



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 17th April 2011

Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3AQ

PRESENT:

Officers, Committee & Musical Advisers:

Dick Pyper	Chairman	Matthew Taylor	Committee
Bob Whitmarsh	Secretary	Evelyn Nallen	Committee
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer	Tessa Rolph	Committee
Mike Wilkinson	Membership Secretary	April Munday	Committee
Sandra Foxall	COS	Andrew Collis	Musical Adviser/WBF & Moeck Competition S/C Chairman
	Secretary/Committee		
Andrew Short	NYRO S/C Chairman	Helen Hooker	Musical Adviser
		Alyson Lewin	Musical Adviser

Branches

Beds & N Herts	Elaine Lowrence	London	Alistair Read
Birmingham	Wendy Pettit	Mid-Herts	Hilary Worsfold
Bristol	Val Giltrow-Tyler	Newcastle	Joan Reeve
Cleveland/C&OS	Sandra Foxall	Norfolk	Charles Levien
Cornwall	Sue Eades	Nottinghamshire	Tessa Rolph
	(Observer Zoe Eades)	Nuneaton	Carolyn Hall
	(Observer Richard Heginbotham)	Oxford	Helga Bogisch-Francis
Durham	Helen Poole	Somerset	Joyce Rudall
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	South London	Ros Fox
Essex	Janet Holt	Suffolk	Geoff Knight
Glasgow	Jill Taylor	Wales	Noel Stacey
Guildford	Anne Martin	Warwick	Helen Jones
Hullavington	Peter Cotterill	Weald of Kent	Peter Bowman
Ireland	Geraldine O'Sullivan	Wessex	Mary Steele
Leicester	Simon Aley	West Dorset	Malcolm McDonald
Lincolnshire	Diana Knight	West Riding	Roger Hatfield
		York Guildhall	Mat Taylor

1. Welcome/In Memoriam/Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9.35 a.m.

1.1 Welcome. He welcomed the Committee, Musical Advisers and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Joyce Rudall and fellow Somerset Branch members on the success of the Festival. The Chairman thanked the departing Committee members Tessa Rolph and Pam Smith for their efforts on behalf of the Society. He also thanked Alyson Lewin, whose three-year term as Musical Adviser to the Committee was ending.

1.2 In Memoriam. The Chairman recorded with sadness the passing of the following members since the last Conference: Brian Bonsor (Vice-President; Roxburgh), Hermann Moeck (Vice-President),

Sister Mary Austin (COS), Suzanne Rose (Isle of Man), Sheila Barlow (West Riding), Berit Bull-Hansen (COS), Una Lawlor (Ireland), Marion Shah (Hillfoots), Marjorie Wright (Honorary Life Member) and Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall).

1.3 Apologies for absence had been received from Committee/MAs; Moira Usher, David Powell, Colin Touchin, Madeline Seviour, Eileen Silcocks, Pam Smith; and Branches: Bath, Cambridge, Cumbria, Dorset, E Berks, Hillfoots, Isle of Man, Peterborough, and Sheffield.

2. Minutes of Conference 2010

The Minutes of Conference 2010 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Officers' Reports

The reports are mentioned below only if additional information was provided at Conference. The full reports are attached to these Minutes.

4.1 Membership Secretary's report. Mike Wilkinson noted that the Society's membership was holding up despite the loss of the Northampton Branch. He added that a searchable list of Northants Branch sheet music would be loaded onto the SRP web site soon.

4.2 NYRO Sub-Committee Chairman's report. Helen Hooker noted an error in the written report; she had in fact been the second tutor with Chris Orton for the group of eight NYTRO players at the 2010 Summer course.

4.3 Walter Bergmann Fund Sub-Committee Chairman's report. The Chairman noted that Andrew Collis had given a talk about the Walter Bergmann Fund at the ERTA Conference. The fund was in need of further donations.

The Reports were approved and adopted by Conference.

5. Election of Officers, Committee and others

5.1 Election of Officers and holders of named offices. The Chairman was pleased to report that all the Committee members were prepared to stand for re-election. He suggested to Conference that, there being no other nominations, the current Committee should be elected *en bloc*.

The Motion was proposed by Joyce Rudall and seconded by Helen Hooker that the current Committee should be elected *en bloc*. The Committee was ELECTED *nem. con.* for a term lasting until the end of Conference 2012.

The Chairman announced that he would not be seeking re-election in 2012.

5.2 Election of Independent Examiner. The Motion was proposed by Andrew Short and seconded by Mike Wilkinson that Keith Varney should be re-elected as the Society's Financial Examiner for a further period of one year. The Motion was CARRIED *nem. con.*

5.3 Musical Advisers. The Chairman reported that the two current Musical Advisers to the Committee (Helen Hooker and Andrew Collis) had agreed to continue on the Committee. Under the Society's Rule 5.8, Colin Touchin succeeded Alyson Lewin as Musical Adviser to the Committee until the end of Conference 2014. The Chairman welcomed Colin Touchin *in absentia*.

5.4 *Committee elections.* The Chairman said that two nominations had been received for the two vacant places on the Committee. The nominees were Tessa Rolph (Nottingham) and Naomi Wellings (née Winterburn; Birmingham).

In view of an election being unnecessary both nominees were elected unopposed for a three-year term of office.

The Chairman thanked the retiring Committee member, Pam Smith, for her work on the Committee and congratulated and welcomed the new members.

5.5. *Web editor.* The Chairman informed Conference that after ten years in the post Ashley Allerton had recently had to resign for health reasons. The Secretary explained that the Society's web site was being looked after on a temporary basis by John Murdie (York Guildhall) but a permanent webmaster was required and any interested person should contact him or the Chairman as soon as possible.

6. Adoption of revised Rules

The Chairman introduced various minor amendments to the Rules which had already been considered and approved by the Committee. It was noted that the new Rules would need a 75% vote to be approved by Conference and eventually would have to be agreed by the Charity Commissioners. New text is underlined.

6.1 Society Appendix 2 reads:

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Whilst most members of the SRP are adults, the Society recognises its responsibilities to ensure that when children are included in any of its activities their safety is explicitly considered. To this end, people organising such activities for or including children will ensure that a child is not left alone with a single adult and that no individual lessons, where a child is left alone with an adult, are organised for children as part of an SRP activity.

Occasionally SRP members are asked to recommend recorder teachers for children. If they pass on the names of teachers they will make it clear to parents that :

- (1) *the SRP takes no responsibility for the quality of any such teacher*
- (2) *the SRP is not able to comment on whether or not the teacher has been police checked.*

and should read:

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Whilst most members of the SRP are adults, the Society recognises its responsibilities to ensure that when children, i.e. young persons under 18, are included in any of its activities their safety is explicitly considered. To this end, people organising such activities for or including children will must ensure that a child is not left alone with a single adult and that no ~~individual~~ lessons, where a child is left alone with an adult, are organised for children as part of an SRP activity.

Occasionally SRP members are asked to recommend recorder teachers for children. If they pass on the names of teachers they will make it clear to parents that :

- (1) *the SRP takes no responsibility for the quality of any such teacher*
- (2) *the SRP is not able to comment on whether or not the teacher has been Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) ~~police~~ checked.*

6.2 Rule 7.6 reads:

7.6 *The Officers, holders of other named offices, Musical Advisers, each other Committee member and one Delegate from each Branch shall be entitled to vote at any Conference, and (subject to*

rule 9.1.2) to have their reasonable travelling expenses repaid from the Central Fund. In the event of an equality of votes for and against any resolution, the Chairman of the Conference shall have the casting vote.

and should read:

7.6 *The Officers, holders of other named offices, Musical Advisers, each other Committee member and one Delegate, being a member of the Society, from each Branch shall be entitled to vote at any Conference, and (subject to rule 9.1.2) to have their reasonable travelling expenses repaid from the Central Fund. In the event of an equality of votes for and against any resolution, the Chairman of the Conference shall have the casting vote.*

6.3 Branch Rule 2.6.4 reads:

2.6.4 *Appoint a Delegate to attend the Society's Annual Conference*

and should read:

2.6.4 *Appoint a Delegate, being a member of the Society, to attend the Society's Annual Conference*

It was proposed by Dick Pyper and seconded by Bob Whitmarsh that all the changes should be made and considered for approval together. The Motion was CARRIED by more than 75% of those present.

7. Resolutions to Conference

7.1 It was proposed by Pam Smith and seconded by Moira Usher that Conference resolve that Denis Bloodworth is elected a Vice-President of the Society of Recorder Players in recognition of his long contribution to recorder playing, by conducting Branches and directing the London Recorder Orchestra, and by publishing his outstanding musical arrangements. The motion was CARRIED *nem. con.*

7.2 It was proposed by Bob Whitmarsh and seconded by Dick Pyper that Conference elect Ashley Allerton as an Honorary Life Member of the Society of Recorder Players in recognition of his longstanding contribution by promptly maintaining and diligently developing the Society's web site and for the recent re-organisation of the site. The motion was CARRIED *nem. con.*

7.3 It was proposed by Ulli Burchette and seconded by Bob Whitmarsh that Conference resolve that the Society subscription rates for 2011-12 shall be £20.00 (full member), £30.00 (household member) and £15.00 (student member). The Motion was CARRIED by more than 75% of those present.

8. Chiltern Recorder Consort Series bequest

The Chairman briefly outlined the current situation with the Bequest. He said that a number of technical issues had to be resolved before the Society could take over and publish the music. Not least was the need to re-set all the music using Sibelius. Moira Usher had reported that her team was making steady progress but even more volunteers would be welcomed and anyone interested should contact her directly. In response to a question from Helga Bogisch-Francis (Oxford) it was explained that the Committee had decided that there were too many of Alex Ayre's editorial marks on the manuscripts for them to be included in the re-set versions but instead it was planned that every purchaser would be given a free copy of the relevant manuscript score.

The Chairman noted that a large stock of Chiltern Recorder Consort music was on sale at the Conference.

9. Future Festivals

9.1 *2012 Guildford Branch.* Anne Martin reported that the 2012 Festival would take place from 21-22 April 2012 at St Teresa's School, Effingham, near Dorking in Surrey. She said that a concert by

Respectable Groove had already been booked and Ross Winters had agreed in principle to involve Blockwork too.

Because 2012 would coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Society ERTA were planning a special talk on 'The recorder in education' during the Festival. Alistair Read (London) asked what else was being done to mark the anniversary; Anne Martin replied that special mugs might be on sale.

9.2 2013 Ireland Branch. Geraldine O'Sullivan (Ireland) informed Conference that the Festival would be held from 11-12 May 2013 in All Hallows College, Dublin, a former seminary which had extensive grounds. The College could provide some B&B accommodation in single and double rooms.

9.3 After 2013. Cornwall Branch offered to host the Festival in 2014 and tentative offers were made by South Staffordshire Branch and by Durham/Newcastle Branches for 2015. The Chairman thanked all the Branches for their offers and said that the Committee would consider them at its next meeting.

10. Any other business

10.1 Joan Reeve (Newcastle) asked if anything was being done to honour the memory of Brian Bonsor. Mary Steele (Wessex) suggested that the Society create an award. Hilary Worsfold (Mid-Herts) suggested that groups could play Brian Bonsor's music to raise funds. The Chairman agreed to ask the Committee to consider these and any other related proposals at its next meeting.

10.2 The Chairman closed Conference at 10.11 a.m.