

# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 2 April 2006

Casterton School, Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale LA6 2SG

### PRESENT:

#### *Officers, Committee & Musical Advisers:*

Andrew Short	Chairman	Ulli Burchette	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Sandra Foxall	Committee
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Dick Pyper	Committee
Margaret Shearing	Membership Sec.	Helen Jones	Committee
Helen Hooker	MA on Comte	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
David Scruby	Committee	Alyson Lewin	Musical Adviser
Beryl Craven	Committee	Eileen Silcocks	Musical Adviser

#### *Branches*

Aberdeen	Caralyn Nolan	London	Bob Horsley
Bath	Nicola Lee	Manchester	David Scruby
Beds & N Herts	Glynne Parry	Newcastle	Sheila Ryan
Birmingham	Naomi Winterburn	North Cotswold	Gwen Klepping
Bristol	Harriet Lupton	Northampton	Sheila Marlow
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	Nottinghamshire	Sharon Willerton
Cornwall	Shirley Howe	Nuneaton	Helen Jones
Cumbria	David Beare	Oxford	Helga Bogisch-Francis
Durham	Adriel Yap	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	Sheffield	Jane Ellin
(Observer	Henriette Bos)	Somerset	Joyce Rudall
Essex	Derek Duck	South Downs	Patricia Civita
Glasgow	Antje Somerville	(Observer	Phoebe Williams)
(Observer	Bill McCormack)	South London	Margaret Crocker
Guildford	Sue Pluthero	(Observer	Paula Marsh)
Hillfoots	Margaret Simpon	South Staffs	John Dunn
Ireland	Frances Tuffery	Suffolk	Geoff Knight
(Observer	Genevieve Mullins)	Warwick	Anne Childs
Kent	Ulli Burchette	Wessex	Shirley Batterley
Leicester	Beryl Craven	West Riding	Jane Sellek
Lincolnshire	Diana Knight	York	Elizabeth Emsley

### 1. Welcome/In Memoriam/Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Cumbria Branch on the success of the Festival. Mary Bonsor (Roxburgh) commended the venue for its excellent disabled facilities.

**In Memoriam**

It was with sadness that Andrew Short noted the death of Edgar Hunt, who, with the Dolmetsches and others, had been instrumental in the formation of the SRP in 1937. He went on to say that a short obituary would appear in the next (Summer) edition of *The Recorder Magazine* and further contributions, co-ordinated by Andrew Mayes, would appear in the Autumn edition. Other deaths noted included Ena Pick (founder of Wessex Branch); Jean Palmer (York); Peter Robertson (MD, Leicester); Kathleen Philip (Aberdeen); Anita Spencer (Lincolnshire); and Joan Davies (London).

**Apologies for absence** were received from the following Officers/Committee: Andrew Collis; Jim Rowley; Madeline Seviour; Colin Touchin; Mary Tyers; Moira Usher; Evelyn Nallen; Layton Ring; Anthony Rowland-Jones and Theo Wyatt; and from the following branches: Cambridge; Cheltenham & Gloucester; Devon; Isle of Man; Norfolk; Peterborough; Ply-mouth; and West Dorset.

**2. Minutes of last Conference**

The secretary confirmed that an amended pp1/2 to the original minutes had been issued to correct delegates' names and branches. Sandra Foxall (Committee) proposed and David Scruby (Committee) seconded the motion that the Minutes of Conference 2005 be adopted as a fair record of those proceedings. Carried *nem con*.

**3. There were no Matters arising**

**4. Election of Officers and Committee**

4.1 The Chairman said all Officers were prepared to stand for re-election with the exception of Brian Fraser-Hook (Treasurer). The current Officers (except Brian Fraser-Hook) were proposed *en bloc* by David Scruby (Manchester); seconded by Sandra Foxall (Committee & Cleveland) and ELECTED *nem con*. by Conference for a term of one year. Ursula (Ulli) Burchette (Committee & Kent) was elected Treasurer, proposed by Alyson Lewin (MA); seconded by Helga Bogisch-Francis (Oxford).

4.2 Committee Members: As David Scruby (Manchester) was due to retire this year and Ulli Burchette (Kent) had been elected to the post of Treasurer, the following nominations had been received to fill two three-year term posts:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Proposed and seconded by</i>
Petrina Lodge (Cambridge)	Central Committee
Debbie Nicholas (Bath)	Bath Branch
Mary Steele (Wessex)	Central Committee

In the ensuing election, Petrina Lodge and Mary Steele were ELECTED to serve on the Committee for three years.

Three nominees declined to stand for election.

The Chairman thanked the retiring members of the Committee for their work and welcomed the new members.

4.3 Under the Society's amended Rule 5.9, Evelyn Nallen succeeds Andrew Collis as Musical Adviser on Committee. Andrew will, however, continue to serve on Committee in his capacity as Chair, Walter Bergmann Fund.

4.4 The Chairman took the opportunity to announce that he would be standing down at Conference 2007.

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## 5. Officers' Reports

The Chairman said that, on this occasion, Officers' Reports were presented in two sections (although they would be amalgamated into one when distributed with the Conference Minutes), plus one from the Training Co-ordinator, tabled that day.

5.1 The Secretary said that, since writing his report, he had been approached by a group, led by Pam Smith of Cheltenham & Gloucester Branch, with a view to starting a new branch in Swansea. [Since conference, this has been amended to Lampeter.]

5.2 The Membership Secretary apologised for two errors in her report in respect of deceased members. They should read Kathleen Philip (Aberdeen) and Anita Spencer (Lincolnshire). She went on to say that all branch dues and membership lists were in from the branches.

5.3 On behalf of Andrew Collis, the Chairman brought to Conference's attention the Philip Cole bursary for 2006, worth £700 pa. The award was open to candidates under the same conditions as applied to the WBF, i.e. up to the age of 30.

5.4 The Training Co-ordinator's report was tabled and read by the Chairman. It was reported that three conducting workshops had been held in Edinburgh, Bristol and Winchester by Moira Usher and Colin Touchin; and one technique workshop also in Bristol by Helen Hooker. A request for branch music library catalogues to be put on the web was made.

5.5 The Chairman expressed his thanks to Ashley Allerton, Web Editor, for his considerable hard work. It was AGREED that a web page should be posted containing important data for branch officials, including important dates for return of branch accounts, branch membership lists, subscription rates, etc. (*Action: Committee*)

5.6 NYRO Report—taken under Minute 6

5.7 Treasurer's Report

5.7.1 Accounts for 2003-04 were approved by Conference. Proposed: Dick Pyper (Committee); seconded: John Dunn (South Staffs). These had been lodged with the Charity Commissioners on 21 June 2005.

5.7.2 The Treasurer said that because of NYRO's financial affairs being at the financial level they were, the Society was unable to revert to Income and Expenditure accounting. Consequently, we should have to continue Accrual accounting. This had meant that work previously done on the 2004-05 accounts had to be redone from scratch. He was thus unable to finalise them in time for Conference and for this he apologised.

5.7.3 There were two corrections to his report (appended). Total expenditure (p5) should read £24,895.94; and, at the 4th line of para.2, the sum paid to Wessex was £493. The remaining £500 (of the £993) was paid to the WBF.

5.7.4 Following debate on the proposed level of increase in the annual subscription rates for 2006-07, it was AGREED by a VOTE of 26 to 16 that the Treasurer's proposal be accepted. Full membership would be £17.50; Household membership, £28.00; and student membership, £13.00.

5.7.5 A suggestion that the services of a chartered accountant be sought to finalise and audit the 2005-06 accounts was agreed. (*Action: Committee*) Further consideration should also be given for the future. The Treasurer shared this view and suggested that such costs could be set against the Arthur Ingram Fund.

5.7.6 In defence of the amount spent on administration, the Secretary said that there would in future be two separately called Committee meetings instead of three. The May meeting will now be scheduled to follow immediately after Conference.

Alyson Lewin (MA) proposed and Brian Bonsor (MA) seconded a motion that the Officers' Reports be approved. Carried *nem con*.

## **6. National Youth Recorder Orchestra**

Andrew Short, as Chairman, NYRO, introduced his report as it appears in Officers' Reports, Part II. He also took the opportunity to introduce Naomi Winterburn, the NYRO Administrator, who was attending Conference as Birmingham Branch delegate. The NYRO 2006 concert will be held on Saturday, **29th** July (not 30th as reported) at The Regent Hall, Oxford Street, London W1. The Secretary undertook to amend the report before distribution with the Minutes of Conference (*Action: Secretary*). That the NYRO course and the Bretton Summer School clashed was discussed but it was appreciated that to move either would course insuperable problems, not least because of young people's schooling and holiday arrangements.

## **7. Future festivals**

The following arrangements were noted:

- 2007 York: The Mount School, 31 March/1April
- 2008 Glasgow (still provisional offer)
- 2009 Weald of Kent: offer uncertain (*Action: Secretary to enquire*)
- 2010 Suffolk (confirmed)

## **8. Resolutions to Conference**

8.1 That the post of Branch Review Editor be renamed SRP News Editor. Amendment to Rule 4.7.6 applies, together with Rules 5.7 and 5.17 (new numbering: see attached Rules 2005 Addendum I). David Scruby (Manchester) proposed and Alyson Lewin (MA) seconded a motion that the rule change be adopted. Carried *nem con*.

8.2 Honorary Life Membership of the Society

8.2.1 To recognise his 13 years' outstanding service as Treasurer to the Society, it was proposed by Mary Bonsor (Roxburgh) and seconded by Bob Horsley (London) that Honorary Life Membership be bestowed upon Brian Fraser-Hook. Carried *nem con*.

8.2.2. To recognise his contribution as Editor of *The Recorder Magazine*, it was proposed by Sandra Foxall (Committee) and seconded by Beryl Craven (Committee) that Honorary Life Membership be bestowed upon Andrew Mayes upon his relinquishing that post. Carried *nem con*.

- 8.3 Consequent upon the death of Edgar Hunt, the post of Life Vice-President lapses. Rule 5.4 is deleted and Rules 5.5–5.21 are renumbered 5.4–5.20. Proposed by the Chairman; seconded by the Secretary. Carried *nem con*.

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**9. Any other business**

- 9.1 Alyson Lewin (MA) described to Conference her experience of a recent email scam purporting to set up tuition for a supposed able student. When arrangements were made the enquirer asked for Alyson's bank details for payment of fees. At this point she realised precisely what was afoot—and warned delegates to be on their guard.
- 9.2 It was proposed by Harriet Lupton (Bristol) and seconded by Jane Sellek (Sheffield) that the Committee be authorised to appoint an independent (financial) examiner for the 2006-07 accounts. Carried *nem con*.

Conference closed at 11.27 hr.

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