. Herson
 Mr E. Hunt
 Mr A.J. Ingram
 Miss K. Murray
 Miss M. Wright

1. Apologies: were received from Misses Dinn and Hill and Messrs Allen, Bonsor, Clark and Taylor.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the chairman as representing a true record.
3. Matters Arising:

Affiliation. Mr Herson agreed to duplicate a new publicity leaflet which would include information on affiliation.

Action: Mr Herson

Festival 1974. The organisation of the Festival to be held in Northampton on 20th April, 1974, is going ahead. It had been estimated that an attendance of 200 would probably represent a break even point on costs. It was suggested that, at the April 73 Delegates Conference, the Branches be asked to underwrite possible losses of up to £50.

Publicity. Dr Dolmetsch offered space on the programme of his March Wignore Hall recital. Mr Bruce to supply suitable copy.

Action: Mr Bruce

Leeway Recorder. Mr Wyatt reported his investigations into possible prosecutions under the Trade Description Act. The advice, basically, is that local Weights and Measures Inspectors should be approached with the complaints and evidence of local purchase.

4. Officers' Reports:

Treasurer. Mr Ingram reported that a very rough estimate based on very limited membership returns showed that the subscription charges might reduce the overall membership to 75%. If this were so we would finish the year with an excess of income over expenditure of about £30. Mr Ingram stressed that many Branch lists were still to come in so that no great reliance should be placed on this forecast.

Secretary. A letter had been received from Mr Bonsor explaining his inability to attend committee meetings in London. After discussion it was agreed, without dissent, that Mr Wyatt would write to Mr Bonsor assuring him of our understanding in the matter of attendance and expressing our appreciation of his valuable work as a Musical Director of the Society.

Action: Mr Wyatt

Mr Clark had written to say that pressure of work and personal reasons had decreed that at least a temporary halt in his work as Musical Director was unavoidable. He tendered his resignation. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr Wyatt should write to Mr Clark expressing our understanding of the situation and asking Mr Clark to defer thoughts of resignation for at least a year, during which time he would not be called upon to undertake any of the active duties of a Musical Director.

Action: Mr Wyatt

No reply had been received to a further request for information about the branch in formation at Hull. It was agreed that Hull would be dropped from the list of branches in formation.

Action: Mr Bruce.

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5. Recorder and Music Magazine.

Replies had been received from most Branches about the possibility of changing the method of distribution and thereby reducing costs. Although the majority response was that the present system should remain unchanged, it had been possible to forecast that if taking the magazine were optional there would be a reduction of about 130(13%) in the numbers of each issue taken by the Society. Mr Wyatt was asked to discuss the matter further with Mr Makings of Schotts on the basis of this forecast.

Action: Mr Wyatt

It was reported that Schotts were unhappy about adverse criticism in reviews of published music, and had instructed the Editor to omit unfavourable reviews in future issues. The Sommittee regretted that Schotts had taken such an attitude and requested Mr Wyatt, at his meeting with Mr Makings, to take up the matter. It was suggested that reviewers might be prepared to avoid making comment on commercial matters of which they might not have the full facts.

Action: Mr Wyatt

It was reported that there was a shortage of December issues and a request made that any spare copies be sent to Dr Allen.

6. Devon Branch. - Membership Structure.

Mr Wyatt reported that he had heard from Mr Crispin that the Devon Branch had instituted a two-level membership structure: national members and local members. The arrangement is experimental for 1 year. After discussion Mr Wyatt agreed to write to Mr Crispin pointing out strongly that the rules of the Society state that every branch member shall pay a subscription to the Central Fund in addition to a further subscription to be determined by the Branch. The Devon branch experimental membership structure does not therefore comply with the rules of the Society.

Action: Mr Wyatt

7. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be decided at the Delegate Conference in April.

The meeting concluded with thanks to Dr and Mrs Bergmann for their generous hospitality.

J. L. Wyatt 10/6/73

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10:30a.m. on Sunday, 10th June 1973, at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr T Wyatt - Chairman
Mr R.A. Bruce - Secretary
Dr. J. Allen
Dr. W. Bergmann
Dr. R.B. Coles
Mr. G. Dalziel

Mr. H. Hersom
Miss L. Hill
Mr A.J. Ingram
Miss K. Murray
Dr. S. Taylor
Miss M. Wright

1. Apologies: were received from Miss Barker, Mrs Cobb & Dr Dolmetsch.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the chairman as representing a true record.
3. Matters arising: Members present were given copies of the AGM minutes. These were read and the following points arose:
 - a) minute 6, the Secretary agreed to write to the American Recorder Society.
Action: Mr Bruce
 - b) minute 9, Mr Dalziel agreed to type and duplicate up to date copies of the Rules, after a draft had been produced by the Secretary.
Action: Messrs Bruce & Dalziel
 - c) minute 11, Dr Coles reported that there was further interest in C.S.R.P.
 - d) minute 15, Miss Hill agreed to produce a pro forma for Branches by July, in good time for the next season. It was agreed that a column should be included for other instruments played.
Action: Miss Hill.
 - e) minute 16, Mr Bruce said he was not prepared to send leaflets to organisers of Summer School & Courses - there are now too many of them. It was suggested that tutors who were Society members might take a supply of publicity leaflets with them.
 - f) minute 18, it was decided that if funds allowed there would be a reprint of the members list after the 1973-74 season returns were in.
Action: Mr Ingram & Miss Hill
4. Treasurer's Report: Mr Ingram gave the latest estimate of this year's finances, the summary being:

Income	£1320	
Magazine Expenditure		£900
Other	"	260
		<u>£1160</u>
Surplus expected		£160.

Drs Bergmann and Coles suggested that we ask for donations to the general fund to help build up a reserve. Mr Wyatt and others felt that a specific appeal for a definite purpose would be better than an appeal to build up reserves. It was also felt that the subscription should be increased next year to a level which would ensure an adequate surplus.

Membership: Miss Hill stated that this year's membership is down about 50 on last year, mainly lost from the Country branch.

Magazine: Dr Taylor reported that the level and quality of contributions to the magazine reflected a healthy and active Society.

- 5. 1974 Festival: The new date was confirmed as June 22 1974, the venue would be either Trinity Grammar School in Northampton or the new Duston Community Centre.

The Society annual conference will be held in Northampton on June 23rd 1974.

A clash of the new date with Mr Hunt's Missenden Abbey course was noted with regret. Dr Coles said a further new date could not be found. Mr Bruce was asked to write to Mr Hunt to see if the Missenden Abbey date could be changed.

Action: Mr Bruce

Mr Hand has been commissioned to write a new work for semichorus and massed players.

It was reported that detailed financial arrangements will be discussed at an imminent meeting of the festival sub committee and will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Action: Dr Coles.

- 6. Freda Dinn fund: Dr Coles reported receipts to date of £17. He will write to branches not so far heard from to set a deadline of October 30th for contributions.

Action: Dr Coles.

Mr Wyatt agreed to write to Miss Dinn about the form of present and presentation.

Action: Mr Wyatt.

- 7. RMSA: Mr Wyatt is to write to RMSA for details of their Music in Schools Conference.

Action: Mr Wyatt

- 8. Music Publishing venture: The suggestion was put forward that the Society should collaborate in the publishing at minimum cost of good but unpublished arrangements of music for recorders made by members and friends of the Society. There was much discussion of the possibilities and scope of the project, but the majority feeling was that while the Society would benefit from such a scheme, there should be no formal endorsement or participation on the part of the Executive Committee.

- 9. Conductors' List: Dr Bergmann proposed that Messrs D. Bamforth and C. Martin be invited to have their names added to the conductors' list. Mr Wyatt agreed to check whether they were, or would become, SRP members and if so write to them about the possibility

Action: Mr Wyatt

- 10. Next Meeting would be on Sunday, October 14th 1973, at 10.30a.m. at 28 Belsize Square, London N.W.3.

Dr & Mrs Bergmann were once again thanked for their excellent hospitality.

Wyatt 14/10/73

The Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.m.
on Sunday 14th October, 1973, at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr T. Wyatt - Chairman Mr H. Herson
 Mr R.A. Bruce - Secretary Miss L. Hill
 Dr W. Bergmann Mr A.J. Ingram
 Mrs E. Cobb Miss K Murray
 Mr G. Dalziel Dr S. Taylor.

Apologies: were received from Misses Parker and Wright, and Messrs Allen, Bonsor, Coles, Dolmetsch and Hunt.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the chairman as representing a true record.

2. Matters Arising.

- minute 3 a) The Sec. had written to the American Recorder Soc.
 b) The Rules had been typed and distributed.
 c) Preparation of CSRP candidates was going ahead in Northampton but not, as yet, elsewhere.
 d) The pro forma had been sent out to branches and was in general well received.
 e) Publicity at Recorder Schools & Courses...the Chairman agreed to write to ask Mr England if he would be prepared to arrange this.

Action: Mr Wyatt

The Secretary agreed to give Mr Herson an up to date list of Branch Secs so that a new publicity (duplicated) leaflet could be produced.

Action: Mr Bruce,
 Mr Herson.

- f) Members list.... to be reissued, subject to the availability of funds, after the 1973-74 membership returns are complete. Details to be finalised at next meeting.

minute 6 F.Dinn fund Dr Coles now has £40 and will shortly finalise arrangements.

Action: Dr Coles

minute 7 RMSA Mr Wyatt has not yet written about the Music in Schools Conference.

Action: Mr Wyatt.

minute 9 Conductors List Messrs Bamforth & Martin had agreed to go on the list. It was noted that all conductors on the list must be SRP members. It was further agreed that the list should be discussed in detail at the next Exec. Comm. meeting.

Action: Mr Bruce.

Magazine Dr Taylor wondered whether proposed arrangements were in accordance with the Rules. He also asked for the Committee's views on the SRP portion of the magazine. The Committee were satisfied that proposed arrangements were in accordance the Rules, and were generally satisfied with the SRP section of the Magazine.

On distribution it was agreed that bulk parcels will be made up and sent out by Office Aids. A subcommittee consisting of Miss Hill, and Messrs Allen, Wyatt and Bruce was set up to ensure that the new system is introduced effectively. A letter is to be sent to those Branches who wish to do their own distribution giving detailed instructions.

Mr Herson asked for an assurance that new members would be sent the December issue. It was thought that this should be possible for those Branches who sent in their lists promptly.

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5. TREASURER'S REPORT. Mr Ingram presented a preliminary and provisional version of the accounts for the year just ended. He reported a surplus of £368 which, after consideration of the deficit from last year, results in current assets of about £280. Mr Ingram reported that the loan had now been fully repaid.

When asked if we would need to recommend a subscription increase at the next A.G.M., Mr Ingram said that it was too early yet to say. Allowing for inflation we should have a surplus for 1973/74. It was agreed that a decision on this point must be taken at the next Exec. Comm. meeting.

- 6.a) There has been a suggestion that we should join the Federation of Music Festivals. After discussion it was decided that the SRP Festival is not of the type normally represented in the Federation, therefore we should not join.
- b) There is a likelihood of a new branch being formed by Mr Roy Smith in South Bedfordshire. There will be further meetings before a decision is made.
- c) Mr Dalziel reported on the progress of the arrangements. It was agreed that he should write to all branches about advance buying of tickets. The sub-committee was thanked for its good work.
- d) The Secretary had received a letter from Dr Coles advocating that Mr Middleton of Belfast be made an official SRP conductor. There was considerable feeling against this on the grounds of the possible expense to SRP for Mr Middleton to make visits to Branches outside Ireland, and also because the Belfast group is not a branch of SRP. The whole matter of the Conductors' list will be discussed at the next Exec Comm. Meeting. Dr Coles had also asked that the Belfast group should be recognised for CSRP purposes. This was not agreed to, it being the general feeling that the Belfast Group should first become a branch of SRP.

7. Date of next Meeting. This will be on Sunday, February 17th, 1974 at 10.30 a.m. at 28 Belsize Square.

Dr & Mrs Bergmann were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

J. E. Lyall 17/2/74

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.n. on Sunday 17th February 1974 at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr. T. Wyatt (Chairman) Mr. H. Harsom^e
 Mr. R. A. Bruce (Secretary) Miss L. Hill
 Dr. J. Allen Mr. E. Hunt
 Dr. W. Bergermann Mr. A. J. Ingram
 Mrs. E. Cobb Dr. S. Taylor
 Dr. R. Coles Mr. G. Dalziel

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1. Apologies were received from Mr. Bonsor, Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Murray and Miss Wright.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as representing a true record.
3. Matters arising
CSRP - There are two candidates in London and five courses involving 40 teachers in Northampton.
Publicity - Mr. England had been approached about courses and summer schools but had not yet responded. Mr. Wyatt agreed to follow this up.

Action - Mr. Wyatt

Mr. Harsom^e is preparing a new leaflet which will be sent to branch secretaries, people on the conductors list, and as far as possible to teachers training colleges. Dr. Taylor and Miss Hill offered to help Mr. Harsom with the distribution. Mention of CSRP will be made in the leaflet.

Action - Mr. Harsom

It was generally felt that an advertisement should appear regularly in the SRP pages of the magazine explaining how to join and whom to contact for details. It was agreed that Mr. Dalziel would devise the advertisement and Dr. Taylor would see it got into the magazine.

Action - Mr. Dalziel,
 Dr. Taylor

Members list - There was much discussion about whether we should spend money on a new list. A majority was in favour and Mr. Ingram agreed to investigate costs. A sub-committee consisting of Miss Hill and Messrs Ingram, Allen and Wyatt was set up to arrange publication. It was agreed that listing should be by geographical location and that telephone numbers and instruments played should be included.

Action - Members list sub-committee

F. Dimm fund - Dr. Coles reported that £50 has come in and has purchased an antique silver bowl. It was agreed that £1.53 from Central funds would be used to round off the remainder to provide a cheque to be presented with the bowl.

RMSA - Mrs. Cobb had attended a recent committee meeting of RMSA at which plans for the 1974 and future annual conferences were discussed. Mrs. Cobb reported on the meeting, saying that there might be a possibility of SRP choosing the theme of a future conference. Mr. Harsom agreed to gather information about the 1974 conference. Mrs. Cobb agreed to attend RMSA committee meetings whenever she could.

4. Treasurer's report

Mr. Ingram reported last year's accounts, explaining that our net surplus was £269. He felt that, taking inflation and expected income and outgoings into account, we would not need to ask for a subscription increase at this year's General Meeting. We should show a small surplus for the current year.

Membership Secretary's report

Miss Hill reported that the total membership so far stood at 901 with returns from the Warwick, Bath and Nuneaton branches still to come.

Secretary's report

Mr. Bruce reported that the Wolverhampton branch no longer wished to be part of SRP. Dr. Coles and Mr. Dalziel offered to discuss the matter with Mr. Reynolds when they meet him in March.

Action: Messrs Coles and Dalziel

Several letters had been received from a Mr. Edwardes of Cosham. Mr. Wyatt agreed to write to him.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

5. Conductors list

The list was discussed in detail. The following actions were agreed:

- S,81 - the Secretary to write to all on the list to enquire about their willingness to continue, etc., and to ask for revised details and telephone numbers.
- S,82 - The SRP Musical Directors to be added to the list.
- S,83 - The following people to be asked if they would agree to being added to the list: Mrs. Ward, Miss Jeans, Drs. Little and Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. Radford and Messrs. Bamforth, Martin and Muskett. Mr. Middleton would also be asked to join if he becomes resident on the mainland.
- S,84 - Details of conductors expenses and the possibility of applying a ceiling will be discussed at this years General Meeting.
- S,85 - Messrs. Brian Bonsor and Andrew Harsom^e would be asked to suggest possible additions to the list of conductors living in Scotland.

6. 1974 Festival

Mr. Dalziel gave a detailed progress report. All plans are advancing smoothly except that the advance guarantees asked of Branches had resulted so far in promises but few firm commitments.

7. There was some discussion about members of a Branch who paid regular visits to other Branches although paying only one subscription. The general feeling was that all visitors to a Branch who were not members of that Branch could, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Branch being visited, be charged a small fee to cover local expenses.

8. Woods of Bradford intend to repeat last years successful Early Music Fayre. It was agreed that local SRP volunteers could be asked to staff a stand which Schotts would pay for. The secretary is to write to Woods for dates and place.

Action: Mr. Bruce

9. Mr. Makins of Schotts is agreeable to reviving the arrangement whereby Schotts publish recorder ensemble music in the name of SRP. It was agreed that this was desirable. All profits from sales will go to SRP funds.

10. The CSR~~P~~ sub-committee reported that they considered that changes to the syllabus in the light of operational experience would be necessary. It was agreed that people who have previously passed the SRP Teachers test could qualify for the grant of a CSR~~P~~ on payment of a fee of 25 p to cover expenses.

11. Arrangements for the Annual Conference of SRP to be held in Northampton on June 23rd.
 - 11.1 - Agenda to be drawn up by Messrs. Wyatt and Bruce.
 - 11.2 - All Branches to receive notice of the meeting and agenda by April 28th.
 - 11.3 - Information about the Festival to be supplied by Mr. Dalziel and to go out with the agenda.
 - 11.4 - Dr. Coles to supply Mr. Bruce with information about dates and place by April 7th.
 - 11.5 - Northampton branch to help with accommodation for delegates if possible.
 - 11.6 - Branches to be asked to submit branch reports in advance to the Secretary

12. Next meeting: to be arranged.

The meeting concluded with a special vote of thanks for Dr. & Mrs. Bergermann for their generous hospitality.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee at 11.00 a.m.
on Sunday 22nd September 1974 at 28, Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr. T. Wyatt (Chairman) Mr. H. Herson
 Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary) Mr. E. Hunt
 Dr. W. Bergmann Mr. A.J. Ingram
 Mr. P. Clark Miss K. Murray
 Dr. C. Dolmetsch Miss M. Wright

1. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Barker, Miss Hill, Mrs Cobb, Dr. Coles and Mr. Dalziel.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were, after the correction of typing errors, accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising:
 - 3.1 Mr. England is arranging for the distribution of leaflets at suitable music courses.
 - 3.2 New publicity leaflets have been produced.
 - 3.3 It is not known whether or not Mr. Dalziel and Dr. Taylor have arranged for the SRP recruiting advert in the magazine.
 - 3.4 Music in Schools Conference:
In view of the impending SRP Festival in London in 1976 we should postpone any possible involvement in the conference.
 - 3.5 A new conductors list is in the course of preparation.
 - 3.6 Dr. Bergmann has offered some booklets on recorder playing to Schotts, the proceeds to go to SRP. Schotts decline to publish them at present. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Dr. Bergmann for his generous gesture.

4. 1975 Festival in Galashiels:

This will be promoted and organised by Mr. Bonsor and the Roxburgh branch.

Mr. Wyatt had received the following details from Mr. Bonsor:

- a. Free accommodation is available for 21st June 1975 in Galashiels.
- b. David Munrow had been asked to adjudicate the competition but it is thought he may not be free.
- c. The Early Music Shop of Bradford will be present.
- d. The festival is conceived primarily for the Scottish and North of England branches and at least 150 people are expected.
- e. Overnight hospitality can be provided for about 20 people

These details were discussed and compared with the previous festivals
The following decisions and suggestions were made:

- a. The Committee wholeheartedly supports the proposed festival.
- b. Although a detailed budget needs to be prepared the committee feels that provided the expenditure does not exceed £ 150 the SRP Central Fund will stand guarantee against losses although it is presumed that every effort will be made to break even.
- c. Since Galashiels has no rail service and only limited bus services it is suggested that an attempt be made to find overnight hospitality for more people, especially since it is proposed to hold the SRP Annual Conference on the day after the festival in Galashiels. At the Northampton Festival & Conference 40 beds were made available of which only 28 were needed, almost all for delegates and Executive Committee members.
- d. The festival should be advertised in the SRP pages of the December 1974 magazine.

The Chairman agreed to write to Mr. Bonsor and Dr. Taylor.

Action: Mr. Wyatt.

5. 1975 Branch Delegates Conference.

At the 1974 conference it was agreed that the date and place for 1975 should be decided by the Executive Committee when details of any 1975 festival become available.

The suggestion to hold the 1975 conference in Galashiels on June 22nd 1975 was discussed. While it was felt by some that to hold the Conference out of London for the second year running might be hard on the southern and south-western branches, the general feeling was that the opportunity to hold the Conference in association with the festival which many of the delegates would be attending should not be missed.

There was also some feeling that the conference should not automatically become tied to the festival.

The majority was in favour of the conference being in Galashiels on June 22nd 1975, but the general comment was that some organisation of transport arrangements for delegates and committee members would be desirable, and the Roxburgh Branch would be asked to help with overnight accommodation.

6. 1976 Festival:

Messrs Bamforth & Martin had offered to organise a 1976 Festival in Manchester. Mr. Wyatt had sought the views of the Manchester Branch and had found a lack of enthusiasm. The Committee felt that the wholehearted backing of a local branch was essential to the organisation and running of a festival. It also felt that a 1976 festival should be in London. Mr. Wyatt agreed to write to Messrs Bamforth and Martin thanking them for the offer but declining it.

Action: Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Wyatt reported that he had sounded out the Principal about holding the 1976 Festival at Morley College, and had received a favourable reply. Ample accommodation for about 400 visitors is available, with catering facilities. Mr. Wyatt was asked to discover the views of the London Branch and with them to draw up more detailed proposals.

Action: Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Hunt suggested that the festival in London in 1976 should include a competition designed to attract international interest, after the fashion of the one in Bruges. There was much discussion but the majority feeling was that the 1976 festival should not be so ambitious, although this might be possible in future years.

7. Membership List:

This has now been completed. Concern was expressed at the cost which, at £173 without packing and postage, is already £50 in excess of the estimate given in July. Typing had cost nothing owing to the generosity of Miss Hill's friend, but paper costs had been much greater than expected.

Costs so far are:	60,000 sheets of paper	£150
	ink	18
	stencils	5

		£ 173

It is estimated that further expenditure of £10 for envelopes and £45 for postage will be incurred.

Various ways of reducing the postage charge were discussed and the membership list sub-committee was asked to investigate the possibility of combining the distribution with that of the December magazine.

Action: Membership list sub-committee - Mr. Wyatt.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Ingram presented a preview of the accounts to 30th Sept. 1974 and concluded with an estimation of a surplus of £232 which was based on a membership list total cost of £125. Having now learned that the eventual cost of the list would be almost £225 he would have to revise his figures. He expects that the surplus is now likely to be in the region of £130 for the year.

9. Mrs Cobb had sent details of the generous response to the appeal for funds to support the visit of her recorder ensemble to Yugoslavia. She thanked the Society for its help.

10. The Committee was told of Miss Hill's illness following an accident, and agreed to send her condolences and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Action: Mr. Wyatt.

11. Next meeting:

Subject to there being a sufficient agenda the next meeting will be on Sunday Jan. 26th 1975 at 28, Belsize Square. London N.W.3.

Dr. and Mrs Bergmann were warmly thanked for their generous hospitality.

J L Wyatt
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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 6th April, 1975, at 28 Belsize Square, London.

<p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Mr. T. Wyatt (Chairman)</p> <p>Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary)</p> <p>Dr. W. Bergmann</p> <p>Mr. B. Bonsor</p> <p>Mrs. E. Cobb</p> <p>Dr. R.B. Coles</p> <p>Mr. P. Clarke</p>	<p>Mr. G. Dalziel</p> <p>Mr. H. Herson</p> <p>Mr. E. Hunt</p> <p>Mr. A. Ingram</p> <p>Miss K. Murray</p> <p>Miss M. Wright</p>
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1. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Hill, Dr. Dolmetsch and Dr. Taylor.
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. Matters Arising
 - (1) Mr. Dalziel will check with Dr. Taylor about inserting an SRP recruiting advertisement in the SRP pages of the magazine.
 - (2) Mr. Bruce is still preparing the new conductors list.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram presented the financial account for the year to 30th September, 1974, stating that some typing errors would be corrected by means of an erratum slip with the next magazine. The surplus was £167 about half that of the previous year and the membership list had eventually cost £225. Looking forward to September 1975, Mr. Ingram forecast that the cost of distributing the magazine was likely to exceed the cost of the magazine itself and the cost of conductors' visits could be considerably larger than last year, so that we would be lucky to break even. Postage has increased 73% in 18 months and we have been warned that the price of the magazine will go up in 1976 and it will therefore be necessary to increase the membership fee for 1975/76 very considerably. Mr. Ingram was not able to be precise about the amount of the increase until the likely cost of the magazine is known. It was thought desirable to make an estimate before the Delegates Conference in June, so Mr. Wyatt agreed to make an unofficial approach to Mr. Makins of Schotts to enquire about the possible increase in the magazine cost.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

Mr. Ingram gave details of the cost of posting the magazine parcels to self-distributing branches. He suggested and it was generally agreed, that the new subscription rates for members of those branches should in future reflect this increasingly substantial cost.

There was considerable discussion about the high cost of conductors' visits to the Dublin and Glasgow branches. It was felt that the rules should not, for the moment, be changed, but that branches likely to incur high expenses for their annual 'pastoral' visit should be asked to seek ways of minimising costs. Mr. Bruce agreed to send out a letter with the forthcoming new edition of the conductors' list explaining the rules for 'pastoral' visits and ways of keeping costs to a minimum. It was suggested that conductors asked by branches for annual 'pastoral' visits should inform the SRP Secretary as soon as the date for their visit was arranged.

5. Secretary's Report

The Committee was told that Miss Lorna Hill had reluctantly resigned as Membership Secretary because of illness. Dr. John Allen has agreed to take over the duties until the 1975 Delegates Conference, but was unable to be present at this Committee Meeting. On his behalf Mr. Bruce gave details of membership this year, which indicated an overall increase of about 10% over last year. It was agreed that in view of the high turnover of membership from year to year, about 30%, about 200 additional copies of the December issue of the magazine would in future have to be ordered from Schotts.

Mr. Bruce reported that despite having been supplied with instructive literature, branches in formation were not keeping the SRP Secretary informed of their steps to become officially recognised branches of SRP. For example a York branch was listed in the magazine which had not applied for, or been given, recognition as a branch and which had not sent in subscriptions. Another example was the would-be Beds and North-Herts branch which had sent in subscriptions but had had no communication whatever with the SRP Secretary.

6. Festival 1975

Mr. Bonsor described in detail the arrangements for the June 1975 Festival and Delegates Conference in Galashiels. He concluded that the net expenses would come to about £50. Since between 100 and 150 people at 75p are expected to attend, the overall finances are healthy.

7. Festival 1976

Mr. Wyatt reported on the London branches efforts in preparing for the 1976 Festival in London. Morley College has been booked for May 22nd 1976 and about 400 people can be accommodated. Suggestions were invited for competition adjudicators and the names of Sir Michael Tippett and Imogen Holst were put forward in addition to names already considered by the London branch committee. It was also suggested that a panel of SRP Musical Directors might be considered.

8. Agenda for 1975 - Delegates Conference

The only item apart from the usual ones concerns amending the subscription.

9. Condolences to Miss J. Barker

It was unanimously decided that a letter of condolence should be sent to Miss J. Barker on the death of her sister, Miss Frances Barker, a long-standing and valued member of the SRP Executive Committee.

Action: Mr. Wyatt

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10. Music in Education Conference

Mrs. Cobb reported on the meeting she had attended. She suggested that there was no point in the SRP affiliation unless we are willing and able to organise a conference. We have been asked to arrange a conference in 1977 or 1978. After discussion it was decided that clarification of financial aspects is required. Mr. Herson will join with Mrs. Cobb in representing the SRP at committee meetings.

11. Next Meeting to be fixed at the Delegates Conference.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

J Elyatt 14.3.1976

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 14th March 1976 at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr T Wyatt (Chairman)
 Mr R A Bruce (Secretary)
 Dr W Bergmann
 Mrs E Cobb
 Mr P Clarke
 Mr H Hersom
 Mr A Ingram
 Miss K Murray
 Dr S Taylor
 Miss M Wright

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Allen, Dr Coles, Dr Dolmetsch and Messrs, Bonsor, Dalziel and Hunt.

2. The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Mr Wyatt had contacted Mr Makins of Schotts and been given an undertaking that the price of the Magazine to SRP would remain constant until at least the spring of 1977.

4. Officers' Report

The Secretary presented Dr Allen's Membership Secretary's report, the main points of which were accepted and where necessary discussed, as follows:-

A) The present membership at 1170 is 4% up on last year and includes 300 new members. The Teeside branch have not so far sent a list and subs. for this year. The Committee knew of no reason for this and asked that Dr Allen write to them.

Action: Dr Allen

B) Miss Hill wishes to cease organising the supply of membership cards. Dr Allen has a quotation of £14 per 1000. Mr Bruce was asked to obtain a quotation from another printer via Miss Church, and discuss the matter with Dr Allen. It was felt that the colour needs to be changed each year.

Action: Dr Allen,
Mr Bruce

C) Dr Allen suggested that we review the list for complementary copies of the magazine. After discussion it was agreed that a revised list should include:-

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1. All Presidents and Vice Presidents.
2. Messrs. Minchin and Gray.
3. Some members of the American SRP organisation, the exact list to be agreed between the SRP and ASRP Hon. Sec'.
4. Messrs. Collette, Conrad, Staeps and Vellekoop with the addition of Messrs. Bruggen and Linde.

Action: Dr Allen,
Mr Bruce

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 1974-75, explaining that the surplus for the year was over £300, towards which the profit from the 1975 Festival had contributed more than £100. Mr Ingram forecast that we were likely to break even in 1975-76 only on the probability that the 1976 Festival will make a substantial profit.

Mr Ingram reported that the printing and distribution of the accounts to each magazine member had cost £25.

It was agreed that the Annual Conference should be asked if it would agree to copies of the accounts being sent only to Executive Committee members and Branch Secretaries, provided that the Treasurer would supply any member with a copy on demand. A brief summary of the accounts could be included in the SRP pages of the magazine together with a note offering a copy of the accounts to any member who writes in for one.

5. 1976 Festival

Mr Wyatt, on behalf of the London Branch, reported on the progress of arrangements. With 300 tickets already sold we are certain of a profit. Mr Rouse-Jones is preparing a special programme.

Mr Ingram requested that the Festival Committee explore thoroughly the Insurance aspects of the Festival and obtain cover if necessary.

Action: Mr Wyatt

It was agreed that a notice with respect to the Society's disclaimer of liability in respect of loss or theft or damage to personal property, etc., should be included in the Festival programme.

The Committee agreed with Mr Ingram's suggestion that complementary tickets should be made available for reporters from the press and broadcasting.

Action: Mr Wyatt

6. 1976 Annual Conference

The agenda was discussed, points to be raised are as follows:-

- A) Distribution of SRP Accounts, see 4 (above).

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- (B) Mr Wyatt, in his address, will raise the question of the use of illegally produced copies of published music at meetings, with special reference to the attitude of visiting conductors.

Dr Bergmann also asked that the effect on sales of Recorder music of Branch Libraries should be considered.

- (C) Dr Coles will be asked to explain the CSR and its progress to date, particularly in view of the existence of misconceptions of its nature and purpose.

- (D) Following the discussion of a letter from Mr Touchin of the Manchester Branch and a resolution to the 1976 Annual Conference already sent in by the Manchester Branch it was agreed that the Committee should declare its support of encouraging new, particularly young, people to join the committee. In principle the committee was not opposed to the resolution, but would wish to amend the wording in the second paragraph so that the sentence read, "The creation of such office shall be subject to the approval of the next Annual Conference etc."

In addition it was agreed that expenses to the Conference could be paid on the spot by cheque and that an expenses application will be sent out with the Conference papers. Mr Ingram is not prepared to make cash available.

- (E) Mr Arno is too busy to continue as Auditor, a new auditor will therefore have to be appointed at the Conference. Mr Wyatt agreed to approach Mrs Fysh and Mr Harrison.

Action: Mr Wyatt

- (F) Schotts have indicated that in order to reduce losses on the magazine they may have to increase the price, both to the public and to SRP in 1977. One way to minimise the increase would be to cut down printing costs by excluding outside (ie non-Schotts) advertisements. Schotts asked for the committees views on this. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Wyatt would inform Mr Makins that SRP are not in favour of excluding outside adverts, one reason being the probable loss of opportunity for reviewing publications other than those of Schotts. Mr Ingram estimated next year's break-even subscription to Central funds at £1.65 per head, assuming no increase in magazine costs to SRP. Mr Wyatt will attempt to obtain more information of the possible size of the magazine cost increase to enable a decision to be made at Conference on the new sums to be fixed for the Central Fund Subscriptions.

Action: Mr Wyatt

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- (G) The 1976 Conference will be held in Schotts Music Room at 10 a.m. on Sunday May 23rd. Miss Murray agreed to arrange a buffet lunch at a cost of around 50p each. It should be possible to conclude the conference by the early afternoon.

Action: Miss Murray

- (H) The Exec. Committee will seek to nominate Ross Winters and Colin Touchin for election to the committee at the conference. Mr Wyatt will seek their agreement.

Action: Mr Wyatt

7. Dr Taylor received the support of the committee to go ahead with his plans to change and improve the content and layout of the SRP pages in the magazine.
8. Dr Coles had written to the Secretary to complain of the shortness of notice for the present meeting. Mr Bruce apologised, but pointed out that the reason for it largely lay with the failure at the April 1975 meeting to observe usual practice and arrange then the date of the next meeting. After discussion it was agreed that each meeting should arrange the date of the next, and that the Exec. Committee should meet at least twice every year. It was also agreed that in order to encourage recruitment, particularly of younger people, to the committee, travelling expenses should be paid for attendance at two committee meetings per year.
9. Manchester and West Riding branches have expressed wishes to arrange a National Festival in 1978. It was agreed that Mr Wyatt would seek to obtain a definite commitment from Manchester in the first instance. If Manchester decline then West Riding will be approached.
- Action: Mr Wyatt
10. In accordance with the wishes of the 1975 Conference the Committee decided on an honorarium for Miss Hill on her resignation as Membership Secretary. The amount agreed on was £10. Mr Wyatt will write to Miss Hill.
- Action: Mr Wyatt
11. Mr Hersom and Mrs Cobb gave an account of the organisation and financing of recent Music in Schools Conferences. They reminded the Committee that SRP have agreed to arrange the Conference for 1977.
- Ideas for subject, content and style were discussed and it was agreed that an organising Sub-committee consisting of Mr Hersom, Mrs Cobb, Mr Clarke, Dr Bergmann and Mr Ross Winters be set up.
12. A proposal by Dr Coles that Mr Philip Bond of Ulveston be asked to allow his name to go on the SRP Conductors list was agreed to by the Committee, who also agreed that

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Mr Alan Davis of Birmingham should be asked likewise.

Action: Mr Bruce

13. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Belsize Square, London NW.3, on Sunday 10th October 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting concluded with a presentation to Mrs Bergmann and thanks to Dr and Mrs Bergmann for their hospitality.

J Lillyatt

Chairman 10/10/76

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 10th October 1976 at 28 Belsize Square, London.

- PRESENT:
- Mr T Wyatt (Chairman)
 - Mr R A Bruce (Secretary)
 - Dr J Allen
 - Dr W Bergmann
 - Mrs E Cobb
 - Mr P Clarke
 - Dr C Dolmetch
 - Mr H Hersom
 - Mr E Hunt
 - Mr A Ingram
 - Dr S Taylor
 - Mr C Touchin
 - Mr R Winters
 - Miss M Wright

1. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Murray, Mr Bonsor and Dr Coles.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising

It was noted that the magazine had been increased in price in September 1976, earlier than had been expected.

to the public but not to the society

Mr Wyatt had approached Mrs Fysh and Mr Harrison in finding a new auditor. Mrs Fysh had declined, but Mr Harrison had agreed to become auditor provided satisfactory terms of reference were drawn up.

Action: Mr Wyatt

4. Matters arising from the 1976 Conference

1. Music for branch meetings

Mr Clarke spoke of the Birmingham branch's attempts to get music on sale or return. Schotts, London Pro Musica and Barenreiter had co-operated, Bellwyn-Mills had refused, and no answer had been received from Universal Edition.

2. C.S.R.P.

Mr Hunt asked to be excused from serving on the C.S.R.P. sub-committee. Dr Bergmann agreed to act as chairman with Dr Coles remaining as secretary. Mrs Cobb and Dr Taylor will remain on the sub-committee and Mr Winters will join it. The meeting approved, unanimously, the

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new constitution of the sub-committee. There was a discussion of the C.S.R.P. exam during which it became clear that some changes to and clarification of the attendance at branch meetings requirement was desirable, particularly where Country members are concerned. The Executive Committee asked the C.S.R.P. sub-committee to consider this and other points raised. It also requested that a piece concerning C.S.R.P. be written for the Magazine.

3. S.R.P. emblem

The idea, put forward at the AGM by Mr Bonsor, was discussed at some length. It was felt that ties or scarves were unlikely to sell, but that an emblem or logo for use on paperwork might be useful.

It was agreed that a sub-committee should be set up to arrange a competition, with a prize of £10, for the design of an emblem which should include the name or initials of S.R.P.

5. Secretary's report

Mr Bruce reported that he had dealt with 200 items of post this year, compared to 130 last year. Enquiries about an extra branch in Ireland, and branches in Brighton and Oxford had been received. Mr Bruce reminded the Committee that he would not seek re-election as Secretary at next year's general meeting.

Treasurer's report

Mr Ingram presented the accounts for 1975/76 in their provisional form. The surplus was £297 of which £67 was profit from the London festival, which would have been greater had not the charges for refreshments been very much greater than estimated. Mr Ingram pointed out however that we should not rely on festivals providing a profit.

6. Membership List

There was a large majority in favour of a new issue of the list, even though the cost might be as high as £350.

The list should be alphabetical with an indication of which branch the member belongs to. Each entry will consist of name, address, telephone number and branch indication.

Branch secretaries will be asked to supply the information about their members, on a pro-forma to be devised by Mr Wyatt.

Mr Bonsor will be asked to obtain a printing quotation on the

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basis of the 1972 list as far as numbers of members are concerned.

Action: Messrs: Wyatt/
Bonsor

7. 1977 festival

This will be at Bradford College, Bradford on June 11th 1977, from 10.30 to 7 p.m. Arrangements and costings were discussed.

Mr Wyatt agreed to write to Mr Corbishley. It was agreed that at loan of £100 would be sent to the West Riding branch to open the festival account. A room will be booked and lunch arranged for the delegates conference the following day.

Action: Messrs: Wyatt/
Ingram

1978 festival

This will possibly be in Bath.
Mr Wyatt will contact Mr Jerrome.

Action: Mr Wyatt

8. Music in Schools Conference

This will be organised by S.R.P. and will be on May 21st 1977, it will be called: *emphasize the role of the Recorder at 'Eleven plus'*

The sub-committee was asked to provide a draft budget. It was agreed to make a loan of £100 available.

Action: Messrs: Hersom/
Ingram

Membership turnover

Mr Touchin was concerned at the high turnover and suggested several ways of improving S.R.P. It was felt that time should be set aside for more discussion at a future meeting. Mr Touchin agreed to write a paper for consideration at the next committee meeting. The paper will be sent to Mr Bruce by the first week in February, for distribution with the agendas.

Action: Mr Touchin

9. Date of next meeting

March 20th 1977, at 10.30 a.m., at Dr Bergmann's.

Dr and Mrs Bergmann were thanked for their hospitality.

J L Wyatt 20/3/77

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 20th March 1977 at 28 Belsize Square, London.

Present: Mr T Wyatt (Chairman)
Mr R A Bruce (Secretary)
Dr J Allen
Dr W Bergmann
Mrs E Cobb
Mr H Hersom
Mr E Hunt
Mr A Ingram
Miss K Murray
Dr S Taylor
Mr C Touchin
Mr R Winters
Miss M Wright

1. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bonsor and Clark and Drs. Coles and Dolmetsch.
2. After two minor corrections the minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. Matters arising

4.2 CSRP

The CSRP sub-committee tabled an ammended version of the exam requirements. After discussion two changes were called for, namely:

- a) That the sentence "These courses need to be approved by the SRP" should be deleted,
- b) That the note in the paragraph headed performance be altered to read, in ordinary type, "Note: wherever possible candidates should bring their own accompanist".

The ammended version was then approved unanimously.

- 4.3 Mr Wyatt reported that nothing had yet been done to set up a sub-committee to arrange a competition. After discussion it was agreed that Messrs Bonsor and Hunt should be asked to set up a sub-committee to operate postally. It was further agreed that Mr Bonsor should chair the sub-committee and co-opt additional support as necessary.

Action: Mr Bonsor

5. Miss Church will be asked if she is willing to become the Committee's nominee as next Hon. Sec.

Action: Mr Wyatt

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6. No quotation for a new membership list had yet been received from Mr Bonsor.

Action: Mr Bonsor

8. Mr Herson reported that 24 tickets for the Music in Schools Conference had been sold and enquiries were coming in steadily. 120 people can be accommodated and 100 are needed if expenses are to be covered.

3.1 Secretary's Report

1. The successful formation of a branch in Oxford was reported.

2. A letter had been received from the Piper's Guild saying that they had taken over the remaining stock of Michael Head's "Suite for Recorders or Pipes".

3. A letter had been received from our treasurer, Mr Ingram, stating that he would not stand for re-election at the 1978 Conference. The Committee agreed to seek a suitable successor.

4. Mr Bruce reported that both he and Mr Wyatt had represented the SRP at the Thanksgiving Service held recently in Westminster Abbey for our late President Benjamin Britten. Dr Taylor agreed to insert a short paragraph to this effect in the magazine.

5. Mr Bruce suggested that we should nominate a new President at the 1977 Conference.

After discussion it was decided that Dr Bergmann would ask Sir Michael Tippett if he would be willing to become President of SRP. In the event of Sir Michael's refusal, Imogen Holst, Frans Bruggen and Edmund Rubbra would be approached in turn.

Action: Dr Bergmann

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Mr Ingram explained the audited accounts for the year to 30 Sept 1976 and compared figures with the previous year. He went on to forecast a modest surplus for the current year, even allowing £450 for a new member's list. The Committee accepted the accounts to 30.9.76.

Action: Mr Wyatt

3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

Dr Allen reported that, taking into account the returns still to come in, the membership showed the continued modest growth of the past few years. Analysis of subscription details by Mr Ingram showed that 70% of the membership is in 'Old Style' branches, in which each member receives the magazine automatically by post. The remaining 30%, in 'New Style' branches, can choose whether or not to have the magazine, since the branch is responsible for distribution. Even so, 60% of 'New Style' members pay for the magazine, with the result that almost 90% of all SRP members take the magazine.

4. Festivals

4.1 Bradford 1977.

Mr Bruce agreed to write to Mr Corbishley asking for overnight accommodation for Messrs Bergmann, Ingram, Winters and Wyatt. Other Executive Committee members are asked to write individually to Mr Corbishley if they need overnight accommodation.

Dr Bergmann reported that the stipulated edition of the solo competition set piece is out of print and largely unobtainable. Mr Bruce was asked to write to Mr Corbishley and Dr Dolmetsch to ask that competitors should be written to and told that any edition would be acceptable.

Action: Mr Bruce

The Committee felt very strongly that adjudicators in SRP festivals must allow competitors complete freedom of choice of edition for set pieces, and that this principle should be communicated in future to SRP festival organisers.

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Mr Jerroune would be asked for a firm decision before the June Conference.

Action: Mr Wyatt

5. Agenda for 1977 Conference.

In addition to usual items the following would be included:-

- * a) a short paper by Mr Touchin on suggestions for helping SRP branches to realise the aims of SRP and increase membership, especially of young people.
- b) changes to the rules of SRP with respect to Committee membership, as agreed at the 1976 Conference.

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After discussion of the implications of the new rules it was agreed that Miss Murray and Mrs Cobb would retire from the Committee at the 1977 Conference, Dr Coles and Mr Hersom in 1978, and Mr Touchin and Mr Winters in 1979.

The Committee unanimously agreed that Mr Herbert Hersom would be nominated as a Musical Director of SRP at the 1977 Conference. Mr Hersom agreed to being nominated.

In order to ensure that a reasonable number of nominations to the Committee are obtained, the Secretary was asked to write to Mrs Winkelman, Mr Massy, Miss Nallen and Miss Campbell asking if they would be willing to allow their names to go forward as Committee nominations at the annual Conference.

Action: Mr Bruce

6. Mr Touchin presented his paper, entitled "The State of the Society", which he had sent to Committee members before the meeting. There was much discussion from which the following points arose:-

- A sub-committee might be set up to advise branches on useful and suitable music.
- Branches could be encouraged to bring forward good arrangements and original compositions.
- An article on recorder orchestras should be written for the magazine.
- Winning consorts from Festivals could be encouraged to visit interested branches.
- A list of recordings of consort music should be compiled.
- A list of suitable lectures should be compiled.

Mr Touchin agreed to send Mr Bruce by April 13th a short paper which could go out with the AGM papers for discussion in Bradford.

Action: Mr Touchin

There being no other business the meeting was concluded with thanks for hospitality to Dr and Mrs Bergmann.

Date of next meeting

10.30 a.m. Sunday October 16th 1977 at 28 Belsize Square, London N.W.3.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Sunday, 16 October 1977, at 28 Belsize Square, London.

- Present:
- Mr T Wyatt (Chairman)
 - Miss E M Church (Secretary)
 - Dr W Bergmann
 - Mr H Hersom
 - Mr E Hunt
 - Mr A Ingram
 - Mr C Touchin
 - Mr R Winters
 - Dr S Taylor
 - Miss M Wright
 - Mr J Massey
 - Mrs P Campbell
 - Mrs N Winkelmann
 - Dr R B Coles

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Dolmetsch, Dr Allen and Mr Bonsor.
2. The Chairman welcomed the three new members of the Committee - Mrs Winkelmann, Mrs Campbell and Mr Massey.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. Matters arising

(a) SRP Emblem

The Committee agreed (i) to drop the idea of a competition (ii) that the Chairman should approach Mrs Winters, Mrs Richards and Mr Dalziel inviting them to design an emblem (incorporating the Hotteterre hands if they so wished) and (iii) that Mr Bonsor should be informed that the sub-committee had been disbanded.

Action: Chairman (ii)
 Secretary (iii) ✓

(b) Music in Schools Conference

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Hersom, Mrs Cobb and Dr Bergmann for ensuring such a successful conference.

(c) New Treasurer

Mr Ingram suggested that his successor might be appointed before the 1978 Conference so that he could be fully initiated before his formal election. The Committee agreed that Mr Bill England should be approached.

Action: Chairman

(d) New Membership List

The Chairman reported that the new list had cost £310. There had been unavoidable delay in its distribution and Dr Taylor undertook to include an apology in the SRP

pages of the next issue of the Magazine.

Action: Dr Taylor

5. Matters arising from Annual Conference

(a) Payment of expenses of Committee members attending Annual Conference

The Committee agreed that a new rule should be drafted and circulated at the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: Chairman and Secretary

(b) Rule 10

The Chairman read Mr Roy Touchin's letter regarding the revised rules dealing with the election of new members of the Committee. After some discussion the Committee agreed that the Rules as they now stood ensured reasonable continuity, but that nevertheless, if Conference did wish to replace the whole Committee, the Rules would permit this. Mr Roy Touchin should be so informed.

Action: Chairman

6. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report

(a) Mr Ingram reported an increase in the Society's subscription to the Standing Conference for Amateur Music from £4.40 in 1973 to £10.80 in the current year and questioned whether the Society was receiving value from its subscription. (See (f) below)

(b) VAT

Mr Ingram said the position of the Society with regard to VAT had been raised by the West Riding Branch in connexion with the 1977 Festival. The Society had had to pay VAT on the hire of the room at Bradford and it had been suggested that the Society might be able to re-claim the sum paid. Mr Ingram had made enquiries but had been informed that in order to obtain a refund the Society would have to register for VAT purposes. The Society was not compulsorily registrable and, if it did register, it would probably have to charge VAT to members on a proportion of their subscriptions to the Society. Members of the Society were individuals and not in business, and were thus not able to set off any VAT payable on their subscriptions.

The Committee agreed that the Society should take no further action.

(c) At the Annual Conference the question arose of transferring some of the Society's balance on Bank Current account to Bank Deposit account on a temporary basis, but he did not think the Conference minutes accurately reflected what had been said. He had now come to an arrangement with the Bank under which any excess over £500 on current account was automatically transferred to a deposit account

The Bank however was not prepared to make automatic transfers from the Deposit to Current account; and he felt that in view of present lower interest rates there was little advantage in the arrangement - and he proposed that it should be reviewed after twelve months.

(d) Accounts for year ended 30 September 1977

Mr Ingram said that at the time of the Annual Conference in June he had estimated a surplus of £30. A combination of factors had improved the situation, e.g. -

surplus on 1977 Festival	£158
decrease in Schotts' and Office Aids' charges compared with estimate	£105
decrease in Annual Conference expenses compared with estimate	£86

The final result was a profit on the year of £478.33 after making provision of £350 for the new membership list. For the current year, allowing 10% for inflation, he estimated a surplus of £300-£350.

(e) Royalties

Mr. Ingram said Schotts' financial year ended on 31 December and at one time they were much in arrear in paying royalties to the Society. The Society's present auditor required the royalties for the year ending 31 December 1976 to be brought into the income and expenditure account of the Society for the year ending 30 September 1977, which meant that £38.52 which had been carried in suspense at 30 September 1976 would be shown separately (after deduction of the Corporation Tax thereon) in the accounts as an adjustment to the Accumulated Fund.

The royalties for Schotts' year ending 31 December 1976 amounted to £69.12.

(f) Charity exemption

This had been raised at the Annual Conference. Mr Ingram said he had now been converted to the idea that the Society should take steps to lodge an application for exemption. At present the Society was paying Corporation Tax on royalties, bank interest and building society interest. If the Society were granted exemption it would have to consider what investments were in its best interests. He did not know whether a claim for exemption would be successful, but he understood that the definition of "charity" had been extended and broadened. The Society also now had more income than it had some years ago on which charity relief would be relevant. He was not sure how to proceed, ie whether to seek advice from people in similar Societies which had received relief. The Standing Conference on Amateur Music might be able to give advice and this might be borne in mind before deciding whether to give up the Society's membership of SCAM.

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The Chairman thought it unlikely that SCAM would be able to offer any advice. Miss Wright suggested an approach to the Viola da Gamba Society which received exemption. Dr Cole thought there would be no difficulty in getting exemption since the Society was founded to persuade people that the recorder was worth playing properly and the Society had therefore a strong educational function. He suggested that the Society's Constitution should be sent to the Charity Commissioners. The Chairman proposed that the Treasurer should investigate the tax position informally and, unless advised to the contrary, he and the Chairman should then approach the Charity Commissioners.

Action: Treasurer
Chairman

The Committee agreed that the Society should resign from SCAM.

Action: Treasurer

Chairman's Report

Literature for new Branches

The Chairman undertook to redraft the Guidelines for the Formation of Branches and Notes for Guidance of Branch Officials and to send them to Committee members for comment.

Action: Chairman

7. Festivals

The Chairman suggested that Mr Dalziel who was organising the Bath Festival should be sent a list of recorder instructors at Music Colleges, Evening Institutes etc.

Action: Chairman

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Action: Treasurer

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Bath Branch that an inclusive fee be charged to competitors to allow them to participate in the remainder of the Festival.

8. Agenda for 1978 Annual Conference

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting of the Committee.

9. Any Other Business

- (a) The Committee agreed that the Society should make a present to the value of £20 to Mr Russell Bruce, who should be asked whether he preferred a record or book token.

Action: Chairman

(b) Society sponsorship of a record of consort music

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* After some discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee should be set up consisting of the Chairman, Messrs Ross and Colin Touchin and Mrs Winkelmann to consider the relative merits of cassettes and records and to present a feasibility report to the next meeting of the Committee.

- (c) The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Dr and Mrs Bergmann for their hospitality.

10. Date of next meeting: Sunday, 19th March 1978, at 10.30 a.m. at 23 Belsize Square, London.

J. G. Lyall 19/3/78

19th January, 1978.

Dear Theo,

Re: Minutes of the Meeting of the S.R.P.
Executive Committee on October 16th, No.7

I never was opposed to "competitors' being allowed to choose their own music." Nor did I say anything of that kind. At least I think so. What I said, or wanted to say, was that adjudicators should not be allowed to set a special edition of early music, and that competitors were not bound to follow editorial suggestions, neither in the recorder part nor the continuo.

Please have this corrected at the next meeting.

Yours,

Walt

Dr. Bergmann thought that adjudicators should not be allowed to set a special edition of early music and that competitors should not be bound to follow editorial suggestions neither in the recorder part nor the continuo.
Can you deal with this please.
Theo

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Sunday 19 March 1978

at 28 Belsize Square London

Present: Mr. T. Wyatt (Chairman)
 Miss E. M. Church (Secretary)
 Dr. W. Bergmann ✓
 Mr. H. Hersom ✓
 Mr. A. Ingram ✓
 Miss M. Wright ✓
 Mrs. P. Campbell ✓
 Mr. C. Touchin ✓
 Mr. R. Winters ✓
 Mr. J. Massey ✓
 Mrs. N. Winkelmann ✓
 Dr. S. Taylor ✓

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Dr. Allen, Dr. Coles, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Bonsor.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendment:-

Item 7. Festivals

Delete 'Dr. Bergmann was opposed.....with the adjudicator' and substitute; 'Dr. Bergmann thought that the adjudicators should not be allowed to set a special^{edition} of early music and that competitors should not be bound to follow editorial suggestions, either in the recorder part or in the continuo.'

3. Matters arising

(a) SRP Emblem

The Chairman reported that the approaches made so far had produced no response, but that Mr. Hersom had submitted an emblem that had been designed for the mid-Herts Branch. The Committee thought this would form the basis for a suitable emblem for the national society subject perhaps to some slight redesign, and Mr. Hersom agreed to chair a sub-committee consisting of himself, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Winters to give further consideration to the design.

Action; Mr. Hersom

(b) New Treasurer

The Chairman had written to Mr. England who had agreed to stand for the post of Treasurer but had suggested that it might be inconvenient if he and the auditor (Mr. Robert Harrison) were not within easy reach of one another and had put forward tentative proposals for the appointment of an auditor from Manchester. The Committee agreed that Mr. England should be asked to wait to see whether serious inconveniences arose in practice.

Action: Chairman

(c) Membership List

Opinions about the format of the new list were mixed and it was agreed that the Committee should consider before a further issue whether to include a list of members classified under branches at the end of the list.

(d) Payment of expenses of Committee members attending Annual Conference

The Chairman suggested the addition of 'and Annual Conferences' at the end of Rule 8(f). The amendment should be placed on the agenda for the next Conference.

Action: Secretary

(e) Literature for new branches

Dr. Taylor had suggested some minor amendments to the Chairman's drafts but the literature had been duplicated and issued before Dr. Taylor's comments were received. It was agreed that the literature need not be revised and reissued at the present time.

(f) Present to Mr. Russell Bruce

The Chairman after consulting Mr. Bruce had purchased "The History of the Violin" at a cost of £18.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram circulated copies of the accounts for the year ended 30 September 1977. The accounts showed a satisfactory financial position and the Treasurer anticipated a surplus in the current year. He did not therefore recommend any increase in the subscription.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary should have power to issue a fresh mandate to the bank on the appointment of a new Treasurer.

Action: Chairman and Secretary

5. Society sponsorship of a record of consort music

A Report of the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting of the Committee had been circulated.

The majority of the Committee thought the issue of a record would be good publicity for the Society and might improve recorder playing standards. Some members however did not think the Society should be involved or that listening to records necessarily improved standards. A list of available records might be carried in the Magazine, and Mr. Touchin undertook to collect material for such a list.

The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that the sub-committee be asked to continue its examination of the feasibility of the current proposals or other alternatives.

6. Allocation of postage costs between central funds and London Branch

The London Branch considered costs should be shared on the basis of the relative weight of the mailed material. Mr. Ingram argued that the London Branch should contribute half of the sum it saved. The Committee agreed with Mr. Ingram.

6. Charity exemption

Mr. Ingram said that he had approached Inland Revenue for an informal discussion of the Society's position. He had received a formal reply stating that exemption was not due because the Society's aims were not charitable at law. It was agreed that an approach should now be made to the Charity Commissioners for advice, and that the Treasurer should make clear to the Inland Revenue that the Society had not yet made any formal application.

Action: Chairman and Treasurer

8. 1978 Festival

The Treasurer had advanced £100 to the organisers of the Bath Festival. The Secretary undertook to co-ordinate requests from Committee members for overnight accommodation

9. Formation of Cork branch

Mr. Ingram said that the Committee should think carefully about recognising this new branch since the expense of conductors' visits to Cork and of the attendance of representatives at Conference would far outweigh Branch subscriptions.

The Chairman said that in his view it was proper and desirable that players in remote areas who most needed contact with the rest of the recorder world should in effect be subsidised by those in large centres of population such as London. He hoped the Committee would welcome the Cork branch, but said that more thought should be given to means of effecting economies on pastoral visits, particularly by adding Irish names to the panel.

The Committee agreed that the Cork branch should be recognised and that the Chairman should report this to Conference for confirmation.

Action: Chairman

10. Conductors' Panel

The Committee agreed that consideration should be given to the revision of the list at the next Committee meeting.

Action: Secretary

11. List of recorder courses

The Committee agreed that it would be helpful to members if a list of forthcoming courses and other events were published. The existence of such a list might also help to avoid the clashing of dates. It was agreed that the Secretary would compile material for such a list and that the Chairman would write to Mr. Hunt about the possibility of including such a list in the Magazine.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Date of next meeting:- Sunday October 15 1978 at 10.30 a.m.
at 28 Belsize Square London.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Committee meeting held on 15 October 1978 at 28 Belsize Square London NW3

Present	Mr. Wyatt	Chairman
	Miss Church	Secretary
	Mr. England	Treasurer
	Dr. Bergmann	
	Mrs. Campbell	
	Mr. Clark	
	Dr. Dolmetsch	
	Mr. Hersom	
	Mr. Hunt	
	Mr. Hilling	
	Dr. Taylor	
	Mr. Touchin	
	Mrs. Winkelmann	
	Miss Wright	

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Allen, Mr. Bonsor, Mr. Winters and Mr. Massy. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Clark whose resignation had been withdrawn.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Society sponsorship of a record of consort music
The Chairman reported that Conference had rejected the proposal made in the Second Report of the Sub-committee that the Society should explore the possibility of distributing commercially issued records at special prices to members through Branches.

b. Charity exemption
The Chairman reported that no approach had yet been made to the Charity Commissioners. It was clear that the Rules would have to be amended if the Society were to succeed in gaining exemption.

c. Formation of Cork branch
The Chairman reported that the branch had not materialised.

d. List of recorder courses
This had been pursued with the Editor of the Magazine who had indicated that he was willing to publish a list, although he naturally wished to encourage paid advertisements. The Chairman asked members of the Committee who might be involved in the running of courses to send advance information to the Secretary.

4. MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Secretary reported that Edinburgh (who were not represented at either the 1977 or 1978 Conference) had complained that Edinburgh had been designated as the venue for the 1981 Festival without being consulted. The Chairman said he thought there had been general agreement that by 1981 the time would be ripe for another Festival in Scotland, but not necessarily in Edinburgh. He undertook to write to the Branch accordingly.

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

a. Treasurers Report
Mr. England circulated the Central Fund accounts for the year ended 30.9.78 which shewed a surplus for the year of £1007 and a reserve of £2579. He had changed the accounting system since taking office and it had not therefore been possible to show comparable figures for the previous year. Since considerable expense would be involved in reprinting the members list and because of the increase of the price of the Magazine and distribution costs he recommended that the surplus should be left for the time being.

b. Chairman's report

The Chairman said that his attention had been drawn to some Schott descant recorders on sale in music shops which produced no sound at all. The instruments carried the seal of approval of the Association of Musical Instrument Industries. In his view the design was basically faulty. He had outlined the situation to the Conference, and with Mr. Hersom had taken the matter up in the name of the Society with Mr. Makings, Managing Director of Schotts. Mr. Makings had referred the matter to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hunt said that he had visited the factory where these instruments were made for Barnes and Mullins. The trouble had been due to a consignment of the wrong sort of maple wood. In his view the current production must be regarded as satisfactory.

The Committee agreed that the matter need not be pursued further unless it became evident that defective instruments were still on sale.

6. COST OF MAGAZINE

Mr. Hunt said that the price of the Magazine to the general public was to be increased from 50P per issue to 75P with effect from the March issue. Schotts were asking the SRP to pay 50P per copy against the present 25P but were prepared to defer the increase until September 1979.

The Chairman pointed out that although the SRP had been charged only 50% of the retail price for many years, under the original deal with Schotts in 1964 the Society had paid three-quarters of the published price.

Mr. Hunt said that 50P covered only the bare cost of printing and that the SRP would continue to receive the Magazine at or below cost price.

The Committee agreed to accept the increase to 50P from September 1979.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Chairman proposed that a family membership should be recommended at the next Conference. The Committee decided that the Conference should be asked to approve subscriptions from October 1979 of £3.50 for a single membership and £4.50 for a household membership to cover all members living at one address.

8. NEW BRANCHES

The Committee approved the affiliation of new branches at Essex and at Fife (to be called the Fife Early Music Society)

9. PANEL OF VISITING CONDUCTORS

The Committee agreed that a continuous list should be compiled to replace the present loose slips. Those already on the list should be asked to prune their biographical details and should be encouraged to become members.

It was agreed that the following should be invited to join the panel:-

Paula Campbell; Anna Bonnicksen; Peter Crispin; Lyndon Hilling; Evelyn Nallen; Philip Thorby; Colin Touchin; Nancy Winkelmann.

Dr. Dolmetsch suggested Ann Frances Ellis and Wendy Hancock. It was agreed that the Essex and London Branches respectively should be asked to invite these people to conduct at Branch meetings before a decision was taken on their inclusion in the panel.

Action: Chairman and Secretary

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Elections

Colin Touchin and Ross Winters were due to retire in 1979 and it was agreed that the Committee should nominate Philip Thorby and Evelyn Nallen if they were willing to stand.

Action: Chairman

b. New membership list

The Committee agreed that a new list should be arranged both by regions and alphabetically.

c. Despatch of advertising material with the Magazine

The Committee was opposed to the despatch of advertising material with the Magazine.

d. New style branches and distribution of Magazine

The Treasurer was concerned lest more members of the new style branches opted out of receiving the magazine when the cost was increased. Even at present the contributions from some new style branches did not cover the cost of servicing them. He suggested that the Society should allow no further branches to go "new style" and that existing new style branches should be persuaded to revert to old style; also that new style branches should be required to take a minimum number of magazines - 14 new style branches took an average of 18 magazines per branch.

The Chairman pointed out that new style branches as a whole did not impose any drain on the Society. Insistence on taking a minimum number of magazines would cause difficulties for small branches such as Devon and Roxburgh at whose instance the new style had been introduced in the first place. He proposed that no changes should be made but that the level of subscription for new style branches should be kept under review.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that at the next Conference the Treasurer should take the opportunity to explain the facts and their implications to new style branches.

Action: Treasurer

e. Festivals

Mr. Touchin reported that preparations for the 1979 Festival were well advanced.

f. SRP Emblem

Mrs. Winters had submitted a series of designs which were put on display. The Chairman expressed the Committee's gratitude to Mrs. Winters. A design was chosen, subject to some simplification and it was agreed that the emblem should be tried out on notepaper, ties, T shirts and car stickers. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Hersom (Chairman), Mr. Winters, Mr. England and Mr. Wyatt was appointed and was authorised to spend up to £200 on initial supplies. Attempts should be made at London and Mid-Herts branch meetings to assess likely demand for various items. Decisions should be made as soon as possible in order to have items available for the 1979 Festival.

g. Hire library of music for recorder orchestra

Mr. Touchin said that Mr. Simon Milner of Oxford was prepared to organise a hire library of contemporary recorder orchestra music. There was already a nucleus of fifteen works. He believed that such a hire library could be self-financing, but hoped that the Society would provide the initial funding. The Chairman questioned whether the scheme could be self-financing given that the enthusiasm of branches for difficult modern works was in doubt. The Committee agreed however that the proposal should be looked into further and asked Mr. Touchin to prepare a paper for the next meeting describing the proposed scheme and its costings in more detail.

Action: Mr. Touchin

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 11 1979 at 10.30 a.m. at 28 Belsize Square London NW3.

J. E. Wyatt 11/3/79

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 11 March 1979
at 28 Belsize Square London NW3

Present:- Mr. Wyatt Chairman
Miss Church Secretary
Mr. England Treasurer
Dr. Allen Membership Secretary
Dr. Bergmann
Mrs. Campbell
Mr. Clark
Mr. Hersom
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Massy
Dr. Taylor
Mr. Touchin
Mrs. Winkelmann
Mr. Winter

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Bonsor, Dr. Dolmetsch Mr. Hilling and Miss Wright.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising

(a) Charity exemption. The Treasurer knew of a small society with aims similar to those of the SRP which ~~was pursuing~~ exemption. He believed that only slight amendment of the Society's rules would be necessary in order for it to qualify. The Chairman and Treasurer agreed to discuss further before Conference.

Action: Chairman and Treasurer

(b) List of recorder courses. Mr. Hunt agreed to reprint in each issue of the Magazine details of those courses which had not yet taken place.

(c) Minutes of 1978 Conference. The Chairman said that he had written to the Edinburgh Branch explaining that past Conference discussions should be read as meaning no more than that if Edinburgh offered to host the 1981 Festival this would be very welcome to the Society.

(d) Subscriptions. A resolution would have to be submitted to Conference in connection with the proposed increase in subscription and the establishment of household membership.

Action: Secretary

(e) Elections. The Chairman has only recently approached Evelyn Nallen who had not had time to reply. The Committee agreed that if she were unwilling to stand Dr. Coles should be approached. Otherwise he would be put forward as a candidate in 1980.

Action: Chairman

Had secured

(f) New membership list. The Committee agreed that the list should be reprinted in 1979 and that subject to an acceptable estimate from the printers work on it should proceed forthwith. The views of Branches on the usefulness of the list should be sought at Conference.

Action: Membership Secretary and Chairman

(g) SRP Emblem. Mr. Hersom circulated designs for the proposed emblem. T-shirts, head squares and car stickers had been ordered and would be on sale at the Festival. It was agreed that a smaller version of the emblem should be used on the Society's notepaper. Vice-presidents should be omitted from the heading along with Musical Directors, leaving the President and the names and addresses of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Country Secretary.

Action: Secretary

The Committee agreed that in appreciation of the work Mrs. Winters had done the Chairman should write her a letter of thanks and the Treasurer should send her a cheque for £20.

Action: Chairman and Treasurer

(h) Hire library. The Chairman reported that the London Branch had started an experimental recorder orchestra under Mrs. Winkelmann which had attracted 40 apparently keen players. Mr. Touchin gave details of his proposals for a hire library. Apart from modern works for recorder orchestra the library would include arrangements not available elsewhere. He estimated that an initial sum of £120 would be required to run off copies of eight or ten works, print application forms, and pay for advertisement in music magazines. A panel would be required to run the library, which he thought should be based in Manchester for the time being. He suggested that it be known as the SRP Hire Library to demonstrate the Society's involvement and that the subscription might be £2 per branch per annum plus a hire charge for music borrowed. If a public performance were given of any of the works borrowed a royalty should be collected for the composer. If the library ceased to function the music would become the property of the Society.

The Committee agreed that Mr. Touchin, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Winkelmann should form a sub-committee to run the scheme and should be free to co-opt Mr. Bamforth and Mr. Milner. They also agreed to allow the library to draw up to £120 from Central Funds to meet its initial expenses. The sub-committee was asked to report to the 1979 Conference.

4. Officers' reports

(a) Treasurer's report. Mr. England presented revised accounts for the year ending 30 September 1978 showing a revised surplus for the year of £1,022. He estimated a probable deficit in 1978/9 of £350 which could met from reserves. The position in 1979/80 could be adversely affected by the increase in the cost of the Magazine and its effect on membership. He reported that there had been a substantial drop in payment of royalties to the Society by Schotts.

(b) Membership Secretary's report. Dr. Allen reported that the membership had decreased by 45 in the last year, but that this should be made up by the admission of new branches.

5. Annual Conference. This would take place on 20 May 1979 at Salford University

6. Festivals. Mr. Massy and Mr. Hersom reported that arrangements were going ahead for the 1980 Festival to be held in Cambridge probably on 17 May.

Manchester Branch had not submitted a draft Festival budget, but had not asked the Society for financial help. The Treasurer undertook to check with the Branch that they appreciated that any profits from the Festival accrued to the Society.

Action: ~~Treasurer~~ Colin Touchin

7. New branches. The Committee agreed to the affiliation of new branches at Milton Keynes, Darlington and West Dorset. The Secretary would inform the new branches and ask them to submit short articles for inclusion in the Magazine by 1 April to Dr. Taylor.

Action: Secretary

8. Panel of visiting conductors. The Committee agreed that conductors on the panel must be members of the Society. The Chairman undertook to write to Mr. Bamforth thanking him for his suggestions for additions to the panel but pointing out that the Rules precluded their inclusion unless they became members of the Society.

Action: Chairman

9. Any other business. The Treasurer said that investment in a building society was now more favourable than in a bank. The Committee agreed that he be authorised to open a deposit account in the name of the Society with the Bradford and Bingley Building Society, the account to be operated by any one of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer for the time being.

Action: Treasurer

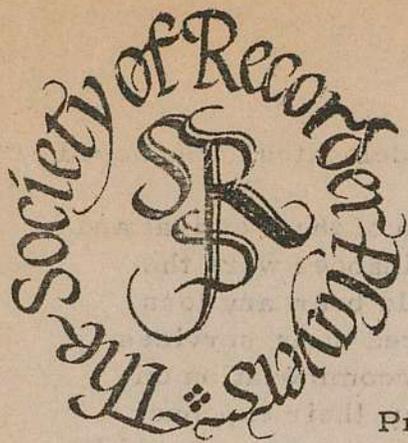
10. The Chairman thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

11. Date of next meeting. Sunday 14 October 1979 at 10.30 at 28 Belsize Square London NW3.

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Chairman

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Committee Meeting

held on 14 October 1979

at 71 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3

Present:	Mr Wyatt	Chairman
	Miss Church	Secretary
	Mr England	Treasurer
	Dr Allen	Membership Secretary
	Dr Bergmann	
	Mrs Campbell	
	Mr Clark	
	Mr Hersom	
	Mr Hilling	
	Mr Hunt	
	Mr Massy	
	Miss Nallen	
	Dr Taylor	
	Mr Thorby	
	Mrs Winkelmann	
	Miss Wright	

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Dolmetsch and Mr Bonsor.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

3. Matters arising

- (a) Charity exemption In second line delete 'was pursuing' and substitute 'had secured'.

6. Festivals

- Delete 'Action: Treasurer' and substitute 'Action: Mr Touchin'.

3. Matters arising

(a) New membership list The Chairman reported that the decision taken at the previous meeting that the list should be classified both alphabetically and by regions had had to be abandoned because of labour and cost problems. The new list, classified alphabetically, had now been distributed. The question of future editions of the list would be considered at the 1980 Conference.

(b) SRP Emblem Mr Hersom said that his initial stocks had now been sold and replacements were on order. A small profit had been made during the financial year 1978/79. The incorporation of the emblem on notepaper for use by the Chairman, Secretary and COS Secretary would be put in hand.

Action: Chairman and Secretary.

4. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer circulated the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 September 1979. The surplus for the year was £201, but this left out of account the cost of the new membership list. The order to Schotts for magazines had been increased to 1100, but Schotts' bill for the September issue had been based on 50% of the commercial rate of 75p whereas the Society had expected to pay 50p per copy. Costs during the current year were likely to be much higher on account of increased postal charges and the cost of the new membership list. The 1979 Conference had been very expensive

but would have shown a deficit of £150 had the cost of the members' list gone through in that years accounts.

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because hotel accommodation had had to be found for some delegates. He hoped the 1980 Conference would be less expensive.

Manchester Branch had raised the question of the separation of the Festival and Conference accounts. The Committee agreed that Festival finances were the responsibility of the society nationally. Central Funds would bear any loss incurred and receive any profit. Conductors normally offered their services without charge, but if they and Branch delegates required accommodation on the Saturday night in order to attend Conference the next day their expenses should be met from Central Funds. Festival and Conference accounts should be kept quite separate; organisers of Festivals should be so informed.

The Treasurer said that bank interest was now much higher than building society interest and he proposed to move funds into bank deposits. This move would be especially advantageous if the society became a charity.

The balance sheet showed ~~£150 less~~ ^{£101 more} in hand than at the end of the previous year. If one took the cost of the magazine and its distribution from subscription income the balance barely covered the cost of pastoral visits and Conference expenses. But it was clear that many visiting conductors and branch delegates did not claim all the expenses to which they were entitled. If they started to do so the society's financial position would be precarious. Possible solutions were (a) to raise subscriptions; (b) to limit the amount of expenses to (say) £10; and (c) to hold Conferences in London separate from Festivals.

The Chairman said that holding Conferences outside London was valuable in countering the feeling, which had existed in the past, that the Society was London dominated. It was far from certain that a London Conference would be cheaper; experience of the earlier provincial conferences was that they were cheaper than in London. To introduce a limit on expenses would discriminate against the remoter branches, and was directly contrary to what he regarded as an underlying principle of the Society that the central and larger branches should subsidise the smaller and remoter ones. It would be time enough to consider raising the subscription when conductors actually started increasing their claims.

The Committee agreed however that branches should be urged to consider the rising cost of pastoral visits and that a circular should be sent out pointing out that branches should wherever possible invite a conductor from their own region. They should also be reminded of the Rule that the Secretary should be informed before a firm arrangement with a conductor was made; if this rule were not complied with the branch might be asked to meet the conductor's costs.

Action: Chairman

5. Revision of Rules

The Chairman reported that Mr John Turner, a solicitor, had very generously undertaken a complete revision of the SRP Rules, as well as drafting new objects clauses to enable the Society to apply for charitable status. These new clauses had been circulated to Committee members. An appendix had yet to be drafted setting out the Rules which applied to branches. The revision did not include the CSRPs among the Society's activities; the Treasurer would discuss its inclusion with Mr Turner.

The Committee agreed to the new objects clauses and appointed a subcommittee of the Chairman and Treasurer to produce a final version of the Rules for submission to the Charity Commissioners. After approval by them, the Rules would be submitted to the next Committee meeting and circulated to every branch secretary before the next Conference.

6. New Branches

The Committee agreed to the affiliation of new branches at High Wycombe and Sheffield.

Action: Secretary

7. Recorder Orchestra Library

The Chairman recalled Mr Touchin's proposal to set up a recorder orchestra library and the Society's agreement to advance £120 to meet its initial expenses. At the 1979 Conference Mr Touchin had distributed a prospectus. Having studied this prospectus and discussed it with Mrs Winkelmann who ran the London Branch Recorder Orchestra he had written, specifically in his capacity as Musical Director of the London Branch, to Mr Touchin saying that the charges were so high as to discourage the London Branch from becoming a customer, and that the inclusion in the charges of royalties for composers seemed to him - bearing in mind that the composers were mostly SRP members and that the only potential customers at present were SRP branches - to be probably in conflict with the Society's rule that members should not receive payment direct or indirect for their services, and certainly unwise in a society seeking charitable status. Mr Touchin had rejected these arguments and had undertaken to write a paper for the meeting. This had not arrived, but Mr England had received a copy, and the Chairman then read this to the meeting.

* The Treasurer said that Mr Touchin had submitted a claim for £6.78 for expenditure already incurred, but work was now suspended until the matter had been discussed by the Committee. Mr Turner had given the opinion that the payment of royalties would not prejudice the Society's request for charitable status so long as the amounts were small.

Mrs Winkelmann said that she knew that Mr Touchin had been in touch with a representative of a publisher with a view to getting items in the library published. The general feeling of the Committee was that (a) it was unwise for the Society to sponsor a scheme which involved the payment of royalties by members to other members; and (b) the charges were set at a level which would not encourage the growth of recorder orchestras. The Committee agreed that Mr Touchin should be told that the Society no longer wished to accept financial responsibility for the scheme and that if he wished to continue he should carry it on as a private commercial venture. It should be made clear to Mr Touchin however that the Committee took this decision with regret.

Action: Chairman

8. 1980 Festival

Mr Massy reported that arrangements were now well advanced and that the Festival would be held on 17 May 1980 at the Sixth Form College Long Road Cambridge. A draft budget had been given to the Treasurer.

9. Future Festivals

The Milton Keynes branch had written to the Secretary offering to hold the Festival at Milton Keynes in 1982 or 1983. The Committee agreed that as the 1982 Festival was to be held in Stevenage it might be preferable for the 1983 Festival to be held further afield. But if Milton Keynes could organise a Festival in 1984 this would be very welcome.

Action: Secretary

10. Any Other Business

(a) The Chairman pointed out that under present arrangements members who joined old-style branches on 1st October received the December magazine. Approximately 20% of members left the Society each year. But who these members were was not known until membership returns were received, usually in January or February. So these people received the December magazine without paying for it. He suggested that a member's subscription should be regarded as entitling him to four issues of the Magazine starting with the March issue. The majority of the Committee were opposed to this change, but it was agreed that the question should be considered again at the next meeting.

(b) Mr Hunt reported that Schotts had recently informed him that they wished to cease publishing the magazine because they were losing money. He had looked at the figures and thought that if he took over responsibility he could make several economies which would enable the magazine to pay its way but would not affect its quality.

The Committee offered Mr Hunt every support, and the Chairman said that if Mr Hunt wished to discuss some sharing of financial responsibility with the Society, this would be considered. There should be a formal letter of agreement as there had been with Schotts; the Chairman would discuss this with Mr Hunt. The Society would pay Mr Hunt the 50p per copy which it had agreed to pay Schotts. Mr Hunt undertook to present an interim report to the next Conference.

Action: Chairman and Mr Hunt.

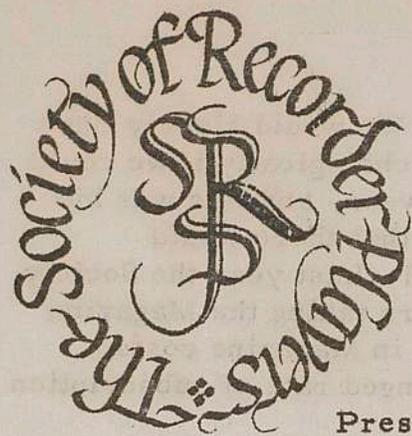
(c) Mr Clark asked whether there was a rule that a member of one branch was entitled to attend meetings of other branches free of charge. The Chairman said that there was no such rule. The London Branch had an arrangement whereby a member of another branch could become a full member of the London Branch on payment of the branch element in the subscription (currently 50p per annum) but was otherwise required to pay the normal visitors fee. This seemed a reasonable policy which other branches might care to adopt.

11. The Committee expressed their thanks to Miss Seelig for her hospitality.

12. Date of next meeting Sunday March 9 1980 at 71 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3 at 10.30 a.m.

J. P. Wyatt

10.3.80



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Committee Meeting

held on 9 March 1980

at 71 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3

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| Present: | Mr Wyatt | Chairman |
| | Mr England | Treasurer |
| | Dr Allen | Membership Secretary |
| | Dr Bergmann | |
| | Mrs Campbell | |
| | Mr Hilling | |
| | Mr Hunt | |
| | Miss Nallen | |
| | Dr Taylor | |
| | Mr Thorby | |
| | Mrs Winkelmann | |
| | Miss Wright | |

Dr Dolmet'sch

1. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Church, Mr Clark, Mr Hersom and Mr Massy. Mr Michael Sharman attended to report on preparations for the Cambridge Festival.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

4. Treasurer's Report para. 4, first sentence, amend "£150 less" to "£201 more" and add after first sentence "but would have shown a deficit of about £150 had the cost of the Membership Directory appeared in that year's accounts".

3. Matters arising were dealt with under separate headings.

4. Officers' Reports

The Chairman reported that a new branch was being formed in Lincoln and had had a successful first meeting with an attendance of about 30.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts for the year ended 30 September 1979 circulated at the last meeting had now been audited. The surplus shown of £201 would actually have been a deficit of £142 but for belated invoices. We had brought forward to this year an accumulated fund of £2795 and the late payments would now come into this year's accounts. In the current year he had received to date subscriptions from only ten branches plus country members - insufficient for a reliable estimate of our finances. Assuming membership would be similar to last year's, that our Charity application was successful (saving us Corporation Tax), that the net result of Festival and Conference was less costly than last year, that we had no calamitous increase in regular items, and taking into account that the Magazine was not costing quite as much as expected, then it seemed likely that we should at least break even in the current year.

We had now to decide the subscription rates we should recommend to Conference for the year 1980/81. There would be a substantial increase in Magazine postage and inflation would affect most other expenditure but we should not have a Membership Directory to finance. The one item which did cause concern was the

potential cost of a Conference as far north as Edinburgh. We would clearly have no margin in that year, but he thought it would be good psychologically if we could maintain subscriptions at their present level for a further year, and this was his recommendation. Conference should be warned, however, that there would certainly be need for a substantial increase in October 1981. Last year the Society actually received only 56p from the subscription of members taking the Magazine and this small sum was steadily being eroded by increases in Magazine costs. The meeting agreed to recommend to Conference an unchanged rate of subscription for 1980/81.

5. Magazine Mr Hunt reported that Schotts of Mainz had been very disturbed that Schotts of London were ceasing publication of "Recorder & Music" which they considered a valuable asset. They had now bought out Mr Makings and were in full control of the business. They would continue publication and hoped to promote the Magazine in Germany. Negotiations were in progress with a new printer. The Committee discussed distribution of the Magazine. At the previous meeting there had been some confusion over the arrangements for new-style branches who distributed their own magazines. It had now been established that their subscriptions were regarded as entitling them to four issues starting in March. The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that in the light of this precedent and from a date to be determined the same arrangement should apply to old-style branches. This would help to solve the problem that some hundreds of extra copies of the December issue had to be bought because retiring members had not yet been struck off the list but new members joining in October were regarded as entitled to the December issue.

The Treasurer considered that it would be more realistic to treat new members as entitled to four issues beginning in June. If retiring members were to be struck off before the March issue returns from branches had to be received by the end of January, but in practice no more than half the returns were received by that date; it was now March 9 and returns were still awaited from nine branches. Alternatively there should perhaps be a surcharge for late payers. The Committee considered that new members could not reasonably be expected to wait until June for their first Magazine. The Treasurer suggested that the change should be made from October 1981; as members would in practice get five issues when the change was made it would be psychologically appropriate if it coincided with an increase in subscription.

6. Revision of Rules The Chairman reported that Mr John Turner in collaboration with the Treasurer had submitted our new rules to the Charity Commission who were regarding them favourably. They had recently requested and been supplied with sundry literature concerning our activities to put up to the Inland Revenue with our application. Mr Turner was seeing the whole operation through for us, and the Committee expressed great appreciation for his help. The Chairman had supplied copies of the draft Rules to the Committee and went through them in detail indicating the very minor changes incorporated, all of which were agreed to be logical and uncontroversial. It was decided with reference to 5(g) that A should be considered the lowest letter of the alphabet. The Chairman circulated a covering letter to go out to branches with a copy of the draft Rules.

7. Cost of Pastoral Visits Several cases had occurred this year of branches bringing conductors across the country at considerable expense and without prior notice to the Secretary. We were fortunate that many conductors generously met their own expenses in whole or part, but it was considered essential that branches should exercise some discretion in their invitations. The Treasurer wondered

whether it might be equitable to have a ceiling for all expense claims, the branch itself meeting any excess. The Chairman circulated a copy of a letter he proposed should go out to all branches explaining the economic facts of pastoral visits. This was approved and the subject would also be mentioned by the Treasurer in his Conference report.

8. 1980 Conference Agenda This would be on similar lines to last year and would include (a) Revision of Rules and (b) Future Festivals. Mrs Campbell and Mr Massy were due to retire from the Committee and it was agreed to nominate two of the following:- Dr R B Coles, Gordon Dalziel, Marion Panzetta, Stella Worrall and Roy Smith. The Chairman would approach them in that order.

Action: Chairman

9. Any other business

(a) 1980 Festival Michael Sharman reported on arrangements, which were well in hand. The response from branches had been good and 248 tickets had already been sold. There had not been many competition entries as yet, but it was known that a number were on the way. The Cambridge Music Shop, Universal Edition and Gordon Saunders would be there and had each paid £50 for the concession. Schotts had been approached but had not replied. He would contact them again. Trumpington House, Homerton College had been booked for the Conference.

(b) Branch Reports The Chairman asked whether Conference delegates should be asked as usual to bring a report for publication on their branch activities over the year. The Branch Review Editor thought that if all responded the Magazine might be swamped, in many cases with material that had already appeared. It was considered that these reports were really unnecessary in view of the fact that branches had a quarterly opportunity for publicity through the Magazine.

(c) Festival report for the Magazine Some dissatisfaction had been expressed over the Magazine report on the 1979 Festival. Mr Hunt said that the published report was the only one to be submitted. It was decided that Mr Ron Skins should be approached to write up the Festival this year.

Action: Chairman

(d) Dr Hans Gal Dr Dolmetsch mentioned that it would be Dr Gal's 90th birthday on August 5. It was agreed that we should send him the Society's felicitations.

Action : Secretary

(e) The meeting closed with thanks to Miss Seelig for her kindness in entertaining the Committee.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 2 November 1980
at 71 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3

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| Present: | Mr Wyatt | Chairman |
| | Mr England | Treasurer |
| | Miss Church | Secretary |
| | Dr Allen | Membership Secretary |
| | Dr Bergmann | |
| | Dr Coles | |
| | Dr Dolmetsch | |
| | Mr Hersom | |
| | Mr Hilling | |
| | Mr Hunt | |
| | Miss Nallen | |
| | Dr Taylor | |
| | Mrs Winkelmann | |
| | Miss Wright | |

1. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bonsor, Clark and Thorby and Mrs Panzetta.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the inclusion of Dr Dolmetsch among those present.

3. Matters arising were dealt with under separate headings.

4. Officers' Reports

(i) The Treasurer circulated the accounts for the financial year 1979/80 showing a surplus for the year of £725, largely due to a profit of £496 on the 1980 Festival at Cambridge and bank interest of £487. The cost of the Conference was less than the previous year thanks to the hospitality of the Cambridge Branch. Cambridge had asked for £50 of the profit to be returned to them for the purchase of music.

The Committee agreed that 10% of ^{the 1980} [any] Festival profit (rounded up to the nearest £5) should be handed back to the Branch organising the Festival, and that in accordance with this decision £50 should be sent to the Cambridge Branch.

Action: Treasurer

The Treasurer hoped the Society would break even in 1980/81 although the holding of the Conference in Edinburgh was likely to be expensive. The Society's application for charity exemption had been accepted by the Charity Commission but Inland Revenue had not yet agreed.

(ii) The Membership Secretary reported that the final membership figure for 1979/80 was 1459 (including 54 household members) compared with 1353 for the previous year.

(iii) The Branch Review Editor reported that Spotlight was going well, but since this took up about 2 pages of the Society's allocation, other reports had to be reduced accordingly. He suggested that guidance should be sent to branches with a reminder that reports should be sent to him and not direct to Mr Hunt. The Chairman said that this could be taken care of in the revision of Notes for Guidance of Branch Officials which was due shortly.

Action: Chairman

5. Magazine: Cost of Distribution The Treasurer circulated a graph which showed that new-style branches were paying a smaller proportion of the costs of servicing them than old-style branches; in some cases the cost of sending magazines was more than the Branch's subscriptions to the Society.

New-style branches were on average receiving a rebate of 50p in respect of 286 members taking the Magazine and the Society was losing about £70 p. a. He proposed that branches with fewer than 16 members should pay the same as old-style branches. Another expensive item was Office Aid's charge of 65p plus VAT for wrapping a single parcel. The Committee agreed (a) not to change the differential between new and old style branches for the time being, and (b) that magazines for new-style branches should be delivered in future to Schotts where volunteers would wrap them.

6. Cost of pastoral visits The Treasurer reported that the Darlington Branch, which had only six members, had had a pastoral visit and had sent a delegate to Conference. The Cleveland Branch with fewer than twelve members had done the same. He proposed amendments to Rule 10(d) and a new Rule 10(f) which would have prevented the formation of any branch with fewer than twelve members and would have withdrawn from any branch whose membership fell below twelve the privileges of pastoral visits and representation at Conference, although they would have been entitled to send an observer to Conference at their own expense. The Committee agreed that a membership of twelve should be regarded as the minimum for a viable branch and that the Society could not afford a pastoral visit if membership fell below twelve. A new Rule 9(c) should be put forward as follows:- "If in any year the number of members in any branch falls below 12, the cost of the privileges referred to in (a) above shall be borne by the branch and not by the Society, but the branch shall be entitled to send a representative to Conference at its own expense." Darlington and Cleveland should be told that the Committee supported their amalgamation (Mr. Connell's letter of 27 October to the Secretary) and that for 1980/81 a joint pastoral visit would be approved. If by the date of the 1981 Conference the two branches were not amalgamated it should be suggested that they send one delegate to represent the two branches.

Action: Secretary

The Treasurer suggested a change in the arrangements for authorising pastoral visits to take account of the fact that two out of three visits were not claimed for and that the Secretary did not always know the current membership of a branch. He proposed that the onus of seeking permission should be transferred from Branch Secretaries to conductors, who should be supplied with a pro-forma to submit if they intended to claim. The Committee did not favour this suggestion.

7. Membership List The view had been expressed at Conference that that the issue of one copy per member was expensive and wasteful. The Committee agreed (a) that the next issue should be delayed until 1982; (b) that a cheaper form of production should be sought; and (c) that each branch should receive (say) three copies and that additional copies should be paid for.

Action: Chairman

8. New Branches The Committee agreed to the affiliation of the South Wales and North London Branches subject to the receipt by the Treasurer of 12 subscriptions and to ratification by the next Conference.

Action: Secretary

9. Revision of Rules The Secretary reported that 11 Branches had accepted the specimen rules without amendment and 9 Branches were seeking amendments. The Committee agreed that the Secretary and Chairman should form a sub-committee to consider amendments and present a report to the Committee.

Action: Secretary and Chairman



10. Production of Poster Blanks The West Riding Branch had asked if the Society could produce poster blanks for use by branches. The Committee agreed (a) to investigate the cost of a gummed label (blue) for the emblem; and (b) to send a circular to branches seeking the possible demand for A3 posters.

Action: Chairman

11. Any other business Dr Coles suggested that the CSRP syllabus be printed, and that the fee be increased from £5.50 to £15 from an agreed future date. The Committee agreed (a) that the CSRP sub-committee should seek estimates for printing the syllabus and accept the lowest estimate within a limit of £100 ; (b) that the fee be increased to £15; and (c) that the Society should promote courses for teachers and people wishing to take the Certificate. Mention of this should be included in the syllabus.

Action: CSRP sub-committee

Mr Hunt said that from March 1981 the Magazine would cost £1 per copy. The SRP would continue to pay 50p which was less than cost. The Committee agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Harper at Schotts.

Action: Chairman

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Miss Seelig for her kind hospitality.

Date of next meeting 15 March 1981 at 71 Belsize Park Gardens
London NW3

J. Chyatt
Chairman

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