

**The Society of Recorder Players**  
**NYRO sub-committee**

2nd meeting on Friday 6 May 2005 at 11.30 a.m.  
at 2 Regent Close, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7PL

Present: Andrew Short, Naomi Winterburn, Colin Touchin, Jean Murray,  
Dianne Charles, Rosemary Byde.

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 17 February 2005 were approved as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Audition process. There had been 69 applications, 8 withdrawals and 61 auditions (including 3 taped auditions). All 61 were accepted. The cost exceeded income from fees of £25 each by £148. It was agreed that for 2006 the audition fee would be £30 and that all auditions would be in person. If there are applications from outlying islands there would be extra costs, either for the applicants or for NYRO.
4. 2005 course.
  - i. The booking of Millfield School at Street in Somerset for 24 to 30 July has been confirmed at a cost of £35.25 per person per day and a deposit has been paid.
  - ii. Players. Colin has allocated 21 players to NYTRO and 40 to NYRO. A few players in NYTRO have previously been in NYRO and are to be offered section leaderships.
  - iii. Staffing. Andrew Challenger is NYTRO conductor for 2005 only. Eileen Silcocks will succeed as NYTRO conductor in 2006. A young soloist, Harry Lightfoot (Clarinet) has been engaged. The tutors for 2005 will again be Helen Hooker, Marion Scott and Ross Winters. There may also be trainee tutor positions; Patrick Richmond and Grace Barton were mentioned as possible candidates. For house staff, Naomi is approaching Diane, Jean, Judy Sherwood, Jules Prosser, Patrick Richmond, Oliver Smith, Helen Jones and Barbara Johnson. Peter Prosser may be willing to be photographer if Jules comes – he will be approached.
  - iv. Budget. A preliminary draft had been prepared before agreeing to the Millfield location, showing a deficit around £2000. The cost of subcommittee meetings has to be added and there may be need for an annual tutors' meeting. The meeting went through the items in detail. Rosemary agreed to prepare a revised budget (to be circulated separately).
  - v. Fundraising. Andrew agreed to write to Yamaha (Jean will supply the contact). A list of possible sponsorships will be prepared. Other possible sources were discussed and some will be followed up. There is a need for a person to take on a role as sponsorship co-ordinator.
  - vi. Outreach. Recorder teachers, especially those may be invited to attend parts of the course. This will be considered further.
  - vii. Timetable. A draft was tabled by Naomi. Possible additions were discussed: chamber music, composers, club, conducting, bass class.

- viii. Instruments. We noted with gratitude the donation by Jeanette Hipsey of her contrabass and great bass to NYRO (Andrew has them at present). A list of people thought to be willing to lend instruments was prepared.
5. 2006 course. (23 to 29 July)
- i. Location. Lists of schools in the London area are available and Naomi will explore these. A copy of the requirement specification from previous years will be updated. For a concert hall, St Lukes is expensive and other options will be explored. Schools will be asked if they have concert halls.
  - ii. Soloist. David Bellugi has been approached and is willing. He will be in the UK for the Dolmetsch summer school.
  - iii. Publicity. To be ready for the 2005 course.
6. Annual timetable. Naomi tabled a yearly plan, which will be updated.
7. Newsletter. Naomi has prepared a 4-page draft. It will be circulated widely, including with *Recorder* magazine.
8. Website. Badly out of date. Andrew will update it.
9. CDs. Naomi has the spares of 2003/2004 and would like some of 2002 for sale. If necessary additional copies will be ordered.
10. Image. Stationery will need to be ordered. Concert dress code will be enforced.
11. Repertoire and commissions. Sponsorship will be needed for commissions. Composers mentioned were John McCabe, Alan Bullard and James McMillan. This issue will be kept in mind.
12. The meeting closed with thanks to Dianne for her hospitality including lunch. The next meeting will be on Friday 24 June in the same place.