

WORKING PARTY REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SOCIETY

The Terms of Reference agreed with the Chairman and Secretary after the Conference of April 2 2006 were:

“To Consider:

1. The present financial position of the Society and specifically to consider the current level of costs incurred in the operation of the Society and to review whether any savings can be achieved.
2. Ways in which the Income of the Society can be improved.
3. The Working Party is not to consider any aspects of the operation or activities of either NYRO or the Walter Bergmann Fund.”

The Members of the Working Party are:

Dick Pyper – Committee Member – Chair

Ulli Burchette – Society Treasurer

Helen Hooker – Musical Adviser and member of an Affiliated Orchestra

Mary Steele – Committee Member and member of an Affiliated Orchestra

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Since the Working Party was established we have only been able to have one Meeting, which was in May

It was agreed that we would examine initially the possibility of enhancing the Income of the Society. To this end HM Customs and Revenue were approached to see whether the Society could be granted Gift Aid Status. This has now been granted.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms were prepared and circulated to all Branches including the Country and Overseas Secretary during August. Questions have been raised by four or five Branches. Only two Branches have returned any Forms to me (Guildford and South London). In both cases more Forms are likely to follow, but the initial response would indicate at least one third of the members would complete Forms. If this is the ultimate limit then we should obtain additional income in the region of £2,000.

Details of the Arrangement now appear on the Web Site, and a Form can be downloaded.

A Note was drafted to include in the September issue of the Recorder Magazine, but this did not appear.

Branches, who have not returned any Forms, will be asked to let me have those that have been completed by the end of November. This should then enable a request for a payment to be submitted to H M Customs and Revenue. It is essential that the Treasurer's Report to 2007 Conference shows that at least one payment has been received from the Revenue.

As far as the expenditure is concerned we have found this area difficult to tackle. This was not helped by the recent appointment of Ulli Burchette as Treasurer, as she has needed to become more familiar with the workings of the Accounts, before the Working Party could tackle this aspect.

R G Pyper
September 30 2006