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Committee Meeting held at the Artworkers ^{Hall} ~~Guild~~,
Queens' Square, W.C.1. on Saturday March 17th. at 6pm.
1951

Present. M^r Dolmetsch (in the chair), M^{rs} Dolmetsch,
Miss Quinn, Miss Wailes, Miss Mabbett, M^r
Clark, M^r James, M^r Salkeld, M^r Kenworthy and
Miss Behaveil.

Apologies were received from M^{rs} Carley, M^r Hunt
and T^r. Bergmann.

1. The Minutes of last time were read and signed.
2. With reference to Minute 3. of last time, Miss
Wailes has consented to serve as the 'liason'
between Branches and this Committee. It was agreed
that a petrol allowance be given for journeys ^{made} ~~taken~~
in connection with this work.
3. New Leaflet. Arising from Minute 7 of last time
it was decided that this should be similar to the
present one, but that the names and addresses of
officers should be on a separate gummed slip.
4. Recorder News. With reference to Minute 10 of last
time it was decided that owing to the cost of
publishing an 8 page 'Recorder News' it should be
issued only 3 times a year, in the Autumn,
Spring and Summer. For the next three issues
the following experiment will be tried: - one page
of written matter on technique ^{or interpretation} with four pages of Music
to supplement it, and three pages of articles etc.
The Musical Directors and Chairman are to take in
in turn to provide the material for the 5 pages
dealing with technique and interpretation.

5. Annual Concert. It was agreed that complementary tickets be sent to newspapers and journals as two years ago, and that Programmes be sold at 3^d each. The hall may be used for rehearsal purposes on the morning of the concert at no extra charge, and exemption from Entertainment Tax has been obtained as in previous years.

6. Hon. Members. It was proposed by Mrs Dolmetsch and seconded by Miss Tinn that rather than have specific Hon. Members a list be compiled of 'Friends of the Society'. These people shall receive ~~all~~ all notices of our activities, but not enjoy the privileges of full membership.

7. Branches. Miss Wailes reported that there is a possibility of Branches being formed at Malvern and Worcester. She was asked to contact the Sheffield Society of Recorder Players with a view to linking it to this Society.

Edgar H. Hunt

26 May 51

Committee Meeting held at the Art Workers Hall
Queen's Square, W.C.1. on Saturday May 26th at 6.15pm.
1951

Present. Mr Hunt (in the chair) Miss Tinn, Miss Mabbett, Mrs Dolmetsch, Dr. Bergmann, Mr Clark, Mr James, Mr Salkeld, Mr Kenworthy and Miss Beharell.

Apologies were received from Miss ^{Miss Dolmetsch} Carley and Mr Dolmetsch.

1. Annual Concert. The Treasurer reported a ~~total~~ profit of 3/8^d on

the Concert this year in spite of the fact that only 114 tickets were sold compared with 207 last year. He also reported the ^{general} finances to be in a healthy position as we are £80 pounds up on this year, but this is partly due to the fact that the Recorder News and Music Publication are not yet out.

It was suggested that some artistic members be asked to design a poster announcing the concert next year. These posters would be displayed at Schott's and Boosey and Hawkes.

2. Sheffield "Branch." We welcome Philip Rodgers back into membership of this Society and hope to see a Branch formed at Sheffield in the near future.

3. Membership. Mr. Clark reported a 10% increase in membership this year, which now stands at 570, the highest the Society has known.

Edgar H. Hunt

10.10.51

Committee Meeting held at 28, Guilford St. London W.C.1. on October 10th. at 6.30pm.

Present. Mr. Hunt (in the chair), Miss Quinn, Mr. Dolmetsch, Mr. Carley, Dr. Bagmann, Mr. James, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Salkeld and Miss Beharell.

Apologies were received from Miss Mabbett and Mr. Dolmetsch.

1. The Minutes of the last ~~time~~ ^{meeting} were read and signed.

2. With reference to Minute 2 of last time a letter has been received from Mr. E.C. Allen of Sheffield asking for application forms with a view to collecting enough members to form a Branch.

3. Branch Conference. The Branch Conference will be held on Sunday October 21st, at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London W.C.1. Matters to be discussed will include a). the possibility of holding the Annual Concert in a town other than London;

b). a suggestion from Mr Kenworthy that a group of 8 or 9 players under the direction of Dr. Bergmann tour the towns where there are Branches, giving concerts; the Branches bearing the costs and guaranteeing expenses.

and c). the question of visits by Musical Directors to Branches and the possibility that the constitution of the Society may have to be altered by Articles of Association into a Non-Profit Making Limited Company.

4. Junior Section. In the absence through illness of Miss Mabbett the Hon. Secretary presented the attached Report from the Junior Section. This showed a year of steady progress and increased activities and Miss Dinn and the members of the Junior Section Committee were thanked for all they had done for the children.

5. Arising from a discussion on the lack of provision for recorder work in Secondary Schools Mr Salkeld was asked to represent S.R.P. at a conference of the M.E.U.T. on November 17th, and to bring this matter to the attention of the conference.

6. The A.G.M. of the Society will be held on Saturday November 10th, at the Artworkers Hall, Queens Square London W.C.1.

7. Thanks were expressed by Mr James for the hospitality provided for this Committee Meeting by Mr & Mrs Kenworthy.

7.8. Music Publication. It was decided that Members would prefer to receive a separate publication, rather than enlarged supplements to the 'Recorder News'. 6

8.8.9. The Secretary was instructed to ask Miss M. Wailes to report to a future committee meeting on the work she has undertaken during the year as the 'liason' between Branches and this Committee.

Edgar H Hunt
26.1.52

3rd. Delegate Conference of the S.R.P. Sunday 21st. Oct. 1951.
Held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London W.C.1. at 10.30am.

Present. Mr. Hunt - Chairman.

Miss Quinn - Musical Director.

Mr. James - Treasurer.

Mr. Clark - Membership Secretary.

Mr. Carl Dolmetsch - acting as Secretary in the absence of Miss T. Beharell owing to illness.

Mr. C. Kenworthy.

Apologies of absence from Miss T. Beharell and Mr. C. Dolmetsch.

Delegates from the following Branches:-

Birmingham - Miss Harris + Miss Wood.

Bristol - Miss Eric Hunt.

Dorset - Mrs M. King.

Newcastle - Mr. Brownlow.

Manchester - Mr. D. Cooper.

Oxford - Miss Rudkin.

Owing to the Secretary's sudden illness the Minutes of the previous meeting were not ~~read~~ available.

1. The possibility of holding the S.R.P. Annual Concert alternate

years in London and at one of the Branches was discussed. The delegates were in favour of the idea.

Birmingham and Manchester delegates thought the response in their cities would be sufficiently ~~great~~ good to justify the experiment and that it would be possible to provide hospitality for most if not all the Musical Directors and other visiting performers. Newcastle was also in favour of the idea, but pointed out that annual visits of Mr Carl Dolmetsch and Mr Hunt to play at the Bach Choir Concerts were serving much the same purpose as an S.R.P. Annual Concert in providing an opportunity for Branch Members and others interested to hear first class recorder playing.

It was suggested that when the S.R.P. Annual Concert took place in a city other than London that local music societies be interested and asked to co-operate with the Branch responsible for the arrangements.

Delegates asked that the Annual Concert be announced in good time in the "Recorder News" and that when the Concert was held in London, Branch Secretaries be informed of the date etc.

It was agreed subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting that the 1952 Concert be held in Birmingham or Manchester, which ever could procure a suitable hall on a date convenient to the Musical Directors.

2. Mr Kenworthy outlined a plan for a group of good amateur players, 8 or 9 in number, led by Dr. Bergmann and including recorders, voice, violin, cello and harpsichord to tour S.R.P. Branches during May 1952. Oxford, Birmingham, Bristol and Dorset were mentioned.

The delegates thought the idea attractive, but were uncertain whether hospitality could be provided for so large

a number and whether the sale of guest tickets would cover the proportion of the players travelling expenses which would have to be met by each Branch. The rent of the hall and publicity would also have to be considered.

It was decided that the delegates should discuss the matter ~~at~~ with their Branch Committees and if they felt able to proceed with the scheme write to Mr. Kenworthy who at present had no definite financial proposition to make on travelling expenses.

3. Musical Directors visits to Branches were discussed.

These visits, particularly in the case of Miss Quinn who visited Junior as well as Senior Branches, were apt to result in loss of professional engagements.

Although some Branches wished more than one visit from a Musical Director per annum they were not allowed to pay fees for a second visit as any payment of fees to a member of the S.R.P. was contrary to the rules.

The possibility of turning the S.R.P. into a limited Company was discussed. It was decided that the legal expenses, the question of Income Tax, and the possible loss of exemption from entertainments tax did not justify such a step at present.

It was decided to leave the Rules of the Society without amendment, to spare Miss Quinn visits to Senior Branches when possible, and for Musical Directors to be engaged professionally outside the Society if more than one visit was desired.

4. Affiliation of Colleges. It was decided unanimously to keep membership on an individual basis. That the Secretary be instructed to answer enquiries on this subject by pointing out that of - Student Membership provided all the advantages of full -

- membership for half the cost, and encouraging all those training college students who were interested to become Student Members of the S.R.P. and run their own College Group.

The advantages of student membership should be circulated to Colleges with Summer School propaganda.

5. Adjudicators at Competitive Festivals. Branch Secretaries were asked to contact local Festival committees and suggest when possible S.R.P. Musical Directors for this work. The Musical Directors were competent to adjudicate other classes besides Recorders, so saving the Festival the expense of a separate adjudicator for Recorders.

6. Branch Conference. It was unanimously agreed that all Branches should pay the first £1 of their delegates fare to the Delegate Conference.

The manner of payment to be a claim by the delegate, less this £1, to be made to the S.R.P. Treasurer after the Conference. The rule to take effect in 1952.

7. Manchester. The delegate (Mr Cooper) said the Manchester Branch would be prepared to offer hospitality for a Delegate Conference to be held in that City. He reported that his Branch extended hospital to the independent Merseyside Recorder Society and that there were Merseyside members at most of the Manchester meetings.

8. Oxford. repeated the plea that Branch Secretaries be circulated and kept up to date with Junior Branches in their district.

The Conference was declared closed.

Edgar H. H. H.

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Annual General Meeting of the S.R.P. held on Saturday
November 17th. at 2.30pm. at the Art Workers Hall, Queen's
Square W.C.I.

1. The minutes of last time were read and signed.
2. With reference to the minutes of last time the question of tests for teachers is under discussion but at present we have not the necessary machinery for holding such tests.
3. Chairman's Report. Mr Hunt in presenting his report stated that the sliding scale of refund on subscription to Branches was working satisfactorily, and the Branches were justly benefiting from an increase in membership. The Annual Concert, and the Summer School (run in connection with the Blenheim Foundation) had been well attended, and the whole year had been one of progress, with the possibility of new Branches being formed in Sheffield and Liverpool. J
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4. Treasurer's Report. Mr James in presenting the balance sheet reported an increase of £30 on subscriptions during the year. The membership now stands at 597, and is made up of 432 Branch members, 151 Country members and 14 Student members. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr Clark, the Membership Secretary for all the work he had done during the year. The proposal that the Balance Sheet be accepted, which was moved by Miss Londea and seconded by Miss Howard was carried unanimously, and the meeting showed its appreciation of the Hon. Treasurer's work in the usual way.
5. Election of Officers. As the number of proposals did

not exceed the number of vacancies the following officers were declared elected.

Chairman. Mr. Edgar Hunt. proposed by Mr. Philip Cole, seconded by Miss Alys Cox.

Musical Director. Miss Frieda Jinn Mr. E. Hunt. Dr. Bergmann

Hon. Treasurer. Mr. R. James — Miss F. Jinn — Mr. Tolmetsch

Hon. Secretary. Miss P. Behavell — Mr. Hunt — Miss Jinn.

Committee:-

Mr. M. Tolmetsch	prop.	Mr. Hunt	sec.	Miss Jinn
Miss M. Tolmetsch	"	Mr. Clark	"	Mr. Tolmetsch
Miss I. Mabbett	"	Miss Jinn	sec.	Mr. Hunt
Mr. C. Kenworthy	"	Miss M. E. Harris	"	Mr. Clark
Mr. E. W. Clark	"	Mr. Hunt	"	Miss Jinn
Mr. R. Salkeld	"	Mr. Hunt	"	Mr. Tolmetsch
Miss W. Sanders	"	Miss A. Cox	"	Miss P. Behavell.

6. Junior Section. Miss Jinn reported that the second year had been completed with a total of 600 members. Three magazines had been issued, of double the size of those distributed during the first year. Two of the magazines had contained a music supplement, one of which was a March specially written for the Junior Section by Dr. Bergmann.

A Branch ^{of 130 members} had been formed at Bristol under the guidance of Miss Enid Hunt.

Successful meetings had been held in London, consisting of playing sessions and a short concert. Thanks were expressed to Miss Mabbett (the Hon. Sec.) and Mr. Clark (the Hon. Treas.) and other members who had helped to make these meetings such happy occasions.

7. Annual Concert. Mr. Hunt outlined a scheme whereby the Annual Concert could be held in the provinces alternate years to London. The meeting

was in agreement with the suggestion and the committee were asked to go further into the matter. It was suggested that the concert might be repeated in London later in the year or that the London Branch arrange one on its own perhaps including more of the capable players than could visit the provinces.

8. Standard of Teaching. Miss Londra asked that the Society should continue in its efforts to raise the standard of the teaching of the Recorder both within and outside the schools.

9. Music Publication. As Recorder Music is now more plentiful the question of continuing the separate Music Publication was discussed. The meeting felt that the Music supplements to the Recorder News, while very acceptable, could not take the place of the separate publication and wished for it to be continued. It was suggested that in future whenever possible only original works for recorders be published by the Society.

10. Hon. Auditor. Dr. Bergmann expressed the thanks of the Society to Mr. Green who had once again audited the accounts. Mr. James seconded this proposal and the Meeting showed its appreciation in the usual way.

11. Vote of Thanks. Miss Londra expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Hunt and all the members of the committee for the work they had undertaken during the year.

The meeting was declared closed.

Edgar Hunt
24.11.52.

Committee Meeting held at the Acton Workers Hall, Queens Square London W.C.1. on Saturday January 26th at 1.30pm.

Present:- Mr. Hunt (in the chair) Miss Timm, Miss N. Dolmetsch, Miss Sanders, Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Clark, Mr. James, Mr. Salkeld and Miss Behaveil.

Apologies: were received from Mr. & Mrs. Dolmetsch and Mr. Kenworthy.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

2. With reference to minute 5 of last time Mr. Salkeld reported that he attended the conference of the M.E.U.T. on November 17th. He had been able to speak on the ~~problem~~ ~~of~~ lack of provision for recorder work in Secondary schools and had found the meeting sympathetic to the problem. After some discussion this committee has asked Mr. Salkeld to arrange a meeting for young people in the London area as there is now an age group which cannot easily be catered for in either the Junior or Senior sections.

3. With reference to Minute 8 of last time a letter was read from Miss Wailes expressing her thanks that she had been relieved of her commitments as a member of this committee.

4. Annual Concert. The Annual Concert will this year be held at Manchester. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Hunt, Miss Timm and Dr. ~~to~~ Bergmann were appointed to make the detailed arrangements. The Secretary was asked

to make the usual application in respect to relief from entertainment tax.

5. Recorder News. It was decided to alternate eight and twelve page issues as the cost of publication is continually increasing.

6. French Recordes. It had been brought to the notice of the committee that an old consort of Recordes in a French Museum were rapidly deteriorating through lack of proper care. It was felt that the S.R.P. could do little about this but it was suggested that the matter be referred to the Galpin Society.

Edmund H. Hunt
8-11-52

Committee Meeting held at the Waldegrave Hall, London on Saturday, November 8th at 1.30pm.

Present. M^r. Hunt (in the chair), M^r. Bergmann, M^{rs}. Dolmetsch, M^{rs}. Salkeld, Miss Mabbett, Miss Sanders, M^r. Kenworthy, M^r. Gould.

Apologies were received from Miss N. Dolmetsch, Miss Tinn and M^r. C. Dolmetsch, M^r. James & M^{rs}. Clark.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

2. Hon. Secretary. It was decided that Miss Tadman be approached to see if she would agree to her name going forward ^{for nomination} as Hon. Secretary for the coming year.

3. Midland Branch. In reply to a query from Miss Harris the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Branch it was reaffirmed that all Meetings must be free and open to all members.

Edmund H. Hunt

4th Delegate Conference of the S.R.P. held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1, on Sunday November 9th at 10.30am.

Present. M^r. Hunt - chairman
Miss Trinn & M^r. Bergmann - musical directors.
M^r. James - Hon. Treasurer.
M^r. Clark - Membership Secretary.
M^r. Kenworthy - Editor, Recorder News.
M^{rs}. P. Gould - Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Mabbett - Hon. Secretary Junior Section, Miss Sanders, M^r. C. Dolmetsch - musical director, Miss N. Dolmetsch and the Hon. Secretaries of Dorset and Newcastle Branches.

Delegates from the following Branches.

London. - M^{rs}. C. Dolmetsch,
Bristol - Miss Enid Hunt. - Hon. Secretary.
Midland - Miss M.F. Harris - Hon. Secretary.
Manchester - Miss T. Hulme
Oxford - M^r. Helsby.
Merseyside - M. E. M. Taylor.

1. The Minutes of ^{the} last Conference were read and signed.
2. Annual Concert. The Annual Concert, this year held in Manchester was considered to have been a musical success. The slight financial loss due to travelling expenses was not more than could be expected. It was suggested that at present there was no need for a public concert in London, and it might be better to decide from year to year where the concert be held. This was

agreed upon and Birmingham asked to be the hosts for a concert to be held in June 1953. Thanks for hospitality were extended to the Manchester hosts of this year, and in return the Manchester delegate spoke of the benefit of the concert to ~~the~~ recorder players in the standard of playing they were able to hear.

3. Oxford Branch. The Oxford delegate spoke of the difficulties experienced in finding suitable people to take Meetings. At present only one member was available and she found it too much to take all meetings. Mr. Hunt said he could attend Oxford meetings as easily as those held in London, and would do so during the coming year in order to help the branch. It was suggested that all Colleges be notified of meetings at the beginning of each year in order to attract student members.

4. Leaflets. The present leaflet to be revised to include ^{the Midland Branch and} the new ^{Messy-side} ~~Liverpool~~ Branch. Apologies were extended to the Midland Branch for its omission in the last leaflet. It was suggested that a simple leaflet be produced suitable for inclusion in parcels sent from Haslemere and Schott. The Hon. Secretary was asked to enquire into the cost of such a leaflet.

5. Branch Meetings. It was reaffirmed that all Branch Meetings must be free to all members. Expenses of visiting conductors can be paid but no professional fees ^{be given} to members of the S.R.P. Both the Midland and Manchester Branches asked for an extra visit from a Musical Director as they felt they needed the extra help. The Musical Directors did not feel able to take on many more visits but suggested that a panel of suitable 'leaders' might be drawn up. This was agreed upon. The Musical Directors stressed that their visit should not be a 'teaching session' which in some cases lately it had come to be.

6. Festivals. It was agreed that the usual type of competitive festivals did not appeal to Recorder players. It was suggested that meetings similar to the original childrens meetings might be arranged, where all those attending would rehearse set pieces of music and some small groups play to the rest. The gathering would not be competitive but criticism would be given.
7. Junior Section. It was suggested that some subscription concession be made to Branches holding regular meetings for children. The Junior Section committee was asked to discuss this. It was emphasized that membership must be kept on an individual basis.
8. Musical Directors visits to Branches. All Branches received a visit during the 1951-2 session excepting Oxford ^{who} ~~who~~ did not feel able to support one financially.
9. Recorder News. It was suggested that music supplements to the Recorder News would be more welcome than extra editions of the magazine. It was also suggested that music for solo recorder be published in the News, and music for group playing in the Annual Music Publication.
10. Subscriptions. It was agreed that in future Branch Treasurers should collect subscriptions and issue membership cards. Lists of members will be sent to all Branch Treasurers.

The meeting was declared closed.

Edgar H. Hunt

11 October 1953

Committee Meeting held at the Swendenborg Hall on Saturday 29th November at 1.30pm.

Present. D^r Bergmann (in the chair). M^r James, M^r Kenworthy, M^r Salkeld, Miss Quinn, Miss Mabbett, Miss Saunders, Miss N. Dolmetsch, M^r Hunt, M^r Gould.

Apologies were received from M^r & M^{rs} Dolmetsch, & M^r Clark.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.
2. With reference to Minute 2 of last time Miss Tadman has consented to allow her name to be put forward as Hon. Secretary. She is nominated by M^{rs} Gould and seconded by M^r Hunt.
3. Rules. It was agreed that in Rule 4b the date shall be altered from July 1st to May 1st as new members find little happening during the period July 1st to ~~October 1st~~ ^{September 30th}. This amendment will be put before an Adjourned Annual General Meeting to be held in February.
4. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Sec. of a group of Recorder Players in Cornwall who wish to become a Branch. She was asked to write explaining that it is the custom for there to be 15 members of the S.R.P. in a district before a Branch is formed. At present the Society is not able to finance another small Branch and enquiries are to be made as to whether this small group would grow quickly in numbers.
5. In connection with Minute 2 of the meeting of January 26th M^r Salkeld reported on the success

he has had with a 'Young Peoples' Group in London. It was felt that the time has now come for this group to have official standing within the Society. It would be known as the 'Secondary' Section and a Rule concerning it shall be presented at the Adjourned Annual General Meeting in February.

6. Covenanted Subscriptions. Mr James agreed to make enquiries as to whether or not the Society was entitled to benefit from this form of subscription.

7. The next meeting will take place on Saturday December 20th at 10.30am at the home of Mr Bergmann.

Edy & H. Hunt
20.12.52

Committee Meeting held at 28 Belize Square, N.W.3, on
Saturday, 20th December 1952, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt (in the Chair)
Mr. Bergmann Miss Mabbett
Mr. Clark Mr. Salkeld
Miss Linn Miss Saunders
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch Mr. James (Hon. Treas.)
Miss Tadmor (Hon. Secretary) (Acting)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Dolmetsch, Mrs. Dolmetsch, and Mr. Kenworthy.

1. Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.
2. Correspondence. A letter, asking for a concert by the Society to be performed at a camp at Sheringham in the middle of August, was read and it was agreed that it would not be possible to accede to this request.

Report of S.R.P. Junior Section for Session 1950-51.

The Junior section has had another successful year. Membership rose by 30% to 627, with 49 groups, the largest ^{number} member in any one group being 44, and 20 lone members.

Groups In the London area 11 were in h.C.C. schools, 5 each in Surrey and Middx, 2 each in Kent, Herts and Bedfordshire, and 1 in Berks, Essex, & Bucks. Bristol had 7 groups and there were 2 groups in Dorset, Yorkshire and Staffordshire, and one in Lancashire.

Groups were mainly in schools, with the music teacher as leader, but Sheffield had a group of choirboys, the Birmingham S.R.P. secretary formed one for children from various schools who met in the evenings, and the four Dolmetsch children formed a group of their own.

All types of schools were represented, prep, junior, secondary modern, grammar and high. 65% of children were juniors, i.e. 11 yrs old or under. For many children there are no facilities for juniors continuing their playing in the secondary school to which they are sent.

Except for Bristol no two groups seem to be within several miles of one another, even in the London area, which makes it very difficult to arrange meetings for children with long distances to cover.

Magazines Three magazines have been published during the year - and double the size of previous ones. There were 4 pages of music in each of the autumn and spring numbers. Carols arranged by Freda Durr in the autumn one, and the touring S.R.P. march, composed by Walter Bergman in the spring. There were two competitions with money prizes of 5/- one for an original title for the magazine, and the other for an original tune.

Meetings In London two very successful meetings were arranged. On March 10th about 250 members were present at the Waldegrave Hall, and on July 14th the usual Recorder Festival was held at Rockhampton. Each meeting ^{took} rather the form of S.R.P. senior meetings, members circulated as to music to be played, mass playing with coaching (given by Freda Dinn ^{Edgar Hunt} and Walter Bergman) a break for refreshments, then a concert in which members played part of the time, but also listened to a well arranged programme of works for recorders, and recorders in combination with other instruments. At the Waldegrave Hall ~~concert~~, members of the Mary Ward Group took part in ~~this~~ the concert and Miss Dinn recruited some string players from ex-^{junior} exhibitors at R.C.M. At Rockhampton ^{the} children heard ^{among other things} a group of pieces played by ~~children~~ ^{members} of Ravenscroft Rd. Primary School. and the Folk song 'Sink of Walter Bergman's', played by ~~members~~ ^{the} Monsey College group.

In Bristol membership rose steadily and a meeting was held at the Folk Dance Centre on March 17th, organised and conducted by Enid Hunt. A committee of group leaders was formed soon after, and a further meeting ^{held} ^{also} at Cutham Grammar School on July 21st drew a large and enthusiastic attendance. ^{At} ^{for} this meeting Freda Dinn journeyed to Bristol ^{to conduct} and received a very warm reception.

At Waltham Cross a very happy weekend for recorder playing was organised by Olive Price, group leader of Holy Trinity members. Children from three schools, 2 in Middlesex and one in Surrey received hospitality for the weekend, and had a most enjoyable time, giving concerts on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Walter Bergman came on Sunday and took over the conducting. It is hoped to ^{arrange} an even bigger festival next year. Two members from Oldham High School, Joyce Sharples

and Marion has played on the wireless in Childrens Hour - Northern Region, at ^{the} beginning of August.

Financially the year has been sound - with cash at the bank on 30th Sept. 1951. £32. 13. 9,
and stock in hand £8. 13. 3.

Session 1951-52.

266 members have so far been enrolled - many of them having renewed their subscriptions from last year. This is a great advance on figures last year at this time.

Owing to ~~the~~ illness of ~~the~~ secretary Bristol has become almost decentralised - and Fred Hunt has been sent stock of badges - cards - stationery.

I. Mabbett
(Hon Sec. S.R.R. Junior Sec)

3. Students' Section. After considerable discussion regarding the question of creating a Students' Section of the Society, it was RESOLVED that a student branch, as such, is not really needed. Children still at school could join the Junior Branch, and those who have left could join as student members of the main Society.

Two suggestions were made regarding meetings for those of student age.

1. That there should be a Rally at Rochester on the same day as the Summer Meeting of the Junior Branch, the schoolchildren meeting in the morning and early afternoon, under Miss Linn's direction, and the older ones after tea under Mr. Salkeld.
2. That instead of waiting till the Summer, the spring meeting in the Waldegrave Hall might be run in two halves, the juniors using the upstairs room and the Students downstairs.

4. Classes. To ensure that all members know what classes are available, it was RESOLVED that a list of such classes should be inserted in the "Recorder News".

5. Students' Subscriptions. The question of subscriptions already paid by student members of the Society was discussed, as this money had previously been credited to the London Branch. The Hon. Treasurer was asked to go into the matter.

6. Honorary Auditor. Mr. Green having resigned as Hon. Auditor of the Society's accounts, J. Bergmann promised to approach Mr. Metcalf regarding the audit. If Mr. Metcalf is unable to undertake the work, it was suggested that Mr. Green's firm might be employed.

7. Date of next Meeting.
left in abeyance

The date of the next Meeting was

There being no other business, the meeting terminated
at 12.35 p.m.

Edgar Hunt
26.7.53

MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Recorder Players
held at the Swedenborg Hall, W.C.I., on Saturday, 29th November 1952,
at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Edgar Hunt presided, supported by Mr. Bergmann and
Miss Linn, Musical Directors, and members of the Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. and Mrs.
Carl Jolmelich and Miss Waukes.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks. The Chairman in his opening remarks
apologised for the lateness in sending out the notice of the Annual
General Meeting, which was in part due to delay at the Post Office.
It was PROPOSED, therefore, to take only a certain amount of
business; then to adjourn the Meeting and to continue it in the
New Year, with the requisite twenty-eight days' notice. One of
the items to be considered at the adjourned meeting would be an
amendment to one of the rules, and the student section which
Mr. Salkeld had been exploring.

2. Minutes. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were
read, confirmed, and signed as correct.

3. Report of the Chairman.

REPORTED that there had been a certain amount of progress
in the year, but a certain delay in sending out notices, music
publication, and Recorder News.

REPORTED that the Annual Concert of the Society took place in

Manchester, as agreed at the last Annual General Meeting, and it has been decided to hold the 1953 Concert again out of London, this time in Birmingham, possibly on June 13th. It is always possible for the London branch to arrange their own concert, and members do have opportunities not afforded to the provincial branches.

REPORTED that, in conjunction with the Dolmetsch Foundation, the Summer School was held in August and proved to be the most successful, as the numbers were not limited by the small amount of accommodation available. There were just over one hundred students present for the week. The new Teacher's ~~Examination~~ ^{Certificate} Examination was held during the course, seven candidates being successful.

REPORTED that it is hoped during 1952-53 to hold one meeting a month during the winter season, and a summer meeting in June or July in the London Branch.

4. Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

REPORTED that the past year has been a successful one from the financial point of view. Receipts exceeded expenditure by £12—, which is about the same as the previous year, but only three copies of the Recorder News were published. There has been an increase in most items during the year: subscriptions amounting to £301 as against £268, expenditure £299 as against £245.

Membership of the Society. On 30th September, 1952, membership numbers were the highest so far recorded:

455 Members of Branches

163 Adult members, not attached to Branches

38 Student Members

Total 656

5. Election of Officers

Chairman

Mr. Edgar Hunt

Musical Director ..

Mr. Carl Dolmetsch

Honorary Treasurer ..

Mr. James

6. Resignation of Hon. Auditor. Mr. Green, who has been the Honorary Auditor since the Society was re-formed, is unable to accept nomination again this year, owing to pressure of work. His experienced handling of the accounts has proved of enormous value to the Society, and his resignation was received with much regret. It was AGREED that Mr. Metcalf, a former member of the Society, be approached regarding the auditing of the Society's accounts.

7. Resignation of Hon. Secretary. The Society also received with much regret Mrs. Gould's resignation, and the Chairman took the opportunity of thanking her for all the work she had done for the benefit of the Society since she was appointed Hon. Secretary, two years ago. It was

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Gould

SECONDED BY Mr. Hunt

and carried

"THAT Miss I. Tadmor be appointed Honorary Secretary of the Society."

8. Election of Committee

Mr. E. W. Clark

Mrs. Carl Dolmetich

Miss Natalie Dolmetich

Mr. C. Kenworthy

Miss I. Mabbett

Mr. R. Salkeld

Miss W. Sanders

9. Junior Section

REPORTED by Miss Dinn a very satisfactory year's work, with a membership of 681, as against 600 the previous year and 480 three years ago. Two meetings were held in London during the year and two in Bristol, where Miss Erid Hunt runs a very active branch. There were two issues of the magazine of the Junior Branch during the year.

10. Branch Delegates Conference. REPORTED by the Chairman that the Delegates' Conference held in November was most successful and provided a very valuable opportunity for Delegates from the Branches to meet together and to discuss problems which arise.

11. Adjourned Meeting It was PROPOSED from the Chair to adjourn the Meeting and to continue it in the New Year, when an amendment to the rules would be discussed so that Rule 4 should read:-

"All subscriptions shall be payable on October 1st each year. A subscription paid after May 1st in any year by a member joining the Society for the first time shall cover the period up to September 30th in the following year."

The question of Student membership would also be on the Agenda.

12. Other Business There being no other business the Meeting terminated at 3.25 p.m.

Edmund Hunt

7.11.53

Adjourned General Meeting held at the Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, W.I., on Saturday, 28th February, 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

13. Confirmation of Election of Officers and Committee.

It was PROPOSED BY Miss Howard
SECONDED BY Mr. Newman

and carried unanimously

"THAT the Officers and Committee named at the Annual General Meeting be hereby declared elected."

Appointment

14. Election of Hon. Auditor

REPORTED that Mr. Metcalf is unable to undertake the work and it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Clark

SECONDED BY Dr. Beigman

and carried unanimously

"THAT Mr. L. Minchin be appointed Honorary Auditor for the current year."

15. Alteration to Rule 4

It was PROPOSED BY Mr. Clark

SECONDED BY Miss Nabbett

and carried unanimously

"THAT the last paragraph in Rule 4 shall read, 'All subscriptions shall be payable on October 1st in each year.'

A subscription paid after May 1st in any year by a member joining the Society for the first time shall cover the period up to September 30th in the following year."

16. Student Memberships

REPORTED that the question of a Student Section had been discussed, and it had been put to the test as to whether this Section would meet any real need among Bowden Players. After a year of trial, the Committee had reached the decision that a Student Section, as such, was not necessary, as students who were not eligible for the Junior Section could join the main Society, by paying the Student membership subscription of 5p, provided they could produce evidence from their college or, in the case of apprentices, other authorities.

That concluded the business of the Meeting, which terminated at 2.55 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt

7.11.53

COMMITTEE MEETING held at Grove House, Roehampton Lane, S.W. 15
on Sunday, 26th July, 1953, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Bergmann Miss Natalie Dolmetich
Mr. Clark Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Linn Miss Mahbett
Mrs. Dolmetich Miss Sanders
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadmor, Hon. Secretary.

In attendance: Mr. Bebb, Secretary of the London Branch.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Dolmetich.

1. Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

2. Mallet's arising REPORTED that some students attended the Junior Rally at the Waldegrave Hall in the Spring, but that there were no students at the Summer Rally at Roehampton.

REPORTED by the Hon. Treasurer that the Students' subscriptions had been used towards the payment of expenses incurred while exploring the possibilities of a Students' section, and that the matter was now in order.

3. International Meeting of Recorder Players in 1954 A letter from Mr. Bergmann was read suggesting a possible International Meeting of Recorder players in 1954. This matter was considered and it was agreed that a leading Recorder player from each of the five countries Austria, France, Germany, Holland, and Switzerland, be invited to attend the Summer School at Roehampton in 1954 as guests.

It was PROPOSED from the Chair that details be left to the Sub-committee of the Summer School (namely: Mr. Hunt, Chairman; Mr. Dolmetich; Mr. Bergmann; Miss Linn, Secretary, Mrs. Dolmetich), with power to co-opt further members

if required.

The following suggestions were put forward for consideration:

1. That the British Council be approached for help with fares, etc.
2. That broadcast engagements might be possible.
3. That the visitors be invited to give lectures and concerts to the students at the Summer School.

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that under Rule 2, Sections A and E, a grant could be made to the funds of the Summer School, by the Society, to help with the hospitality.

4. Recorder Players in Australia. A letter from Mr. John Manifold was read concerning group affiliation, or the formation of an Australian branch of the Society. This was considered, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Manifold telling him of our interest in Recorder playing in Australia, but saying that the rules of the Society remain unaltered as group affiliation has never been considered a practical proposition, and the distance would make the formation of an Australian branch difficult. The exchange of news and views would be welcome, and it was suggested that Mr. Manifold be sent copies of the Recorder News.

5. Cornwall Branch. After discussion it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary write to Miss Jean Williams regarding the formation of a branch in Cornwall. This matter had been outstanding for some time, but it appeared there was growing enthusiasm and the formation of a branch would be well worth while.

Some discussion ensued regarding the smaller branches, and the Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary were asked to look into the question of finance and to suggest a revision

of the sliding scale, if necessary, particularly in view of a letter from the London Secretary regarding the finances of that Branch.

b. Payment
to Members

The question of the last sentence of Rule 3 ("No member of the Society shall receive payment either direct or indirect for services or in any way save for the re-imbursement of legitimate expenses incurred in the work of the Society") was considered, and it was decided to make no alteration in the Rules for the time being.

7. Dates
for Meetings
in 1953 & 1954

The following dates were considered and confirmed:

1953 Sunday, October 11th: Branch Delegates Conference
Saturday, November 7th: Annual General Meeting

1954 Wednesday, March 17th: Annual Concert, in London.
Sunday, October 10th: Branch Delegates Conference
Saturday, November 13th: Annual General Meeting.

On the suggestion of Fr. Bergmann it was RESOLVED that Mr. Michael Tippett be invited to write the next music publication of the Society, perhaps a piece for descant and whole Records, with the possibility of the first performance at the Annual Concert.

8. Date of
next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting was arranged for Sunday, September 20th, at 2.30 p.m., at Hornsall, Chesham Bois, by kind invitation of Mr. Hunt.

There being no other business, the Meeting terminated at 12.30 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt

20 Sept 1953

COMMITTEE MEETING held at Journash, Chesham Bois,
on Sunday, 20th September, 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Mabbett
Miss Sanders
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Clark, Miss
Dunn, Mrs. Dolmetsch, Mr. Dolmetsch, Miss Nathalie
Dolmetsch, Mr. James.

4.

1. Minutes:

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed
and signed

2. Business Arising:

International Summer School. REPORTED by Dr.
Bergmann that when abroad he had met a group of
Recorder players, the best he had ever heard, consisting of
10 Descants, 10 Allos, 8 Tenors, 4 Basses, 3 Great Basses.
They are keen to travel, and, if asked, would come to the
Summer School, paying their own expenses. It was
AGREED to bring this to the notice of the Secretary of the
Summer School, bearing in mind that sufficient rooms must be
available for British players who wish to come to the School. A
recommendation was made that Grove House be reserved for our
own players, and Templeton for our foreign visitors, if it is
still available for that week. It was suggested that a paper
like "Picture Post" might publicise the Summer School.

3. Branch Delegates Conference:

The Agenda for the Branch Delegates Conference was drawn up as follows:

1. Minutes of last Meeting
2. Business arising
3. Correspondence, if any
4. Reports from Branches
5. To arrange visits to Branches by the Society's Representatives
6. To consider suggestions regarding the Annual Concert in 1955
7. Any other business

The Secretary was instructed to ask Branch Secretaries to give notice of any special points which were being raised. Regarding visits to Branches it was AGREED that assistants be appointed to help the Musical Directors in this work and that the following be approached: Miss Sanders, Mr. Salkeld, Miss Wailes, Mrs. McMullen. Miss Sanders agreed to help in this way.

RECOMMENDED that Branches might combine and share the visit of one of the Society's representatives, as Bristol and Birmingham have arranged to do on Saturday, November 21st, at Cheltenham.

4. Annual General Meeting:

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was considered, the retiring Musical Director, Dr. Bergmann, was nominated for re-election and also the members of the Committee. Those present agreed to stand again and the Secretary was instructed to write to the other members. She reported that Mr. Clark, the Membership Secretary, was anxious not to carry on the work indefinitely, but it was AGREED to ask him to do so for another year at least.

The question of Vice-Presidents was considered, and it was AGREED that a recommendation from the Executive

Committee be put forward at the Annual General Meeting "THAT Professor Gustav Schede, of Freiburg, be invited to become a Vice-President of the Society."

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was drawn up as follows:

1. Minutes of the last Meeting
2. Business arising
3. Report of the Chairman
4. Report of the Hon. Treasurer
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Report of the Junior Section
7. Report of the Branch Delegates Conference
8. To consider a recommendation from the Executive Committee "THAT Professor Gustav Schede, of Freiburg, be invited to become a Vice President of the Society."
9. Any other business.

5 Reprinting of Leaflets:

As the Secretary holds a good stock of the Society's leaflets, it was RESOLVED not to consider reprinting for the time being, the present leaflets to be altered, and a rubber stamp made if necessary.

6 Any Other Business:

London Council of Social Service: The Hon. Secretary reported that she had received a communication from the London Council of Social Service regarding the insertion of dates of meetings of the Society of Recorder Players in the Arts Bulletin, which is published four times a year. It was AGREED that the Secretary be responsible for forwarding news of the Society to the London Council of Social Service.

Circulation of Minutes: It was PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann, SECONDED BY Mr. Kemworth and

carried unanimously,

" THAT copies of the Minutes of each Meeting should be circulated to members of the Committee. "

7. Next Meeting:

The date of the next Meeting was left in abeyance until after the Annual General Meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 4.10 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt
20.2.54

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

A MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

will be held at

Downash, Chesham Bois
(by kind invitation of Mr. Hunt)

on Sunday, 20th September 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Meeting
2. Business arising
3. Correspondence
4. To Consider agenda for:-
 - (a) Branch Delegates' Conference
 - (b) Annual General Meeting
5. To approve the reprinting of the form of application for membership
6. Any other business

J.I. TADMAN
Hon. Secretary.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Society of Recorder Players, held at the
Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, W.I. on Saturday,
7th November 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Hunt was in the Chair - supported by Dr. Beigman
and Miss Dunn. Musical Directors, and members of the
Committee. There were about a hundred members of the
Society present.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read, confirmed, signed.

Chairman's

Opening

Remarks.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that
the year 1952-3 had been a prosperous and vital one
for the Society. Membership reached its highest level,
711 fully paid-up members, that is about 500 members
attached to Branches, 150-175 County members, and
25-30 student members. During the year there have
been three issues of the Recorder News, and everyone has
welcomed the printed issue of Summer 1953 as against
the imitation typewritten ones that we have had in the past.
We congratulate Mr. Kenworthy in particular on that
improvement.

The Annual Concert was held in Birmingham
on June 13th, and was a very successful event. Some
string players from the Birmingham School of Music
Co-operated, together with Miss Hilda Hunter, who
played the oboe with one of her pupils, and members
of the Birmingham Branch also played.

For a number of years the music publication has
been an ensemble piece, mainly of use in Branch
meetings and for groups of players. This year the
lone player was considered, and the Indian Folk Tunes,
arranged by Miss Holst, were chosen for the Society's
1953 publication.

The Summer School, run for the Society by the
Johannes Brahms Foundation, took place at Grove House, Roehampton,

from July 25th to August 1st, and just over 100 students attended. The 1954 Summer School will be held at the same place from July 30th to August 5th, when we hope to welcome leading Recorder Players from the Continent.

Financial
Report.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a surplus of income over expenditure during the year of £2-11/-, as against £12- last year, and this was a reasonable result of the year's working. It is apparent from the figures that we shall not be able to embark on any major additional expenditure unless we increase our membership considerably, or dip into our reserve balance, but on our present programme quite a satisfactory year is possible from the financial point of view.

It was PROPOSED BY Miss Howard

SECONDED BY Miss Leonard

and carried unanimously,

"THAT the accounts as presented by the Hon. Treasurer be adopted."

Officers &
Committee

It was PROPOSED from the Chair and carried unanimously,

"THAT, with the exception of one resignation, Mr. Salkeld, the Officers and Committee continue in office for the year 1953-4."

Junior
Section

Miss Linn reported a successful year in the Junior Section. There had been two meetings in London, in the Spring and Summer, and also meetings in Birmingham and in the Bristol area. Numbers in London have dropped slightly, but have increased in Bristol, and the total is about 550 members. Miss Linn felt that it was inevitable that numbers should drop as more Recorder work was done in the schools and was encouraged by the Local Education Authorities, so that the need for meetings was not so keenly felt. The Junior Section Committee was exploring new fields for activity, with the co-operation of the Local Education Authorities, in the case of London, of course, the L.C.C. It was emphasised that membership of the Junior Section is

always individual, and there is no group affiliation scheme.

Branch

Delegates' Conference.

The Chairman reported an extremely satisfactory Branch Delegates' Conference, held in October, and attended by a representative from every Branch. This afforded a valuable opportunity for differing ideas to be put forward and ideas exchanged. A suggestion was made that the Midland and Bristol branches might hold a combined meeting in Cheltenham, and this was arranged, Oxford asking if they also might attend. During the year a branch had been formed in Cornwall, and they were able to send a delegate to the conference.

Vice -

President

It was PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mrs. Holmstedt

and carried unanimously

"THAT Professor Gustav Scheck be invited to become one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society."

Vote of

Thanks

A Vote of Thanks was proposed from the Chair to the Officers and Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 3.30 p.m.

Walter Bygman

13th November 1954

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at the Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, W.I., on Saturday,
20th January, 1954, at ^{1.45}~~2.30~~ p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Linn
Miss Sanders.
Mr. Clark
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Nathalie
Dolmetsch, Mr. Carl Dolmetsch, Miss Abbeville, Mr. James

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed, and
signed.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from Dr. Bergmann regarding the vacancy
on the Committee, and proposing that Mr. Theo Wyzall be invited to join
the Committee, providing he was willing to become a member of the
Society. This was formally proposed from the Chair and
unanimously agreed.

Annual

Concert 1954

The Annual Concert of the Society, to be held at Queen Mary Hall
on Wednesday, March 17th, was discussed and the programme
drawn up.

The question of the Annual Concert in 1955 was postponed
until the next meeting, the date of which was left in abeyance.

The Meeting terminated at 2.30 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt
2 Aug 54

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at Grove House, Rochampton, S.W. 15, on Monday, 2nd August 1954,
at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Dolwetsch Mr. Kenworthy
Dr. Bergmann Miss Habbett
Miss Linn Miss Sanders
Mrs. Dolwetsch Mr. Wyatt
Miss Nathalie Dolwetsch Miss Tadman - Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. Clark. Mr. James.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that Mr. Clark had written to confirm that he wished to resign as Membership Secretary at the end of the year (September). Names were considered, and it was AGREED to make enquiries among members and to discuss the matter further at the next meeting of the Committee.

A letter was read from the Dorset Branch, concerning school examinations in practical music, the Recorder not being recognised by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, although Grade V is accepted for ~~Grade V~~ the G.C.E. in lieu of one of the theoretical papers. The examinations of Trinity College of Music are not accepted for G.C.E. The writer wondered whether the Associated Board could be approached with a request to run Recorder exams., or whether the G.C.E. authorities could be asked to accept the Trinity College examinations. It was AGREED that the better approach would be to the University authorities.

Annual

Concert

1955

The Annual Concert in 1955 was discussed and letters from Newcastle, Oxford, and Bristol branches were considered, as each branch was anxious for the concert to take place in its area. It was finally AGREED that a letter be sent to

Mr. Brownlow in Newcastle, suggesting that the Education Authorities might like to run a weekend school at which the Chairman and three Musical Directors would instruct, and the concert could then take place on the Saturday evening. It was felt that the expense of players travelling to Newcastle just for the concert was rather more than ought to be incurred at the present time. If Newcastle did not wish for this, then the concert should be in Bristol in 1955, and in Newcastle and Oxford at a later date.

Musical
Directors'
visits to
Branches

As the matter of the Musical Directors' free visits to Branches had always been left rather indeterminate, and in consequence some misunderstandings had arisen, it was formally

PROPOSED from the Chair, and carried unanimously

"THAT the free annual visit of a Musical

Director to a Branch should consist of

conducting a playing session on a

Saturday afternoon and early evening,

say 2.30 - 6 p.m., with tea interval,

any other arrangements being made

privately outside the Society; the meeting

being timed so that the Director can travel

to the town in the morning and return the

same day if possible, but in the case of a

distant Branch it might be necessary for

the Director to travel down overnight or to

return the following day."

Publications

It was REPORTED that the Recorder News and the current music publication had both just been issued, and it was AGREED to postpone until the next meeting of the Committee a full discussion on the future of the publications.

Agendas

for the A.G.M. up as follows:

and B.I.C.

1. Minutes of last Meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Report of Chairman
4. Report of Hon. Treasurer

5. Resignation of Membership Secretary
6. Election of Officers and Committee

(Our Musical Director and all members of the Committee retire each year. This year's retiring Musical Director is Miss Julia Linn, and she and all members of the Committee, with the exception of the Membership Secretary, offer themselves for re-election. Nominations for vacancies must be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, and must include a statement to the effect that the Nominee would be willing to serve if elected. Such nominations must reach the Hon. Secretary, 31a, St. Ann's Villas, London, W.11., not later than the 30th October 1954.)

7. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
8. To consider the publication's policy of the Society
9. Report of the Junior Section
10. Any other business.

The Secretary was instructed to call Members' attention to the importance of this meeting.

The Agenda for the Branch Delegates Conference was approved as last year, with the addition of an item to consider making the Conference a biennial, and not an annual, meeting, to be held in the spring, so that its recommendations could be considered at the Annual General Meeting, the members having had due notice.

Junior
Section

Miss Linn reported that a London Schools Recorder Association had been formed, so that Teachers of the Recorder in London Schools could meet together for playing and exchanging news and views. The Secretary of the Association had enquired from Miss Linn whether schools could be affiliated to the Junior Section of the S.R.P., for a subscription of, say, 5/- a year, their aim being to get the children grouped together for festivals and meetings, such as the Rochampton one, the children to pay 1/- a visit and to buy a copy of the magazine. Only one magazine would be sent free to the affiliated group. There

would still be individual membership of the Junior Section as at present, with a 2/6³ subscription. The London Schools Recorder Association is not yet officially recognised, although all expenses are paid by the L.C.C., and it was started in North London by the Music Adviser for the district, Mr. Ralston. This matter will be discussed with the publications policy at the next meeting of the Committee and reported to the A.G.M.

Any other
business

Dr. Bergmann reported that Miss Pilcher had enquired whether especially capable child players could join the student branch of the S.R.P., and attend the London meetings. After some discussion it was AGREED that membership of the Society is open only to adults and student members, the latter being students at a training college and having left school. The Junior Section provides for all those of school age.

Date of
next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Saturday, the 9th October, 1954, at 10.30 a.m., at 31a, St. Ann's Villas, W.11.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 4.10 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt
9.10.54

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 31st St. Ann's Villas, London. W.11.
on Saturday, 9th October 1954, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Linn
Mrs. Holmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tachman, Hon. Secretary

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. Holmetsch	Miss Holmetsch
Mr. Clark	Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Mabbett	Mr. Wyatt

Minutes

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

Matters

arising

School examinations in practical music: These are being discontinued at Ordinary Level in the General Certificate of Education, but will be compulsory at Advanced Level. The Chairman is getting in touch with H. Lovelock of London University, whom he knows personally, with regard to the Recorder being required for these examinations, or, alternatively, exemption being granted on the Certificate of Trinity College of Music.

Annual Concert 1955: REPORTED that Mr. Brownlow's answer to the Chairman's letter lined down the proposal of a weekend School to be held in conjunction with the concert. Since the Oxford Branch was not very flourishing, it was AGREED that Bristol would seem to be the best place for the concert, or perhaps Bath, but the matter would be further considered at the Branch Delegates Conference the next day.

Financial
Statements.

The Hon. Treasurer REPORTED that the books were just being prepared for the Annual audit, and that it would seem that expenditure this year had exceeded receipts by some £5—

A request had been received from the London Branch regarding consideration of the sliding scale of rebate, as, owing to increased costs of running the meetings, the Branch was finding itself with a steadily diminishing Bank balance. It was AGREED to discuss the matter with the delegates from other Branches at the Annual conference, the Hon. Treasurer making the suggestion that the rebate should be 7/- on the first 15 members, 6/- on the next 10, 4/- on the next 75, and 3/- thereafter; instead of 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.

Publications
policy

A letter was read from Mr. Kenworthy, making the following suggestions:

- (a) Abolition of music publication
- (b) Abolition of Non-branch memberships
- (c) Increase of circulation of Recorder News by putting it on sale to the public, to be available on a subscription for three issues, and not for a fixed period, and also having copies on sale in music shops if possible.

Comments on these points were received from absent members of the Committee, and further suggestions made at the meeting. After careful consideration and discussion it was AGREED that non-branch membership be retained and that the following recommendations be made to the Annual General Meeting:

1. It was PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Miss Dink

and carried unanimously,

"THAT the music publication in its present form be abandoned."

2. It was PROPOSED BY Mr. Dolmetsch

SECONDED BY Mr. Hunt

and carried unanimously

"THAT it is desirable to widen the
scope and distribution of the
Reorder News as a regular journal."

3. It was PROPOSED from the Chair and
carried unanimously,

"THAT an Editorial Board be formed
to be responsible for the production
of the Reorder News."

Date of
next
Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for
Tuesday, the 26th October 1954, at 5.30 p.m., at 31a, St. Ann's
Village, W.II.

There being no further business, the meeting
terminated at 1.40 p.m.

Edgar Hunt
26. Oct. 54

MINUTES of the BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1. on Sunday, 10th October, 1954, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
 Dr. Bergmann, Musical Director
 Miss Linn " "
 Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
 Miss Toddman, Hon. Secretary
 Mrs. Holmstedt
 Mrs. Jants, Dorset
 Miss Hunt, Bristol
 Mr. Bebb, London
 Mr. Lightowler, Manchester
 Miss Hilda Hunter, Midlands
 Mr. Cockcroft "
 Mr. Rowland Jones, Newcastle
 Mrs. Taylor, Merseyside.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken and read and signed by the Chairman

Matters The combined meeting of the Bristol, Oxford, and
 arising Midland Branches in Cheltenham was REPORTED as being an interesting and successful occasion.

Annual The 1955 Annual Concert was discussed fully, and
 concert it was PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann
 1955 SECONDED BY Mrs. Holmstedt
 and carried unanimously

THAT the offer from Newcastle Branch for the concert in 1955 to take place there be accepted."

The Branch requested that the concert be in October or early November, and not in the spring as usual, and Mr. Rowland Jones said that the Newcastle Bach Choir and an orchestra would help in the programme.

Branch
matters

The Branches reported satisfactory meetings, but the question of finance was raised, particularly in relation to the London Branch, which had an ambitious programme and heavy expenses. The sliding scale was revised as follows: -

First 15 members	8/-	} as before
Next 10	6/-	
" 75	4/-	
Over 100	3/-	instead of 2/-

Two suggestions were put forward for consideration, but no action was taken:

- (i) A badge for members of the Society
- (ii) The possibility of approaching people to become Patrons.

Publications

The Chairman spoke of the advisability of discontinuing the music publication, as there was now plenty of music available for the Recorder, and increasing the number, and possibly the size, of issues of the Recorder News. This met with approval from the delegates.

Next

meeting

The next Branch Delegates Conference was discussed, and the question of holding it biennially, instead of annually, was raised. It was PROPOSED from the Chair that the next one should take place in the Spring of 1956. It was further

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Miss Tadmor

and carried unanimously

"THAT the next Conference should be held in the Spring of 1956, and it should then be decided whether to hold further Conferences annually or biennially."

There being no further business the meeting terminated at

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MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 31^A St. Ann's Villas, London. W.11.
on Tuesday, 26th October, 1954, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Bergmann
Miss Linn
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. Dolmetsch
Mr. Clark
Miss Mabbett.

Public

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Motion Making Rebate to Branches: The Hon. Treasurer (REPORTED) that he had considered carefully the sliding scale of rebate, and in view of present circumstances, it was:

PROPOSED BY Mr. James

SECONDED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch

and carried unanimously

"THAT the 2% rebate on each subscription over 100 be increased to 3%, the matter to be reconsidered next year."

Correspondence The Chairman read a letter he had received from Dr. Scholes, suggesting that the time had come for him to resign as President, to which he had replied pointing out the importance of having as our President someone not intimately of the Recorder movement. It was AGREED that the

Chairman write again confirming the Committee's approval of his former letter.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from the Oxford Branch saying that at their Annual General Meeting on October 13th, it was decided, with one dissentient vote, that the Oxford Branch should "cease to exist as part of the Society of Recorder Players." Support had been poor, and although this step was very much regretted it was felt there was really little point in maintaining the machinery of a Branch.

Also a letter from Mr. Bebb nominating Mr. V. L. Gray as Membership Secretary, vice Mr. Clark resigned. This was seconded by Miss Tisdman and unanimously approved. A vote of thanks to Mr. Clark for all the work he had done for the Society, was proposed from the Chair and warmly supported by members of the Committee.

Publications

REPORTED that it was proposed to abandon the music publication in its present form, but in view of non-branch members it was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mrs. Jolmesich

and carried unanimously

"THAT there should be one further music publication."

It was hoped that in the year 1954-5 the publications would consist of the music publication and two issues of the Recorder News, and thereafter three issues of the Recorder News, with an occasional music supplement when feasible.

The Chairman referred to the need for a small Editorial Board so that the work and responsibility for the Recorder News could be to a certain extent shared, the Musical Directors acting in an advisory capacity, and the present Editor of the Recorder News as Editor-in-Chief, with others to help him so that part of the work could be delegated. As a preliminary, it was:

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetich

SECONDED BY Mr. Hunt

and carried unanimously

"THAT a sub-committee be formed, consisting of Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. James, and Miss Tadmor, to frame a resolution for submission to the Executive Committee as to:

- (a) The possible number of issues of the Recorder News in a year, having regard to the financial position of the Society;
- (b) The economical price at which it would be sold to the public (subject to Board of Trade regulations);
- (c) Whether a revision of the annual subscriptions is indicated."

any other
business

Publication of the Balance Sheet: Mr. Kenworthy asked for the Committee to approve the form of circulation of the Balance Sheet, and it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. James

SECONDED BY Miss Sanders

and carried unanimously

"THAT the Balance Sheet should be sent to members in the same form as in the previous year."

National Federation of Music Societies: The Chairman asked if the Committee would like him to make enquiries as to whether the S.R.P. is eligible for membership of the National Federation of Music Societies, and it was AGREED that it would be well worth while carrying out this suggestion.

Date of
next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was left in abeyance.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.35 p.m.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Society of Recorder Players, held at the Waldegrave Hall,
Juke Street, W.I., on Saturday, 13th November 1954, at 2.30 p.m.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman it was
PROPOSED BY Mr. Kenworthy,
SECONDED BY Miss Murray
and carried unanimously,

"THAT Mr. Bergmann take the Chair
for the meeting."

He was supported by Miss Linn, Musical Director, the Hon.
Secretary, and the Hon. Treasurer, and seven members of the
Committee. Mr. Johnston was unable to attend as he was
paying the annual visit to the Bristol Branch.

About one hundred members were present.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
were read, confirmed, and signed as correct.

Chairman's Report After Mr. Bergmann had welcomed those present the
Hon. Secretary read Mr. Hunt's report on the year 1953-4,
as appended.

Financial The Hon. Treasurer read the financial report, and
• Junior Miss Linn reported on the Junior Section. Both reports
Reports. are appended.

Resignation Members received the resignation of the Membership
of Membership Secretary with great regret and warmly supported the
Secretary Chairman's Vote of Thanks to Mr. Clark, showing their
appreciation for the enormous amount of work he had done
for the Society while Membership Secretary.

Election of The following Officers were re-elected unopposed:

Officers & Committee
Chairman: Mr. Hunt
Musical Director: Miss Linn
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. James
Hon. Secretary: Miss Tadman

Mr. V. L. Gray was proposed by Mr. Bebb, seconded by
Miss Tadman, as Membership Secretary, and this appointment

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was unanimously approved. The other members of the Committee were re-elected, namely:

Mrs. Carl Jolwetsch, Miss Nathalie Jolwetsch, Mr. Kenworthy, Miss Mathett, Miss Sanders, Mr. Wyatt.

Election of

Hon. Auditor

The Hon. Auditor, Mr. L. Minchin, was unanimously re-appointed for the year 1954-5, and a Vote of Thanks was warmly accorded to him for his work for the Society during the year 1953-4.

Publications

of the Society

The Chairman RE-PORTED that the Committee recommended that the Annual music publication should cease after 1955, and also that the Committee proposed an increase in the size and number of issues of the Recorder News. Both these proposals met with the unanimous approval of the members present.

Before the meeting closed at 3.34 p.m., Miss Howard expressed thanks on behalf of the members to those who gave so much of their time to the official work of the Society.

Edgar H Hunt

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1954.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all I do apologise to you most sincerely for my absence this afternoon. It is all my own silly fault for confusing dates and accepting a professional engagement this weekend. However, I wish you a pleasant and constructive meeting under whomever you have chosen to be your Chairman today, and should you re-elect me as your Chairman I promise it will not happen again.

The past year has been an important one in the life of our Society. We feel we have gained some reflected glory from the award of the C.B.E. to Mr. Dolmetsch in the New Year Honours, following his return from his tour in New Zealand. We congratulate him on this honour. Another item of good news is the formation of a Society of Recorder Players in New Zealand, under Mr. Dolmetsch's patronage, which has flourished during the year since its formation.

Now to turn to more domestic matters at home: we have welcomed the formation of a new branch in Cornwall, and regret the closing of the Oxford Branch. In Oxford one difficulty has been to find someone experienced, keen, and with the time and patience to conduct the meetings regularly. The Branch was always small, partly because the population of Oxford is constantly changing, and partly because the city offers so many other activities. We are sorry to say good-bye to Oxford, and hope the remaining members will continue to be non-branch members of the S.R.P.

An interesting experiment concerning the Branches was the combined meeting of the Midland, Bristol, and Oxford Branches held in Cheltenham last autumn. The parties arrived by coaches in the afternoon and joined in combined playing, with a concert after tea. It was voted a success by the Bristol and Oxford parties. The Birmingham party missed a lot of the fun as their coach was very late arriving.

It was a great blow to us all in the spring when Dr. Bergmann was laid low and rushed off to Holland for an eye operation. We are very happy he has made such a wonderful recovery and can see us all so well today. We missed him particularly when the time came for the Annual Concert, to the planning of which he had contributed so much. In carrying out this programme we continued our policy of producing one of the works of Bach in which recorders take part. This time it was the Easter Oratorio, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped in the concert arrangements.

The Recorder in Education Summer School, with which our Society is closely associated, was held at Roehampton from July 30th to August 6th, and continued the success of former years. This year a new feature was introduced. We put it on an international basis by inviting some of the leading recorder players from the Continent to join us, and arranged three evening concerts during the Course in which they took part. Members of the Society of Recorder Players were invited to these concerts.

At the last of the concerts Miss Dinn and Dr. Bergmann gave the first performance of the music written for us by one of our distinguished Vice Presidents, Michael Tippett.

On the Saturday following this School, while some of us had gone on to the Downe House Summer School, the London Branch of the S.R.P. had a special meeting to welcome a Recorder group from Berlin. We are very grateful to Dr. Bergmann for arranging this occasion, and I am very sorry to have missed the chance of hearing their great bass recorders and their interesting methods of orchestrating the music they played.

On October 10th representatives of our Branches met in London for an interesting and fruitful conference. One of the main points which emerged from the discussions was the fact that we must strengthen and improve the Recorder News as our main link, not only with our non-branch members but with all the branches.

This afternoon you will have an opportunity of discussing the publications policy of the Society. During the year we have published one piece of music and two issues of the Recorder News. Your Committee is concerned to give all members - whether members of Branches or not - as much as possible in return for their subscriptions, and it seems that, now that the publication of music is well cared for by the music publishers, there is no longer the need for the S.R.P. to publish its own music, but that members need more guidance as to the choice of music. This can best be given in the pages of a bigger and better Recorder News, in reviews and informative articles, and in one appearing at more frequent intervals.

There is also a case for a reconsideration of the Society's subscription rates, and the Committee would welcome the views of members. It will not be possible for the decisions of today's meeting to take immediate effect, as the necessary notice has not been given, but at least you can today prepare for changes during the 1955-6 session. I would therefore suggest you give your Committee clear instructions to formulate any necessary amendments to the rules. Such amendments could be brought before an Extraordinary General Meeting early in 1955 for full discussion, so that the resolutions of that meeting can take effect from the beginning of the 1955-6 session. For the present session we

shall produce the usual music publication to wind up the series, and do our best to increase the number and size of issues of the Recorder News as far as funds allow.

The Society's Annual Concert will be held in Newcastle in 1955, on Saturday, November 12th. The London Branch will, no doubt, arrange its own Concert as well. In Newcastle the music department of the University is very helpful. We shall have the free use of the Hall of King's College, and the services of an excellent choir and orchestra; so it should be possible to put up a first-rate show. The date has been chosen, later in the year than usual, to fit in with local arrangements, and although travelling expenses from London may be higher other expenses will be less than usual.

Today you will be electing your Officers and Committee for 1954-5. Before you do so I should like to thank those who have been serving during the past year for their loyal support. We are faced with one resignation: that of our genial Membership Secretary, Mr. E.W. Clark, known to many of us as "Bobby". We were warned of this last year, but prevailed upon Mr. Clark to continue for another year. Now the time has come, and he really means it. Mr. Clark has done a wonderful work for us, keeping an eye on both branch and non-branch members; keeping Branch Secretaries up to scratch; and maintaining a smooth liaison with our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James; and we do thank him for all that he has done.

Mr. Bebb has nominated Mr. Gray as Mr. Clark's successor, and I understand that he would be willing to undertake the task of Membership Secretary if elected.

During the past year your Committee has co-opted Mr. Theo Wyatt to represent Morley College since the resignation of Mr. Robert Salkeld, who found it difficult to attend our meetings.

Such is my report on the past year's activities and some forecast of the future.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and fruitful meeting.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT, given by the Musical Director, Miss Dinn.

The Junior Section had quite a successful year, although, in pattern with last year, the numbers had dropped slightly. There were two issues of the magazine, one in the Autumn and one in the spring, each containing a musical contribution. Two meetings were held in London, to which non-members of the Society were invited at 1/- a head. Bristol also had a successful year, and Miss Dinn took a meeting there in July.

In the Minutes of the last A.G.M. a slight change of policy was anticipated, and some co-operation with the L.E.A.'s. In London, the London Schools Recorder Association, which was formed by teachers for teachers, approached the Society to enquire whether we would contemplate having affiliated schools' membership. In the past the Society was very much against this, but it seemed that now the time had come when it could be profitably considered, and it was agreed to start a scheme whereby a school can be affiliated for the annual subscription of 5/-, for which the school receives two copies of the magazine; children who are learning in the school can buy copies of the magazine for 9d., and an S.R.P. badge for 6d. The idea is that if we, as a Society, hold Junior meetings, then these children can come, at a charge of 1/- a head, as in the past. Invitations will be sent to the schools. So far for this session, 1954-5, forty-seven schools have become affiliated (including those from a number of places other than London districts). Individual membership will continue as before.

FINANCIAL REPORT, given by the Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: You will not expect to hear anything sensational from the Treasurer - if you did you would, quite rightly, be rather worried. The picture is much the same as last year. Receipts are about £5 in excess of expenditure, as compared with £2 last year, and the accumulated funds of the Society have increased by a similar amount. The total accumulated funds are now £211, as compared with £206 last year; total receipts were £333 and total expenditure £328, which included no exceptional item calling for comment apart, perhaps, from the Concert, which was rather more expensive than is usual; through special circumstances the cost was £40. Rebates to Branches were £128, as compared with £120. The Recorder News was less expensive - £37 as against £68 - owing to one issue fewer. Several Branches are exceeding their income and reducing their balances in hand, but on the whole the balances in the hands of the Branches have increased by £11, due to a great extent to the fact that Oxford had a poor year as regards meetings, and are now in the process of closing the Branch. The Junior Section had a large carry-forward of £33.

Those are the main headings of the financial position. The Society is still in quite a satisfactory position, with something like £200 as a reserve, which would tide us over any type of crisis.

REPORT of the SUB-COMMITTEE appointed to consider the following points:

1. The possible number of issues of the Recorder News in a year, having regard to the financial position of the Society;
2. The economical price at which it could be sold to the public (subject to Board of Trade regulations);
3. Whether a revision of the annual subscriptions is indicated.

Present: Mr. James
Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Tadman

The Committee's findings were:

1. It should be possible to have four issues of the Recorder News in a year, that is up to forty-eight pages in all. For the year 1954-5 there should be three issues, up to thirty-six pages in all, plus a music publication.
Suggested that distribution should be in the hands of the Branch Secretaries, Mr. Kenworthy being responsible for non-branch members.
2. It was not possible to fix a price for the Recorder News until more information was available as regards advertisements, etc.
3. It was considered that a revision of annual subscriptions is indicated, and the following recommendations were put forward:
 - (a) That Branch membership subscriptions be increased, and at the same time rebates to Branches also increased.
 - (b) That a proposal to increase Branch subscriptions to 15/- be put to the Branches for their comments.

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
Grove House, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W. 15, on
Sunday, 31st July 1955, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Dolmetech, Musical Director
Miss Levin " "
Mr. James Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadmor Hon. Secretary,
Mr. Gray, Memberships Secretary,
Mr. Dolmetech Miss Nathalie Dolmetech
Miss Sanders Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt Mr. Clarke (by invitation)

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Bergmann and Miss Nabbert.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

Sub-committee Report The report of the Sub-committee was presented to the Executive Committee, as appended.

The Executive Committee considered, and on a proposal from the Chair, accepted this report, but it was AGREED that as, so far, there had only been one issue of the Recorder News during the year it was unlikely that the aim of three would be reached. Mr. Kenworthy promised to do his best to see that there were four issues during 1955-6. Owing to Mr. Bergmann's illness the music publication had been delayed. After discussion it was RESOLVED not to consider any alteration in the subscriptions at present. The suggestion was made that 10/- might be termed a "minimum subscription" as that had brought in more in one or two cases in the experience of the Committee. It was further AGREED that commercial organisations be approached regarding advertising in the Recorder News, and according to the response received a price could be fixed so that some copies could be available for sale.

Cornwall
Branch

A letter was read from the Cornwall Branch regretting their inability to carry on as a branch, owing to difficulties in arranging meetings. This was received with much regret by the Committee.

Financial
Report

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the financial position was satisfactory and that expenses would be met by income, as far as it was possible to tell, during the year 1954-5. The Chairman said that the healthy position of the Society's finances was due to the careful work of the Honorary Treasurer, and he proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. James for all he did for the Society.

Dr. Bergmann

On a proposal from the Chair, the Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Bergmann, sending him best wishes for a speedy return to good health.

Annual
General
Meeting

It was AGREED that the Annual General Meeting of the Society be held on Saturday, 26th November 1955, at 2.30 p.m., in the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement, if available, otherwise in the Swedenborg Hall, the Agenda to be as appended.

Summer
School.

Mrs. Dolmetzsch REPORTED that the number at this year's Summer School was a record, and there was still a waiting list. It was AGREED that the possibility of extending the School and taking Grove House and Templeton in the future be considered.

Annual
Concert
1955

The Chairman REPORTED that the arrangements for the Annual Concert, to be held in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday, the 12th November 1955, were in hand, although, owing to Dr. Bergmann's illness, the final details had not been confirmed. A letter from Mr. Rowland Jones was read, asking whether it would be in order for advertisements to appear in the programme, and this suggestion was approved.

Junior
Section

Mrs. Jinn REPORTED a successful year in the Junior Section, between fifty and sixty schools being affiliated, mostly in the London district. The affiliation scheme had been adopted owing to pressure from the London Schools Reward Association, but the Committee of the Junior Section have come

to the conclusion that this section has now really fulfilled the function for which it was formed at the outset, namely, to encourage recorder playing at festivals, non-competitive and so on, as that work is now carried on by Local Education Authorities. Miss Linn also reported that she had received with much regret Miss Habbett's resignation as Secretary of the Junior Section, owing to ill-health and pressure of work. It was PROPOSED from the Chair

"THAT the Junior Section Committee go into the possibility of winding up the Section as such, and that the Society form a Junior Sub-Committee to deal with organisations to do with children."

Date of
next
meeting

The date of the next meeting was left in abeyance.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman extended a welcome to new members of the Committee and a Vote of Thanks to Mr. Hunt was PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetich and SECONDED BY Miss Linn.

There being no other business the meeting terminated at 12.50 p.m.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement, London, W.C.1.,
on Saturday, 26th November 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Jr. Bergmann, Musical Director
Miss Dinn " "
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Miss Mabbett
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Kemworth
Mr. Gray, Membership Secretary
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies. Apologies for absence owing to illness were
received from Mr. Carl Dolmetsch and Mrs. Dolmetsch.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
were read, confirmed, and signed.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave his report on the year
1954-5, as appended.

Financial Report The Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the accounts,
pointed out that although, comparatively speaking,
our finances were in a very good position, this was
partly due to the fact that there had only been two
issues of the Recorder News, no music supplement,
and no concert expenses during the year. Excess
of income over expenditure amounted to £73
as against £5, but this was accounted for by the
exceptional circumstances.

The Hon. Auditor said that he would like to
put on record that he was very much impressed
by the extremely economical and efficient way in
which the Society is run.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was
 PROPOSED BY Miss Howard
 SECONDED BY Miss Lusk
 and carried unanimously.

The Chairman PROPOSED a Vote of Thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for the excellent work he has done, coupled with a Vote of Thanks to the Hon. Auditor, who naturally had an important part to play in the same direction.

Junior Section Miss Lusk, Musical Director, reported on the Junior Section, as appended. It was PROPOSED from the Chair, and carried unanimously, that the present Committee of the Junior Section should proceed to organise a Conference on the lines suggested.

Membership Secretaries as Members of Exec. Committee A recommendation from the Executive Committee "THAT the Membership Secretaries be an Officer of the Society and an ex-Officio Member of the Executive Committee" was
 PROPOSED BY Mr. Kenworthy
 SECONDED BY Mr. Bagshaw
 and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary reported that no nominations had been received for Officers and Committee, and it was
 PROPOSED BY Miss Howard
 SECONDED BY Miss Lusk
 and carried unanimously.

"THAT the existing Officers and Committee be re-elected."

Chairman:	Mr. Edgar Hunt	
Musical Director:	Mr. Carl Jolmesch	
Membership Secretary:	Mr. Gray	
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. James	
Hon. Secretary:	Miss Tadman	
Committee:	Miss Jolmesch	Miss Nathalie Jolmesch
	Miss Mabbett	Miss Sanders
	Mr. Clarke	Mr. Kenworthy
	Mr. Wyatt	

Appointment
of the Auditor

The appointment of Mr. L. Minchin as Hon. Auditor
for the year 1955-6 was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bebb

SECONDED BY Miss Habbett

and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting
terminated at 3.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1955

I think the Recorder movement at the moment has come to rather an important period of its development and progress, and it is the sort of time when we take stock of ourselves. The movement as a whole is reflected in our own Society, and it is a period of consolidation. I think we can claim to represent the people who really like playing the Recorder, who are really interested in it, and not merely the hangers-on, people who have just been bitten with the idea. We are the hard core; the present membership figure is 685. As regards the music we are, I think, maintaining a pretty good level, an intelligent level, thanks very largely to Dr. Bergmann, who has a keen eye for what we ought to be doing and what we tend to enjoy doing most.

During the year we have had to make some changes. As you learned in the Minutes, we decided last year that it would be a sensible idea to finish the music publications that the Society started, because they have, in a sense, outlived their purpose. When we started off nobody else was interested in publishing Recorder music; now everybody is publishing music for Recorders, or wanting to. It is accepted, and this Society has, therefore, not the need to dissipate its energies on something that is already being done very well in another direction. The last item will be the one for this year, which has been delayed owing to Dr. Bergmann's illness, but Racine Fricker has been commissioned to write a work for two trebles and tenor, which will be issued as soon as is practicable.

The other thing we want to do is to step up interest in the Recorder News, and Mr. Kenworthy has in the last few days given us a very good sample of what we can do. The Recorder News is not easy to produce. Mr. Kenworthy has a very difficult job to do, really a job which needs the co-operation of us all; each and all of us when we have anything interesting to contribute must send it along to him to see if it is of general interest to the Society as a whole. The Recorder News helps a lot of people who are not able to come to our London meetings. We in London are very much spoilt by having so much done for us. For people who are miles from anywhere their only contact is through the News, especially now that we are dropping the music publication, though it may be of limited interest to others. It is the people who have been members of the branches who have had the greatest amount of favour up to now. We want the Recorder News to be the link for the few people who join the Society, not so much for what they get out of it, but because they want a link. As a movement we owe a lot to Mr. Godman's Sussex Recorder News, which, I think, has a very important place as an independent publication outside the Society.

The next thing of importance during the year has been the Summer School, held this year from July 29th to August 5th, at Grove House, Roehampton. It was very well supported, and was, I think, a very fruitful venture considering all that was done in the time; it was a very intense week. One blow fell on us, and that was Dr. Bergmann's sudden serious illness, which did cast a real shadow over all our proceedings, but fortunately Mr. Layton Ring, who was already going to take some classes, stepped into the breach, and Miss Tadman helped by taking the Beginners' Class. We are very pleased to have Dr. Bergmann back again, because he means such a lot to our meetings, and not only to our meetings but to the whole life of the Society.

There have, during the year, been visits to branches by the Musical Directors and myself, and our Annual Concert for 1955 was held a fortnight ago at Newcastle. This was later in the year than usual because it suited the local arrangements, and it was an excellent occasion. The Concert was held in the Hall of King's College, Newcastle, and consisted of ten items in all; an account of this is given elsewhere.

I feel I have probably left out many things in this report, but one thing I am not going to leave out is my thanks to all my colleagues on the Committee and all others who have helped by taking meetings, etc., for their co-operation during the past year.

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT 1955

The Junior Section is inevitably going through a process of change, owing to the very excellent work which the Recorder movement as a whole is doing, and the Committee of the Junior Section feel that this Section should cease to function in its present state. It was formed with the aim of encouraging a good standard of playing through better teaching of the Recorder in schools, by having membership, a magazine, and organising Festivals of playing. By so doing there have been held over the last eight years a series of very successful meetings, and it has been most encouraging to watch the gradual improvement in the average playing among the children who have attended those meetings.

When the Junior Section was formed such festivals were very rarely organised, but since we have led the way the Local Education Authorities, through their Music Advisers or Inspectors, have themselves organised with great success many such Festivals. As these have been developed we have found that our privately organised ones have been less needed, and therefore have been less well attended by the children, not because they have lacked interest but because they are, for the most part, satisfied with those organised officially through their schools, so that there is no need for them to come longer distances to a voluntary Festival organised by such a philanthropic society as the S.R.P.

Last year something of this was realised, and we wondered whether we might experiment by opening our membership to schools and not only to individuals. Many schools did affiliate, and for the sum of 5/- a year received two copies of the magazine, one for the children's library and the other for the teacher in charge. It seemed as if we were starting on a new period of development in this field, but we found to our disappointment that when we produced a magazine, although it contained music the schools did not ask for any more copies. This experiment has not developed as it might have done and it is, therefore, not worth while to continue. The L.E.A.'s are taking their part in encouraging Recorder playing in schools, although the standard of playing does not necessarily reach the high standard we aim at. There is still a certain feeling that you can give anybody a Recorder and by blowing it they can play it. Those teachers in the S.R.P. are doing excellent work, and we feel that there is so much interest in the teaching of the instrument in the schools, that we should be most profitably concerned with the teachers direct, rather than with the teachers through the children.

We have two suggestions to make. One is that instead of

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having a Junior Section of the S.R.P. there should be a Music Teaching Section, and the other that this section should be formed amongst the present members of the Society, to have occasional meetings and/or a conference during the year. To widen the scope of our activities the conference could be open to non-members, so that we should contact teachers outside the Society.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 28 Belsize Square, London, N.W.3. (by kind
invitation of Dr. Bergmann) on Saturday,
21st January, 1956, at 11. am.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Dolmetsch, Musical Director
Dr. Bergmann " "
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Gray, Membership Secretary
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Tadmor, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Miss Linn,
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch, Miss Mabbett, Mr. Wyatt.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been
circulated, were taken as read and signed by the
Chairman.

Matters arising Junior Section: REPORTED that Miss Linn was
organising a Teachers' Conference. AGREED that
if possible there should be a special page in the
Recorder News for matters of interest to those
concerned with teaching the Recorder in schools,
this matter to be discussed at the Teachers' Conference.
It was PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch
SECONDED BY Mr. Clarke
and carried unanimously,

THAT Miss Sanders discuss the
question with Miss Linn and
approach someone who would
undertake to collect news and
announcements regarding activities.

for schoolchildren, and send it to the Editor for publication in the Recorder News.

Summer School: Mr. Dolmetsch REPORTED a request from a member of previous Summer Schools, now married to a schoolmaster, that she and her husband might bring a party of juniors, aged 16 to 18, to the Summer School if they were responsible for them and looked after them. It was PROPOSED from the Chair that this be agreed to as an experiment, and that up to twelve applications be considered this year.

Dr. Bergmann: Mr. Dolmetsch wished to put on record our very great pleasure that Dr. Bergmann's return to good health has given us all.

Musical
Directors'

Visits to Branches

Musical Directors' visits to Branches so far arranged are: Dr. Bergmann, Messerside; Mr. Hunt, Bishop and Dorset. Combined meeting.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Newcastle Branch in answer to their letter, saying that Dr. Bergmann would be very pleased to visit the Branch; and to the Cambridge Branch asking which of the Musical Directors they wished to invite to visit the Branch.

Branch
Delegates
Conference

The Branch Delegates' Conference was arranged for the evening of Saturday, March 3rd. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to book a room for the conference at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club if possible, otherwise at the Ambassadors Hotel. The Agenda was agreed as appended.

Recorder

News.

Mr. Kenworthy raised two particular points regarding matters for the Recorder News. (1) That one person should be responsible for collecting news from Branches and preparing it for presentation in the Recorder News, and (2) that either the Chairman or Secretary should be responsible for official items of news.

and announcements. The first question was considered and it was AGREED that this matter should be fully discussed at the Branch Delegates' Conference, with the suggestion that one person in each Branch should be responsible for collecting news and information from that Branch and sending it to the Hon. Secretary ready for insertion in the Recorder News. With regard to the second point, it was AGREED that the Chairman and Secretary should decide what should be published under this heading.

Annual
Concert 1956

REPORTED that the Queen Mary Hall had been booked for the Annual Concert on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m., the Hall being available for rehearsal from 11 a.m. if required. The Chairman and Musical Directors would be responsible for the programme and were empowered to spend up to £20 on Artists' fees. It was AGREED to circulate members about the concert, saying that free tickets were available to all members, and tickets at 3/- each to non-members. Members would be asked to apply for their tickets on or before February 18th; after that date tickets would be on sale to the general public.

Hon.

Treasurer's
Statement.

The Hon. Treasurer REPORTED that receipts from subscriptions since October 1st were up by £25 on last year, but that already expenses were £180, which was £80 in excess of receipts; the bulk of our income was already collected, but the bulk of expenses was still to come: e.g. rebate to Branches, Recorder News, Branch Delegates' Conference, etc. Cash at Bank on Current A/c. was £280, and on deposit £90.

Music
Publication

REPORTED that the music publication for 1955, which had been delayed owing to Mr. Bergmann's illness, was now completed and ready for circulation.

Any other
business

Guests at the Summer School. Mrs. Dolwetch said that Miss Evid Hunt had applied for a vacancy at the Summer School and she wanted to suggest that Miss Hunt be invited as a guest. This suggestion was unanimously approved. The question of inviting representatives from other countries was then discussed and it was AGREED that M. Henri, of France, be invited, and that the Swiss Government be asked to nominate a representative from that country to attend.

Date of
next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was left in abeyance.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 1.20 pm.

Edgar Hunt
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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 28, Belsize Square, N.W. 3.,
(by kind invitation of Dr. Bergmann)
on Saturday, 21st April 1956, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair,
Dr. Bergmann, Musical Director
Miss Dinn, Musical Director
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Mabbett
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Gray, Membership Secretary
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Dolmetsch, Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch, Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Wyatt.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

Junior Section: Miss Dinn reported that she had not been able to arrange so far, the proposed conference of teachers, and she mentioned that a conference at the Institute of Education was taking place on the 5th May, when seventeen training colleges would be represented. She put forward two suggestions: (1) That the Junior Section Sub-committee invite Mr. Reynoldson and Miss Williams to discuss the possibilities of a conference, and perhaps ask Mr. Allen and Mr. Hersom to attend as well. (2) That there should be within the Society a Teachers' section of those who are already members, for playing sessions, etc. It was then

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann
SECONDED BY Mr. Clarke

and carried unanimously

THAT the sub-committee should proceed
in the way outlined by Miss Dinn

Dr. Bergmann made a further suggestion that Mr. Kenworthy be invited to any meeting arranged.

Summer School

Mrs. Dolmetsch REPORTED that the Summer School for 1956 was fully booked including rooms in the local hotel.

Visits to Branches

REPORTED by Dr. Bergmann that he had visited Cambridge, Merseyside, and Newcastle branches: by Miss Dinn that she would visit Manchester on October 20th

and by Mr. Hunt that he was taking a combined meeting of the Bristol and Dorset branches on June 9th.

Branch **REPORTED** a successful Branch Delegates Conference, held on March 3rd, Delegates attended by delegates from Bristol, Cambridge, Manchester, Merseyside, Midlands, Conference Newcastle, and London.

Financial **REPORTED** by the Hon. Treasurer that during the current year expenses were Statement likely to exceed receipts, the amounts at present being £260 and £302 respectively, whereas last year the total expenses amounted to £264.

Devon **REPORTED** that Recorder players in Devon were considering the possibility Branch of forming a branch in that county.

Recorder **Mr. Hart**, a former member of the S.R.P. now living in New Zealand, wrote players in N.Z. to ask about affiliation of their Society with the English Society. It was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann
SECONDED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch

and carried

THAT the New Zealand Society be affiliated to the S.R.P., and that copies of the Recorder News be available to them at cost price.

Annual **The 1957 Concert** takes place out of London, and the question of holding it Concert 1957 in Bristol or Liverpool was discussed. It was

PROPOSED BY Miss Dinn
SECONDED BY Miss Sanders

and carried unanimously

THAT the 1957 Concert take place in Bristol, on March 9th if possible, alternatively the 2nd or 16th.

It was further **AGREED** that the Liverpool offer of a Concert with Mr. Fritz Spiegl be also accepted, with Dr. Bergmann undertaking the arrangements, but that this should not be the Annual Concert of the S.R.P. Mr. Hunt agreed to be responsible for the Bristol Concert.

Any other **It was AGREED** that the Hon. Secretary order printed notices for business Committee meetings.

Vote of **A Vote of Thanks** to Dr. Bergmann for his very kind hospitality was thanks proposed from the Chair and Carried unanimously.

Date of **The date of the next meeting** was left in abeyance. next meeting

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12.15 p.m.

Edmund Hunt
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place that afternoon in London, and had been much appreciated by all who had attended. A discussion followed regarding the 1957 Concert, and it was AGREED to hold it in Bristol.

Recorder
News

The Editor of the Recorder News, Mr. Kenworthy, said he had two points to put forward for comment. The first was regarding distribution, and it had been suggested at some time that this work might be cut down if copies were sent to Branch Secretaries in bulk to distribute according to their own local arrangements. This naturally could not be done without the co-operation of Branch Secretaries. At the moment between 700 and 800 copies were sent out. An alternative suggestion was made that there might be a circulation department, 200 to 300 copies being sent to three different people to dispatch. These two suggestions about distribution were considered, and it was then PROPOSED from the Chair "THAT if and when it was practicable to make the arrangements, distribution should be left in the hands of Branch Secretaries." This proposal was carried.

The Editor's second point was the question of news items from Branches. He did not wish personally to be the link between the Executive Committee and the Branches, and he suggested that all information should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, and from details sent to her Mr. Kenworthy would see that Branches' activities were properly reported in the News. In the following discussion it was suggested that each Branch should have its own correspondent, who would be responsible for sending in news, dates of meetings, etc. The Editor asked for reports to be reasonably brief, and particularly stressed that the more unusual the gathering the more interest it created.

Next
meeting

On a proposal from the Chair, which was carried unanimously, it was agreed to hold an annual conference for Branch Delegates, the next one to take place in a year's time, if possible on a Saturday evening, or, alternatively, Sunday morning.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of the BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, 3rd March, 1956, at 7 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
 Dr. Bergmann, Musical Director
 Mrs. Dolmetsch, Executive Committee
 Miss Sanders " "
 Mr. E.W. Clarke " "
 Mr. Kenworthy " "
 Mr. Wyatt " "
 Miss E. Hunt, Bristol
 Mr. Haynes, Mr. Rowley, Cambridge
 Mr. J. Bebb, London
 Mr. Fraser, Manchester
 Mrs. Edwards, Merseyside
 Mr. S. Cockshott, Mr. Whittall, Midlands
 Mr. C.H. Clark, Newcastle
 Mr. V. Gray, Membership Secretary
 Mr. R. James, Hon. Treasurer
 Miss J. Tadman, Hon. Secretary

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Dolmetsch and Miss Freda Dinn, Musical Directors, Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch and Miss Ida Mabbett, Executive Committee, and from the Dorset Branch.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

Reports from Branches

The Branch reports all showed a healthy activity among members, but there was a feeling in some cases that the more we can offer the more interest we are likely to arouse, with, therefore, an increased membership. Two particular problems arose: one, the question of children in the Society, and the other, subscription rates. With regard to the former, branches were left to make their own arrangements, though as a general rule membership is restricted to adults, and students in training of eighteen years and over. A suggestion was made that subscriptions should be raised in small stages and not by one large amount, but in view of the cash position the Hon. Treasurer did not feel the time had come for the Society to raise subscriptions, though two branches at least were not able to manage all their activities on the present subscription and had had collections from members to meet their deficits. Opinion was very divided as to whether this system was the best way out of the difficulty.

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Edgar H. Hunt

17 March 1957

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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on Saturday, 3rd March, 1956, at 7 p.m.

Present:

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Dr. Bergmann, Musical Director		
Mrs. Dolmetsch, Executive Committee		
Miss Sanders	"	"
Mr. E.W. Clarke	"	"
Mr. Kenworthy	"	"
Mr. Wyatt	"	"
Miss E. Hunt, Bristol		
Mr. Haynes, Mr. Rowley, Cambridge		
Mr. J. Bebb, London		
Mr. Fraser, Manchester		
Mrs. Edwards, Merseyside		
Mr. S. Cockshott, Mr. Whittall, Midlands		
Mr. C.H. Clark, Newcastle		
Mr. V. Gray, Membership Secretary		
Mr. R. James, Hon. Treasurer		
Miss J. Tadman, Hon. Secretary		

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Concerts The Annual Concert in 1955 took place in Newcastle, and was an exceptionally happy and well-organised event. The 1956 Concert had taken

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MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at Grove House, Roehampton Lane, S.W. 15.
(by kind permission of the Principal)
on Sunday, 5th August 1956, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann)
Mr. Dolmetsch) Musical Directors
Miss Dinn)
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Gray, Membership Secretary
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary
Mr. Ring, in attendance during item 3 on Agenda, Correspondence.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer, Miss Mabbett, and Miss Sanders.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising Junior Section: Miss Dinn REPORTED that she had talked to Mr. Rennoldson (L.C.C. Music Inspector) about holding a conference for teachers of the recorder on a Saturday morning in the autumn, and he supported this proposal whole-heartedly. After discussion it was RESOLVED that this conference be arranged, if possible, for Saturday, October 6th, at the Waldegrave Hall; that teachers in London and the Home Counties be invited through the L.C.C. and L.E.A. bulletins, and that teachers who are already members of the S.R.P. be notified; that a buffet lunch be arranged at the Waldegrave Hall, to which all taking part in the conference be invited, the cost to be met, subject to the approval of the Junior Section Committee, out of Junior Section funds; that the non-members of the S. R. P. present at the conference be invited to the London Branch meeting that afternoon; that Miss Dinn address the meeting and incorporate in it a playing session.

Correspondence A letter from Mr. Arthur Hart, of Christchurch, N.Z., was read, in which he asked to affiliate the Canterbury Society of Recorder Players to the "English one". There was much discussion about affiliation of overseas societies or groups, as the Society of Recorder Players of New Zealand (Inc.) was formed two years ago in the North Island. It was finally RESOLVED to put forward a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting from this Committee THAT a rule be added to our existing rules as follows: Overseas players who have formed a Society and wish to be affiliated to that in the United Kingdom, may do so, the S.R.P. undertaking to send three copies of each issue of the Recorder News, and asking for three copies of their publications as and when issued; members visiting the other country would be welcomed at any meetings being held.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hart saying that this proposal would be considered at the A.G.M. on the 24th November, and to write to the Hon. Secretary of the S.R.P. of New Zealand, enclosing a copy of the letter written to Mr. Hart. Mr. Layton Ring offered to write to the Hon. Secretary of the latter Society also.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary read his report, as follows:

Receipts: £341 Expenditure: £370
Excess Expenditure over receipts: £29

Few further receipts can be expected this financial year. Assuming one more Recorder News will be paid for before the 30th September, 1956, the excess expenditure over receipts may be £60-£65. There are ample reserves to meet this.

Subscriptions this year to date: £297
" last year: £320

Main items of expenditure this year to date:

Rebates to branches:	£127		
Recorder News (2):	66	10	-
Music publication:	35	5	-
Delegate Conference:	18	14	-
1956 Concert (nett):	15	12	6

Annual General Meeting

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Saturday, the 24th November, 1956, to be held in the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement (if available). The Agenda was AGREED as follows:

1. Minutes of last Meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Report of Chairman
4. Report of Hon. Treasurer
5. Election of Officers and Committee.
One Musical Director and all members of the Committee retire each year. This year's retiring Musical Director is Dr. Walter Bergmann, and he and all members of the Committee offer themselves for re-election. Nominations for vacancies must be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, and must include a statement to the effect that the Nominee would be willing to serve if elected. Such nominations must reach the Hon. Secretary, 31a, St. Ann's Villas, London, W. 11, not later than the 10th November 1956.
6. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
7. Report from Miss Dinn on the preliminary Recorder Teachers' Conference

8. To consider the following recommendation from the Executive Committee: THAT a rule be added to our existing rules, as follows: Overseas players who have formed a Society, and wish to be affiliated to that in the United Kingdom, may do so, this Society undertaking to send three copies of each issue of the Recorder News, and asking for three copies of each of their publications as and when issued: members visiting the other country would be welcomed at any meetings being held.

9. Any other business

Miss Sanders wrote to the Hon. Secretary suggesting that it might be her turn to resign from the Committee. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to reply saying that Miss Sanders' services were invaluable to the Committee and asking her to agree to continue as a member.

Recorder
News

Mr. Kenworthy REPORTED that the next issue of the Recorder News was already in the hands of the printers, and that he hoped there would be another issue at the end of September. He suggested that the date and agenda of the A.G.M. could be printed on the front page of the next issue, stating clearly that this was the only notice members would receive. In this way expense of circularising members individually could be avoided.

Concerts

REPORTED that the Annual Concert, 1957, will take place at the Museum Lecture Theatre, Bristol, on the 9th March. The Hall has been booked at a fee of £3. 3. 0., which precludes public advertising, but owing to numbers reached through the local branch of the S.R.P. and members of the Bristol Madrigal Society and Bristol Music Club, both of which will have members taking part in the Concert, it was thought that sufficient numbers would be contacted without further advertising. Mr. Hunt assured the Committee that the Bristol press would be invited and likely to come. The question of admitting school-children to the rehearsal was raised, and it was suggested that if this were particularly requested part of the programme should be run through at the end of the rehearsal proper, but that this was not really desirable.

Any other
business

The next Branch Delegates' Conference was briefly considered, but it was decided to leave the date open for the time being, as it was preferable to hold it on the evening of a London Branch meeting.

Mr. Hunt REPORTED that he had spoken to some very keen players from Devon, who were anxious to form a Devon Branch, and he had been invited to an inaugural meeting in Exeter on the 20th October. It was AGREED that a branch be formed in Devon in accordance with the wishes of the players in that county.

Date of
next
meeting

The date of the next meeting was left in abeyance until after the Annual General Meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 12.10 p.m.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held in the Library, Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place,
London. W.C.1., on Saturday, 24th November, 1956, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
 Dr. Bergmann } Musical Directors
 Mrs. Linn }
 Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
 Mr. Gray, Membership Secretary
 Mrs. Jolmetsch
 Miss N. Jolmetsch
 Miss Sanders
 Mr. Clarke
 Mr. Kenworthy
 Mr. Wyatt
 Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary
 and about thirty members of the Society

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from
 Mr. Carl Jolmetsch, Miss Habbett, and Mr. Minchin, Hon. Auditor

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed,
 and signed as correct

Chairman's Report The Chairman gave his report, as appended.

Financial Report The Hon. Treasurer gave a report on the Society's
 finances, saying that Three issues of the Recorder News
 and the last music publication had been issued and
 paid for during the year, amounting to some £130 - £140.
 Chiefly as a result of these items the balance at the end
 of the year was on the wrong side, our expenditure
 having exceeded income by about £40. At the
 moment there was no cause for worry, as the central
 fund had a balance in hand of £241. Two
 Concerts had taken place during the year, the net
 cost to the Society being £7. There had also been

a considerable increase in postage, mainly due to the extra Recorder News and the music publication, and also to the increase, on June 1st, of the postage rate. The Branches are about the same as they were last year, all of them showing a small excess of expenditure over income, but, apart from Liverpool, they all still have reasonable balances for their activities. The funds of the Junior Section remain the same. Subscriptions remain fairly constant, as does the membership, which has been between 650 and 700 for a number of years.

Report &
Accounts

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was
PROPOSED BY Mr. Henson
SECONDED BY Mr. Bebb
and carried nem. con.

The Chairman said he would like to take this opportunity of thanking those in charge of the accounts, with special thanks to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. Minchin.

Officers &
Committee

The Hon. Secretary reported that she had again received no nominations for Officers and Committee, but that the present Officers and Committee offered themselves for re-election. It was

PROPOSED BY Miss K. Murray
SECONDED BY Miss J. Murray
and carried nem. con.

THAT the present Officers and Committee be elected for another year, and that Mr. L. Minchin be re-appointed Hon. Auditor for the current year.

Recorder
Teachers'
Meeting

Miss Dunn reported that there had been a meeting of teachers on the morning of the 6th October, 1956, at the

Waldegrave Hall, to which teachers had been invited through circulating Summer School members, the London Association of Music Teachers, and through advertisement in the L.C.C. Bulletin. Thirty-six teachers responded, and most of them stayed on to the London Branch meeting in the afternoon. Further meetings on the same lines were suggested, perhaps at the beginning of the school terms, when music for use in schools would be considered, together with advice on the recorder, and also, at this time, a short recital could be given. Miss Linn said they felt that the actual contact with the children, especially in London, is now being done by the Local Education Authorities, and they felt especially an urgency to improve the standard of teaching and playing within the schools. When judging at festivals she said she was often horrified at the poor standard of playing, and the poor standard of musicianship which is behind such playing. Where we, as a Society, have watched people who are interested there is a very marked improvement, and those who have been to Summer Schools do go out and spread a good standard of musicianship, which is most important. While talking about music in education, Miss Linn referred to a meeting she had attended at County Hall, at which the principal speaker was Mr. Ronald Chesney, the variety artist, who enlarged on the suitability of the harmonica in schools. Items were performed to illustrate this, including a broken consort consisting of harmonicas, with three descant records, and a solo by Mr. Chesney, the Nocturne in E♭, by Chopin, with piano accompaniment. The case for the harmonica was, of course, well put over by Mr. Chesney, but the musical conception was more or less ignored. Nevertheless Mr. Leslie Russell said he hoped that when he went round to

Music festivals next year he would find many harmonica bands. Miss Linn pointed out that there is very little music available for the harmonica, and that Mr. Chesson's claim that it taught children to read music could hardly be substantiated, though to a certain type of child it might prove a useful instrument.

The Chairman said that the outcome of making contact with teachers in London might be a Teachers Section of the Society - a replacement of the Junior Section, which has now outgrown its usefulness.

Miss Murray put forward the suggestion that if another meeting of teachers was arranged the Middlesex County Council, as well as the L.C.C., be notified.

A discussion followed on teaching the reworder in schools, and the point was made that music specialists so often had to teach the reworder as well as their own instrument, and some did this without being able to play the instrument themselves at all. Another point was that there are numbers of Reworder players who have never heard of the Society, and the question of advertising ourselves was mentioned, but the Chairman thought that this required very careful consideration as to the way it might be done, and made the suggestion that Picture Post might be invited to feature the Summer School. A further suggestion was made regarding a meeting on the lines of the one at County Hall which urged the harmonica as a suitable instrument for teaching in schools. It was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Beigman

SECONDED BY Miss Linn

THAT a "Reworder in Education" meeting be arranged to encourage the teaching of the reworder in schools.

This proposal was carried unanimously, and arrangements were left to the Executive Committee.

Standing
Conference
of Music
Committees

The Chairman reported that a letter had just been received from the Standing Conference of Music Committees inviting the Society to affiliate. This was warmly welcomed by the meeting, and consideration of the proposal was left to the Executive Committee.

Addition
to Rules.

It was PROPOSED from the Chair, and carried unanimously,

THAT a rule be added to our existing rules, as follows: Overseas players who have formed a Society, and wish to be affiliated to that in the United Kingdom, may do so, this Society undertaking to send three copies of each issue of the Recorder News, and asking for ^{three} each copies of each issue of their publications as and when issued; members visiting the other country would be welcomed at any meetings being held.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 3.45 p.m.

Edgar Hunt
30 Nov 1957

88 9 is the date. The concert will be in the Museum Lecture Theatre
and we shall have the ~~concert~~ of the BMS & members of

Chairman's Report, 1956

The past year has been one of steady development and progress for the Society. Membership has been maintained and we now have branches in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Devon, Dorset, Liverpool and Newcastle. Cambridge seems to have replaced the Oxford branch which had to close: and the new Devon branch, which made a flying start in October with about forty members, will more than compensate for the branch in Cornwall which never really got going owing to the scattered nature of the county.

Following the successful experiment a couple of years ago of a joint meeting at Cheltenham between the Bristol and Birmingham branches in which Oxford also joined, the Bristol and Dorset branches converged on Shaftesbury one Saturday in June and enjoyed a combined meeting there. This was attended by some members from Devon and helped to pave the way for the formation of the new Devon branch. I am hopeful that the next move may be a branch in Edinburgh. We have also had an inquiry from Chester.

In the spring representatives from the various branches met in London to discuss their problems and exchange views. One topic for discussion was the place for the annual concert. It was in Newcastle in 1955, London in 1956, so in 1957 it is to be in Bristol. March 9th is the date. The concert will be in the Museum Lecture

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Theatre and we shall have the of the B.M.S. and ^{members}~~ranks~~ of Bristol Music Club.

This year's concert at Queen Mary Hall was accounted an artistic success and was notable for the first performance of the last of the Society's publications - Racine Fricker's Trio - one of the best works written for and published for us.

Miss Dinn will tell you about new developments in the educational field. "The Recorder in Education" Summer School was fully booked up and was again a most successful week, and one the influence of which is felt all over the country. Next year's Summer School is fixed for August 2nd - 9th. Downe House will again be the following week, August 9th - 16th.

So much for the credit side. Our Recorder movement has been built up through the honest hardwork and idealism of both the movement's leaders and its followers. Commercial interests have been kept in proportion and subservient to musical considerations. It was an important step on the ladder of our progress that the recorder was included in the prom season at the Albert Hall this year. Even if it was a strain to hear Brandenburg 4 there, it was an achievement for the recorder to be recognised in such company. All praise to Mr. Dolmetsch and Mr. Richard Taylor who were the soloists in a distinguished performance.

On the other side we are being attacked. One of the students

at Trinity College showed me a cutting from a Southampton paper and I read this: "Mr. Arthur Benjamin the composer, adjudicating at Gosport Music Festival yesterday expressed the hope that the harmonica would replace the recorder in schools. He said he had several reasons for this opinion. A tune could be played on the harmonica, a difference could be made between loud and soft, and a beautiful melodic outline could be achieved. I think it is more important children hear and get used to these musical effects, rather than this flat uninteresting business one hears on the recorder. So I would be most pleased to see the harmonica spread into schools "Earlier, Mr. Benjamin had said of the recorder: "I do not think there is any good got out of playing an instrument unless it can be made to sound very musical. I think the recorder is too difficult an instrument to play in schools. In a long experience of festivals and recorders, I have not heard a performance of which I could say 'Yes, that is a beautifully shaped phrase' and 'this is perfectly in tune,' so I am beginning to wonder if it is a valuable musical educational thing."

I have known for some time that the makers of mouth organs have cast envious eyes on the success of the recorder movement in Schools where it takes an important place and, I believe, performs a real educational service. The recorder helps sight reading and ear-training, it can lead on to the exploration of its own wonderful

repertoire of both solo and ensemble music, and it can serve to train young fingers in such a way that flutes, oboes, and clarinets are not nearly so difficult to approach at a later stage.

What has the "harmonica" to offer? No real repertoire of its own apart from the few difficult works that have recently been performed by Messrs. L. Adler and R. Chesney. It does not really help sight reading. Its automatic tonic and dormant harmonies are monotonous in the extreme. And what does it lead to except sore lips? Just now it is being commercially plugged. Leading musicians are being commissioned to write for it. Leaders of education are being entertained and taken on trips to Germany - the spiritual home of the instrument. Vast sums of money are obviously being poured into its publicity. The "educational" side is subtle. You first buy a simple harmonica which responds to a few notes and chords. Its possibilities are exhausted after a few lessons. Then you have to get the next size and so on till you have a fully chromatic gadget. Rather like a recorder where you start on a descant and end with the whole consort of Dolmetsche's - but no - you don't discard the descant when you learn the bass. Where does the harmonica lead you - it is the poor man's piano accordion; and the piano accordion (or as Bob Hope called it in "the Road to Morocco" the "Stomach Steinway") is the poor man's Cinema Organ. Is that the way we want to progress?

Then the mouthorganists more or less admit they are trying to climb onto the Recorder bandwagon in the educational field! About six weeks ago L.C.C. teachers and other educationalists were invited to a "do" at County Hall where Ronald Chesney demonstrated the harmonica and tried to show its possibilities in ensemble with, I think, two recorders and a french horn. Miss Dinn was there so she could perhaps tell you more about it.

So there we are. The trouble is there is a dangerous grain of truth in some of Mr. Benjamin's statements. The recorder can sound pretty dreadful at times so we must see to it that as far as possible only the best is shown to the public. We must continue to raise our standards and encourage others to do the same.

The real danger is that there is something rather slick and flashy about the mouth-organ. I should be very sorry to find such qualities characteristic of anything in the educational field; so let us hope that the teachers are wise enough not to let the children be exploited in this way.

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all my colleagues: the officers and committee of our Society, for their support and for all the hard work they have done for the Society during the past year.

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
31^A, St. Ann's Villas, London, W.11, on Saturday
5th January, 1957, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. Dolmetsch }
Mr. Bergmann } Musical Directors
Miss Linn }
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss N. Dolmetsch
Miss Habbett
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Tadmor, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Kenworthy.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Peter Roscoe, saying that he would like to form a branch of the Society in Sheffield. She was instructed to reply, saying that the Society would welcome such a branch, and telling him of two former members of the S.R.P. who lived in Sheffield, Philip Rodgers, who had at one time tried to form a branch, and Mrs. Walter, and also to tell him that Mr. Carl Dolmetsch was taking a Recorder weekend school in Sheffield in May, and would be willing to speak at a meeting of prospective members or to help in any way possible.

A letter from the Standing Conference of Music Committees was also read. This invited the S.R.P. to

affiliate, as a guest for the first year and after that at the usual affiliation fee of one guinea a year. It was

PROPOSED BY Mr. James

SECONDED BY Miss Sanders

and carried unanimously,

THAT the Society welcomes and accepts

the invitation to be affiliated to the

Standing Conference of Music Committees

and it was further

PROPOSED BY J. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch

and carried unanimously,

THAT Miss Dinn be appointed the

delegate to represent the Society

on the Conference.

Miss Dinn was also authorised to talk to the Secretary of the Conference about representation and also to invite, through her, a member of the Conference to the Summer School. Miss Sanders suggested another meeting at the Waldegrave Hall like the one in October, inviting musicians to hear the recorder as it should be played - a lecture with demonstrations.

Financial
Report.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that subscriptions were coming in rather better than last year and the year before, and he noted that the largest provincial branch was Devon, with 48 members.

"Recorder
in Education"
Meeting

Mr. Bergmann said that a sub-committee would be formed to deal with the proposal of a "Recorder in Education" meeting. It was

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch

SECONDED BY Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch

and carried unanimously,

THAT a sub-committee be formed consisting of Miss Linn, Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Heron, and Mr. Rennoldson, to arrange details of a "Reurder in Education" meeting.

Edinburgh
Branch

The Chairman reported that he would be in Scotland shortly, and that he had been invited to take a meeting in Edinburgh with the idea of forming an Edinburgh branch of the S.R.P. It was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Solmetsch

SECONDED BY Miss Linn

and carried unanimously,

THAT provided sufficient interest was shown, a branch of the Society be formed in Edinburgh.

Annual
Concert
1957

The Chairman reported final details of the Annual Concert, which would take place in Bristol on Saturday, 9th March 1957, in the Museum Lecture Theatre, at 7.30 p.m. Miss Hunt had arranged for members of the Bristol Madrigal Society, Bristol Music Clubs (string players), and the local Branch of the Society to take part.

Branch
Delegates
Conference

The Branch Delegates' Conference was arranged for Sunday, the 17th March, 1957, at the Ambassadors Hotel (if available), at 10.30 a.m., the Agenda to be as follows:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Business arising therefrom
3. Reports from Branches
4. To discuss the following:
 - (a) Annual Concerts 1958, 1959

- (b) Visits to Branches by the Society's representatives
- (c) Increase of subscription sales
- (d) Date of next Branch Delegates' conference.
- 5. Any other business.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at four o'clock.

Edgar Hunt

4 August 1957

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of the BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1, on Sunday, 17th March 1957, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Edgar Hunt, in the Chair
 Dr. Walter Bergmann, Musical Director
 Mrs. Dolmetsch, Executive Committee
 Mr. E.W. Clarke " "
 Mr. C. Kenworthy " "
 Miss E. Hunt, Bristol
 Mr. R. Holford, Mr. I. Gibbons, Cambridge
 Mr. B. Crispin, Devon
 Mrs. Darby, Dorset
 Miss M. Whitby, Edinburgh
 Mr. J. Bebb, London
 Mr. C. Hale, Manchester
 Miss E. Taylor, Merseyside
 Mr. R. Whittall, Midlands
 Mr. G. Brownlow, Newcastle
 Mr. V. Gray, Membership Secretary
 Mr. R. James, Hon. Treasurer

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Dolmetsch and Miss Freda Dinn, Musical Directors, Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch, Miss W. Sanders, Miss I. Mabbett, Executive Committee, and Miss Joyce Tadman, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated were read, confirmed, and signed.

Business arising Mr. Kenworthy recommended a mass distribution of the Recorder News and the reorganisation of the list at Addressalls to avoid the sending out of so many individual notices. He suggested that the copies of the News for branches should be sent in bulk to the Branch Secretaries and distributed locally by them. This suggestion met with the approval of the meeting.

The matter of rebates to Branches was discussed. The Edinburgh delegate remarked that the Edinburgh branch considered these generous. It was finally agreed to keep the scale of rebates as at present for the time being.

Branch reports Branch delegates gave reports of their Branch's activities during the year, and various points were made. It was suggested that Branches should hold their own concerts. After general discussion it was agreed that the practicability of this suggestion depended on the number and quality

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
Grove House, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15., on
Sunday, 4th August 1957, at 2 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair

Dr. Bergmann

Miss Mabbett

Mr. Dolmetsch

Miss Sanders

Miss Dinn

Mr. Clarke

Mrs. Dolmetsch

Mr. Kenworthy

Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch

Mr. Gray

Miss Tadman

Miss Whitby in attendance during discussion of 1959 Concert.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Wyatt.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising Sheffield: The Hon. Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Mr. Roscoe, saying that he had not yet been able to make much progress with regard to forming a Branch as yet, but that it was a goal towards which he was working.

Standing Conference of Music Committees: Mr. Noble, of Reading, had been appointed by the Conference to visit the Summer School of the S.R.P.

Annual Concert 1957: took place in Bristol before an appreciative audience in a well-filled hall, and received good Press notices. Expenses were covered by the takings.

Correspondence The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Messrs. Boosey & Hawkes regarding circulating members of the Society. It was RESOLVED that as the waiting list of members was a private matter this should not be available to commercial firms for the purpose of their advertising. Mr. Kenworthy reported that he had written to this firm inviting them to advertise in the Recorder News.

Financial report The Hon. Treasurer sent a report saying that subscriptions to date were the highest recorded, making total receipts £368. Unfortunately expenditure is also up, and he estimated the deficit at 30th September to be in the region of £25, provided there were no further Recorder News to pay for in the current financial year. In view of the cash in hand Mr. James did not consider there was any necessity to consider raising subscriptions for the time being.

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"Recorder in Education" Meeting Dr. Bergmann reported that the sub-committee of the proposed "Recorder Education" meeting had not yet been able to meet, but that they hoped to do so in September.

Edinburgh Branch Mr. Hunt confirmed the formation of a Branch of the Society in Edinburgh, following his visit at the beginning of February; the Branch started with 31 members.

Branch Delegates' Conference 1957 The Branch Delegates' Conference took place at the Ambassadors Hotel on the 17th March, and was attended by representatives from each of the ten branches. Two items in particular were discussed. (i) The raising of subscriptions: it was agreed that this question be left in abeyance for the moment. (ii) The Annual Concert 1959: the delegates from Merseyside and Edinburgh agreed to consult their Committees as to the possibilities of holding the Concert in their towns and to report back their findings.

Annual Concert 1959 The Hon. Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Edinburgh, giving details of halls available and the possibilities of holding the 1959 Concert there. The letter from Merseyside was chiefly questions as to how much responsibility the Society took for the Annual Concert when held in the provinces, asking about arrangements, halls, etc., to which she had replied but no further letter had come from them with any details to go on. It was therefore agreed to hold the Concert in Edinburgh on a Saturday afternoon in March, 1959, with a rehearsal in the morning. Miss Whitby offered to get in touch with Professor Newman, of Edinburgh University, and to try to arrange a meeting between him and Mr. Hunt, who was visiting Edinburgh on business in October.

Annual Concert 1958 The Annual Concert, 1958, due to be held in London, was also discussed, and the question of holding it at The Wigmore Hall was raised. It was agreed that it was perhaps not yet wise to consider this, but that perhaps in 1960 it would be feasible. An alternative suggestion was made that the Society should hold a Concert in London in 1959 at the Wigmore Hall - on the same lines as the one to be given in the provinces - but that as it was not the Annual Concert of the Society members should pay for their tickets. In the meantime the Hon. Secretary was instructed to find out on which dates in March, 1958, the Queen Mary Hall would be available.

Annual General Meeting 1957 It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting, 1957, be held at the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place, London, W.C.1., on the 30th November, the Agenda to be as printed in the Recorder News, No. 19.

Summer School for Children A suggestion about holding a Summer School for children was raised, but after discussion it was agreed that the Society could not be responsible for one. In answer to enquiries it would be as well to refer people to the Secretary of the British Federation of Music Festivals.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3.30 p.m.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the Mary Ward Settlement, London. W.C.1.
on Saturday, 30th November, 1957, at 2 p.m.

Present. Mr. Hunt - in the Chair
Mr. Bergmann } Musical Director
Miss Lwin }
Miss N. Jolmetsch
" I. Mabbett
Mr. E. W. Clarke
" C. Kenworthy
" T. Wyatt
Mr. V. Gray, Membership Secretary
" R. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss J. Tadman - Secretary.

and about twelve members.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Jolmetsch
Miss W. Sanders, & Mr. L. Minchin, Hon. Auditor

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed,
and signed as correct.

Chairman's Report The Chairman gave his report, as appended.

Financial Report The Hon. Treasurer reported that during the year 1956-7
our expenses had exceeded receipts by about £46, as, although
receipts are rising, so are expenses, and our cash balance is,
therefore, dwindling. The main items of expenditure are
rebates to Branches, Recorder News, and those, and the smaller
items of printing, postage, stationery, etc., all show an upward
movement; the Executive Committee will, therefore, have to
consider making some increase in subscriptions in the near
future. We can certainly go on for the time being at the
present rate but it would not be safe to assume that we can
go on indefinitely. The 10p branch subscription has remained
the same for the past twelve years, in spite of increasing costs.
Membership for 1956-7 was an all-time record at 753.

As two Branches were in difficulties financially, it was felt, after a short discussion, that as well as subscriptions being considered, the Branch rebate should also be reviewed.

The adoption of the Report & Accounts was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Miss Habbett

and carried unanimously.

Election of
Officers &
Committee

The Hon. Secretary reported that again she had received no nominations for Officers and Committee, and it was

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Gray

SECONDED BY Miss Benjamin

and carried unanimously.

THAT the present Officers & Committee
be re-elected for a further year

Chairman: Mr. Hunt

Musical Directors: Mr. Carl Dolmetsch

Mr. Bergmann

Miss Amin

Membership Secretary: Mr. Gray

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. James

Secretary: Miss Tadmor

Committee members: Mrs. Dolmetsch

Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch

Miss Habbett

Mr. Sanders

Mr. Clarke

Mr. Kenworthy

Mr. Wyatt

Appointments
Election of
Hon. Auditor

It was PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mr. Halton

and carried unanimously.

THAT Mr. L. Minchin be re-appointed Hon. Auditor
for the year 1957-8.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Minchin in which he advised that some of the money in

hand might be invested.

"Reorder in Education" meeting had not as yet materialized, chiefly owing to the illness of one or other of the members of the sub-committee, which had made it impossible to proceed with the necessary arrangements. It was hoped that it would be possible to go forward with this plan in the near future.

Standing Conference of Music Committees the S.R.P. Miss Linn reported on the Standing Conference of Music Committees, which she attended as delegate from the S.R.P. She was able to say how much the recorder has been able to do, both for the adult and for the younger in appreciation of music, and although there was, at that particular meeting, little to offer for the recorder, she felt very proud of the S.R.P. and felt that we had been able to contribute a great deal, though not perhaps very publicly, to the whole process of amateur music-making and enjoyment.

Amendments to Rules. The Chairman mentioned that there were one or two obvious amendments required to our Rules, which would have to be reviewed before the next A.G.M.

Junior Summer School. The question of holding a Junior Summer School was discussed, but no conclusion was reached in this matter.

There being no other business the meeting terminated at 3.15 p.m.

Edgar Hunt
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Chairman's Report, 1957

During the past year our Society can record further progress. At our last Annual General Meeting I reported on the formation of a new branch in Devonshire. This was the result of the excellent preparatory work of Mr. Brian Crispin who was duly elected Hon. Secretary of the branch. A few days ago I had a letter from him telling me of a successful year's activity. A group of players took part in the Dawlish Arts Festival in company with the Windsor Collegiate Singers. Miss Dinn visited the branch during the year.

Last February I made a tour in Scotland, visiting some schools and lecturing to teachers. In Edinburgh Miss May Whitby had already organized a group of players and the time seemed ripe for the founding of a branch of the Society there. This was launched on February 5th. As many as eight of the branch's members attended the Roehampton Summer School and I was able to meet them again when I paid a second visit to Scotland in October. There I found a very enthusiastic gathering.

In May I visited the Birmingham branch at Bewdley Manor, and a most enjoyable week-end it was. Bristol and Dorset once again combined for a meeting at Shaftesbury.

The annual concert was held in Bristol on March 9th, and we were honoured by the presence of the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriff and

his Lady and some distinguished musicians in the audience. For this concert we had the valuable cooperation of the Bristol Madrigal Society and some members of the Bristol Music Club. The following week-end was our branch delegates' conference, which provided a useful exchange of views. As you already know, next year's concert will be at Queen Mary Hall on March 1st. We are already making plans for a concert in the following year in Edinburgh.

I have one further thing to say about the branches, and I think it is important. They are faced - particularly the newer ones - with the problem of training their new recruits. A few enthusiasts with a certain amount of experience form the core of a new branch, but they depend on the untrained new members on the fringe to provide the numbers to make a start economically possible. The latter need all the help possible - both encouragement and tuition, if their interest is to continue and grow. The second year is the test. In London we are more fortunate. The various evening classes can take care of tuition and our system of using two rooms at meetings is another help. If you have derived help and pleasure from our Society, don't grudge a little help and trouble to the newer and less experienced members. In this I regard patience and the ability to lead in a kindly way as valuable qualities.

And now I should like to thank all those who have contributed by their work so much to the success of the Society during the year,

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not only my colleagues in office and members of the Society's committee, and particularly our Hon. Secretary, Miss Tadman, but also our officers and committee members in the branches. To all a very sincere "thank you".

Mr. Dolmetsch has been making his second successful tour of U.S.A. and is expected home next week. My own proudest moment was when the Incorporated Society of Musicians invited me to play at their 75th birthday concert on October 6th and I found myself on that Sunday afternoon on the stage at Covent Garden, with no less a person than Edmund Rubbra at the piano.

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at St. Philbeach Gardens, London. S.W.5. on
Saturday, 12th April, 1958, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Gray
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Tadmor, Hon. Secretary

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Jolmetsch, Dr. Bergmann, Miss Linn, Miss Nathalie Jolmetsch,
Miss Hackett, Miss Sanders.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read
and signed as amended.

Business Annual Concert, 1959: The Chairman reported that
this concert will be held on the 14th March next, and that
the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, had been
booked at an inclusive charge of fourteen guineas
for a morning rehearsal and an afternoon performance.

Correspondence The Secretary read a letter from Mr. H. J. Coran,
who enquired about forming a branch of the Society in
Dublin. The matter was discussed, and Mr. Hunt
suggested that he might perhaps be making a business
trip to Eire, in which case he could address a meeting of
Recorder players in Dublin, and give them a lead about
forming their own Society. Tailoring this, a professional
visit by the Chairman or a Musical Director might be
arranged, and the Secretary was instructed to write to
Mr. Coran after Mr. Hunt knew definitely about possibilities.

Financial Report The Hon. Treasurer reported that the financial
position was quite good so far this year, the membership
figure of over eight hundred being the highest recorded.

Income to date amounted to £380, compared with £347 at the same time last year. Expenditure was down, but only one Reviewer News had been paid for in the current year; with three more to come, expenditure would probably exceed income by about £40.

Mr. Kenworthy reported that the printer had asked to be released from his contract to print The News. Mr. Kenworthy had obtained an estimate from Richard Hadley, Ltd., 54, Grafton Way, W.1. Their quotation for one thousand copies of a 12-page issue was £31.10/- and for a 16-page issue £40.5/-. As this compared favourably with the present price Mr. Kenworthy did not get any further estimates. He agreed to do so, however, before making final arrangements, and it was resolved that he & Mr. Hunt should consider the estimate and decide which to accept. Mr. Kenworthy also said that he would like to have one 16-page issue during the year, as when the accounts and balance sheet were printed so little space was left in a 12-page issue for other news and articles.

Subscriptions

Rebates

An increase in subscriptions was thoroughly discussed, including the alternatives of 12/6d. or 15/- for branch subscriptions. It was then

PROPOSED BY Mr. Kenworthy

SECONDED BY Mr. Clarke

and carried unanimously

THAT the Executive Committee recommend a resolution to the Annual General Meeting that Branch subscriptions be 15/- a year from October 1959, this increase being tied to a complete revision of the scale of rebates to Branches; the non-branch membership subscription to remain at 7/6d.

It was further suggested by Mr. Kenworthy, that at the same time a message should be sent to Branches that they should budget for all their needs, and then

should not have to take money in any way outside;
if in financial difficulties they should approach the
Executive Committee.

A further resolution was

PROPOSED BY Mr. James

SECONDED BY Mr. Kenworthy,

and carried unanimously,

THAT there should be an interim increase
in the rebates from October, 1958, making the
Scale for 1958-59

first 15 members: 8/-

next 10 " 6/-

over 25 " 5/-

Amendments

to Rules

Mr. James had drawn up a list of suggested
amendments to the Rules. These were considered, and it was

PROPOSED from the Chair, & carried unanimously,

THAT a Sub-committee be formed to
study alterations and amendments

to the Rules, the members of the Sub-

Committee to be Mr. James, Mr. Gray,

Mr. Kenworthy.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the members of the
Committee who were not present, sending them a copy
of the Rules and of the Amendments drawn up so far,
asking for their comments.

It was further

PROPOSED from the Chair & carried unanimously,

THAT when the Rules are revised a copy

be sent to each member with one issue

of the Recorder News.

Date of

next

meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for
Sunday, 3rd August 1958, at 2.15 p.m., at Grove House,
Rockampton Lane, London, S.W. 15.

Other

Business

Mr. Kenworthy said that as the News went to print
so long before it was in the members' hands, he would like

the Committee to agree that the announcement of the Annual Concert should consist of date and place, and saying that full details should be obtained from the Secretary of the Branch in whose area the concert was taking place, these details only, being circulated to the members of that particular branch.

The Chairman reported that he had been to Chester and had seen Miss Catherall, who had made an enquiry about forming a Branch. She had got together a few people, but the meeting was not sufficiently representative to form a Branch. He is, however, going to Liverpool in the Autumn, and will visit Chester on the Friday night. If there is enough interest and response, then they can take steps about forming a Branch.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Bequith, on behalf of the Committee, saying how sorry everyone was about his illness and that he was not with us on this occasion, and wishing him a speedy recovery.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4.15 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt

3 Aug 1958

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at Guide House, Pochampton Lane, London. S.W.15.,
on Sunday, 3rd August 1958, at 2.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair
Mr. Dolmetsch
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Linn
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Miss Mabbett
Mr. James
Mr. Gray
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Tadman.

At the beginning of the meeting members stood in silence for a minute in remembrance of our late President Dr. Percy Scholes, who died in Switzerland the previous week.

Apologies Minutes Apologies for absence were received from Miss Sanders. The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed as correct.

Business arising The Chairman reported that Mr. Coran, who had been making enquiries about forming a Branch in Dublin, had been to London and that he and Miss Tadman had met Mr. Coran. Mr. Hunt thought it possible that he might be in Dublin on business at a later date, and in that case he would take a meeting there, but so far nothing had been settled. On the other hand, the group in Dublin might at some time invite a professional visit.

Correspondence The Chairman reported that he had received a

notice from the Merseyside Branch about the meeting he was taking, in which he noticed that a change was to be made. He wrote to the Branch Secretary, and said this was not strictly in accordance with the rules of the Society, and had received a letter saying that no change would be made to members.

Financial
statement.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that receipts to date were £409 and expenditure £374 but after all expenses had been met he expected there to be a deficit of about £40 on the year's working. Subscriptions to date were £359, as compared with £332 for the whole of last year.

Amendments
to rules

The report of the sub-committee who had been considering the necessary amendments to rules of the Society, was received and approved, and it was recommended that this be put to members at the Annual General Meeting in November. The suggested alteration in the date of the Annual General Meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that it should take place after the Branch Delegates' Conference. The sub-committee was accorded a vote of thanks for all they had done to prepare this report.

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General
Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting this year on Saturday, 22nd November. As it is the Society's first year of the Society, a 21st Birthday Party was suggested, and the Secretary was instructed to find out if the Waldegrave Hall would be available. The Agenda was approved as it appears in Recorder News No. 23. The date of the Branch Delegates' Conference was left in abeyance until dates for London Branch meetings and the rehearsal for the Annual Concert had been arranged.

Date of
next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for Sunday, 26th October 1958, at 3.30 p.m., at St. Philbeach Gardens, S.W.5. (Tel. FREmantle 2109)

Recorder News

Mr. Kenworthy reported that he had written for his

further estimates for printing the News, one was 25% dearer than the one already submitted and he received no answer to his other enquiry. He had therefore, accepted the first estimate, from Richard Hadley & Co., Ltd. He said that the next News would consist of 16 pages and that he had sold 100 pages of advertisements in it.

President Several names were suggested for the new President of the Society, and it was agreed that Benjamin Bulten be approached. If he felt unable to accept, then Dr. Greenhouse Allen, Thurston Law, or Anthony Hopkins might be willing.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4.5 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Edgar Morris
26.10.58

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at St. Philbeach Gardens, London. S.W.5,
on Sunday, 26th October 1958, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. James
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Tadmor

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Miss Linn,
Mr. Dolmetsch, Miss Mabbett, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Gray.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as
read and signed as correct.

Matters arising Mr. Hunt reported that when he visited Merseyside
Branch no charge was made to members. He also said
he had heard comments from provincial members regarding
the raising of Branch subscriptions. They felt they had
not been given a voice in the matter, and they could not
speak to the motion at the Annual General Meeting as it
was not possible, as a general rule, for them to be
represented. It was therefore agreed that a decision should
not be made at the Annual General Meeting but that the
matter should be discussed at the Branch Delegates' Conference
and that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be
held after that to confirm any recommendation made.

President Dr. Bergmann reported that he had heard from
Dr. Benjamin Butler's Secretary that he would be very pleased
to accept the Presidency of the S.R.P.

Finance The Hon. Treasurer said that his report for the A.G.M.
on the year 1957-58 was not yet complete, but that as far

as he would see the excess of expenditure over income for the year would be about £21, and would have been £35-£40 if the account for the fourth Recorder News had been received earlier. Subscriptions for 1958-59 were coming in well so far.

There was a discussion about Branches' funds. Some Branches had more than adequate for their needs as they had no expenses for hiring a hall, etc. This they had used in various ways, e.g. Devon had started a music library; others had an increasing Branch balance. It was agreed to raise this matter at the Branch Delegates' Conference, and a suggestion was made that they might like to sponsor some research or help generally in some way.

Annual
General
Meeting

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Waldegrave Hall was not available for the Annual General Meeting on the 22nd November, but that the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement had been booked for two sessions, which meant that it could be used till 9.30 p.m. if wanted. It was agreed that no charge should be made for tea that day & that a birthday cake should be provided, if possible.

Further
meetings

The following dates were arranged:
Branch Delegates Conference: Sunday, 18th February, 1959 (there is a London Branch meeting on the preceding day).
Extraordinary General Meeting: Saturday, 18th April, 1959, at 4.30 p.m., at the Waldegrave Hall (that is, after tea at the London Branch meeting on that day).

Date of
next
Committee
Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Sunday, 11th January, 1959, at 3.30 p.m., at 28, Belgrave Square, N.W.3, by kind invitation of Dr. Bergmann.

Junior
Section
Funds

The question of the money left in the name of the Junior Section was raised. It was felt that it ought not to be merged with the central fund of the Society, but should be used in some way, if possible, for the benefit of children. A Concert for children in the

Festival Hall was suggested as a possibility, and the Secretary was instructed to find out the cost of the Hall for a Saturday morning, and available dates in October, 1959, or the spring of 1960. Miss Sanders offered to approach Miss Linn with a view to arranging a meeting of the Junior Committee to find out their views in this matter.

Other

business

Mr. Hunt reported that he had been to Chester twice, as there was a possibility of starting a Branch there, but so far this had not materialised as, although there was a nucleus of keen people, there did not seem to be anyone with sufficient time to organise a Branch properly at present. He mentioned that one or two members of the Merseyside Branch would find it equally convenient to join a Chester Branch, and this raised the problem of which Branch would receive the subscription if they went to both meetings. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Branch Delegates' Conference. Mr. Hunt also said that he was taking a combined meeting of the Cambridge & Midland Branches in Northampton on November 29th, and there was a good deal of local enthusiasm and a likelihood of a Branch being formed there. The Hon. Treasurer said that he felt 15 was a very low membership for starting a Branch and that he would like to see a minimum of 25, but another view was that as a Society we should help a county with a small membership.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks to the Secretary for her hospitality.

Walter Meyman
11. January 1959

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 28, Belgrave Square, London, N.W. 3. on
Sunday, 11th January, 1959, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Bergmann
Mr. Dolmetsch
Miss Linn
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Gray
Mr. Herson
Mr. James
Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Tadmor

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Hunt,
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch, Mr. W. Pitt.

Election of
Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, it was
PROPOSED BY Mr. Dolmetsch
SECONDED BY Miss Linn
and carried unanimously,

THAT Dr. Bergmann be elected Chairman
for the meeting.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read
and signed as correct

Business There was some discussion about members
attending the meetings of two Branches, and it was
resolved to refer this to the Branch Delegates' Conference.

Junior Branch The Hon. Secretary stated that she had made
enquiries about the Festival Hall but could get no
definite information and was asked to write at the
beginning of December giving full details of what sort
of Concert we had in mind and possible dates. On further
enquiry she was told that the west of the Hall would be

between £200 and £300 for a Saturday morning concert, and it appeared there were so many enquiries that the Manager of the Hall selected which concerts should take place there. She did not follow up this enquiry by writing, owing to the high cost of hiring the Hall.

Mr. Henson said that the Kingsway Hall, which holds 1800, costs £50 for one session, plus £25 for a rehearsal; the Central Hall holds 2,500, and the Friends' House, Euston Road, 800.

Mr. Dolmetzsch stated that he had written to suggest that a more permanent way of using the money would be to buy trophies for competition by children at Music Festivals where there were Recorder Classes. There was a good deal of discussion about the two proposals and opinion was divided as to their relative merits.

Miss Jinn made a further suggestion that the money should be invested and that the interest be spent in some other way, such as, perhaps, a visit by a Musical Director to a centre or group, or in some wider field than a concert in London.

After these various points had been discussed it was unanimously agreed that no vote be taken at the meeting, and that members would like time to consider the matter further, the money in the meantime being in a Trustee Savings Bank.

Financial
Report

The Hon. Treasurer reported that subscriptions for 1958-59 were coming in quite satisfactorily, and that so far he had received 287 as against 275 at the same time last year. In budgeting for the year's income and expenditure it seems very clear that we shall have to raise subscriptions next year.

Recorder
News

Mr. Gray suggested sending a copy of the Recorder News to Training Colleges for their libraries, as a way of making the Society more widely known. Mr. Kenworthy said that he had considered it but had

not thought that the News as it was then was sufficiently good for the purpose, but that he would bear this in mind and thought it ought to be a specially chosen copy that was sent, which would be of particular interest. Further, it was suggested that one free copy might be sent with an invitation for the College Library to subscribe for one or more copies. Mr. Kenworthy agreed to make a note of these suggestions.

Branch Delegates' Conference
It was agreed that the following should be on the Agenda for the Branch Delegates' Conference: raising of subscriptions; distribution of the Recorder News; Annual Concerts 1960 and 1961.

Annual Concert 1959
Dr. Bergmann reported that he was in correspondence with the Edinburgh Branch about this concert, and he outlined the programme to be given on the 14th March.

Extraordinary General Meeting
The Editor was asked to put a notice in the next issue of the Recorder News announcing the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th April 1959, at 4.30 p.m., at the Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, London, W.1, to ratify any decision taken at the Branch Delegates' Conference about subscriptions.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4.50 p.m., with a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kind hospitality.

Edgar H. Hunt
2 Aug 1959

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at Grove House, Roehampton Lane, London S.W. 15,
on Sunday, 3rd August, 1959, at 2.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt - in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Linn
Mr. Dolmetsch
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Mr. Clark
Mr. Henson
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Lyall
Mr. Gray, Hon. Membership Secretary
Mr. James, Hon. Treasurer
Miss Tadman, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Sanders.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed as correct.

Motion

Recorder News: The question of sending a copy of the Recorder News to Training Colleges was discussed, and it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Gray

SECONDED BY Mr. Kenworthy, and carried

THAT two issues of the Recorder News should be sent to the Librarians of Training Colleges with an accompanying letter, saying that the subscription to the Recorder News for a copy for the library, would be £1 a year.

Correspondence.

The Hon. Secretary, reported that she had received a letter from Mr. R.B. Cotes, of Northampton, saying that the group he runs there would like to form a Branch of the Society. It was:-

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Miss Linn

and carried

THAT Northampton become a Branch
of the Society of Recorder Players

At this point there was a discussion about the present position of the Midlands Branch, which seemed to be without a definite leader, and it was suggested that the Chairman might perhaps visit Birmingham and talk to a few people to find out what the trouble was and try to discover the right person to help the Branch back to its former more flourishing state.

Financial Statement The Hon. Treasurer reported the 'usual story' of expenditure exceeding income. The balance in the Bank, at £69, was the lowest it had ever been. For the first time Bank charges had appeared on the Bank statement

Rebate to Branches. Following the increase in Branch subscriptions the scale of rebates to Branches was thoroughly discussed, and it was finally:

PROPOSED BY Mr. James

SECONDED BY Mr. Clarke

and carried

THAT for the year 1959-60, and subject to review, the rebate to Branches should be 9p for the first 25 members and 7p thereafter.

Annual Concert The Annual Concert for 1960 was due to be held in London, but owing to the exceptional facilities London members have outside the Society, Mr. Bergmann, the Musical Director of the Branch, said that they were prepared to waive their claim for 1960. The concert was originally conceived as a form of propaganda, which is not wholly necessary in London, and it was felt that the money could be better spent by holding a concert outside London. After discussion it was

PROPOSED from the Chair, and carried

THAT there should be no concert

in 1960 owing to financial circumstances.

It was noted that the Liverpool Branch were anxious for the 1961 concert to take place in Liverpool.

Annual
Meetings

The following dates were confirmed:

Branch Delegates Conference: Sunday, 17th January, 1960

Annual General Meeting for the year 1958-59: Saturday, 26th March, 1960.

Date of next
Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Sunday, 8th November, 1959, at 3.30 p.m., at 28, Belgrave Square, W.1., by kind invitation of Dr. Bergmann.

Other

Business:

Austrian Summer School: Dr. Bergmann reported that he had received a letter in March about a Recorder Summer School in Austria. Mr. Collette was the visitor this year; Mr. Conrad in 1961; and we were asked if we would take part in 1963. After discussion it was agreed that we could not commit ourselves, and in any case it would not be possible for anyone to go during the first part of August.

Standing Conference of Music Committees: The Conference again offered us affiliation and asked us to send a delegate to the Conference in September. Miss Finn did not feel able to go again this year and Dr. Bergmann offered to represent the Society; his offer was unanimously accepted.

Miss Nathalie Jolmetech: Miss Jolmetech said that as she was not much connected with the Recorder Movement nowadays and had so many other activities she felt she should withdraw from the Committee. The Chairman appreciated her suggestion and thanked her for the work she has done for the Society, and asked if the matter might be considered.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at four o'clock.

Edgar H. Hunk
8.11.1959

MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 28, Belgrave Square, London, N.W. 3,
on Sunday, 7th November 1959, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Linn
Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Gray
Mr. Henson
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Lyall
Mr. James
Miss Tadman.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dolmetsch.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous Meeting, having been
circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising: The Chairman reported that he had drafted a
letter to send to Training Colleges with copies of the News.
He also reported better news from the Midlands Branch,
which was being reorganised under a new Secretary,
and numbers were increasing.

It was reported that in the end neither Dr. Bergmann
nor Mr. Hunt could attend the Annual Conference of the
Standing Conference for Amateur Music. Mr. Hunt said
that he had been to the Federation of Festivals Conference,
where Bernard Shore had commented on the good recorder
work being done in a number of places.

Dr. Bergmann referred to the International Summer
School to be held in Raasdorf, Styria in August 1960.
After discussion he agreed to enquire whether the School could

be held in the second half of August, and what would be expected from the Society if we took part. If the date were convenient and there were no commitments, then Mr. Bergmann said he would be willing to go.

Correspondence

The Hon. Secretary read a letter she had received from Mr. Rowland Jones, asking whether there was any form of affiliation for Recorder Classes like the one he was running at the Swarthmore Institute, Leeds. It was agreed that it was not possible to consider an affiliation scheme, as Mr. Rowland Jones had suggested. It was also agreed that the Society would bear in mind the possibility of holding a Concert in Leeds at some convenient date.

The Hon. Secretary also read a letter from Mrs. Evans, of Penzance, saying that she had lost her husband and was herself resigning from the Society. It was agreed

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann
SECONDED BY Mr. Hyatt

and carried unanimously,

THAT

that Mrs. Evans should continue to receive the Recorder News.

A letter from the Editor of the Recorder News to the Chairman about the distribution of the News was considered and it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mr. Hyatt

and carried unanimously,

THAT the News should be circulated

by Office Aids, Ltd., at a cost of 30p a thousand.

Financial
Statement

The Hon. Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of £10 income over expenditure in the Central fund for the year 1958-59, chiefly due to the printing strike and one fewer issue of the News during the year. Subscriptions were coming in quite well for the current year. The Edinburgh Concert, in

February, 1959. had resulted in a net surplus of £4.10/-

Branch
Delegates
Conference.

The provisional date fixed for the Branch Delegates Conference was questioned as there could not be a meeting of the London Branch on Saturdays, 16th January. After discussion it was resolved to hold the Conference as arranged on Sunday, 17th January, and to book the Mary Ward Settlement for the evening session on Saturday, 16th January, following the Galpin Society meeting in the afternoon. It was agreed to include in the Agenda: distribution of Recorder News; scale of rebates to Branches; to discuss the teachers' test, and how to increase the interest of music teachers.

Propaganda

On this last point a number of considerations were put forward, chiefly in regard to propaganda, such as advertising the Teachers' Test in "Music in Education", "Making Music", the I.S.M. Journal. It should be made clear that the Test is not the climax of the "Recorder in Education" course at Rehampton and also that the Test is not confined to students on the course. It was agreed that the application forms for Rehampton should include the question "Are you a member of the Society of Recorder Players?" so that, in the event of more applicants than could be accommodated preference would be given to members of the Society up to a certain date.

Junior
Section
Funds.

The money, in the name of the Junior Section was referred to and a suggestion made that propaganda might be a way of spending some of it usefully, as "it would benefit future generations of ~~student~~ children if today's teachers had availed themselves of ~~the~~ what the Society had to offer. The best way might be to form a sub-committee and Miss Sanders was asked to report on the situation and make suggestions.

A.G.M.

It was agreed that the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting should consist of the formal items and that there was no special recommendation from the

Executive Committee this year.

Rules

It was agreed that the Rules of the Society should be included in the next issue of the Recorder News.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m., with a Vote of Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bergmann and Erica for their very kind hospitality.

Edgar Blundy

14 Feb 1960

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N.W. 3, on
Sunday, 14th February 1960, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair
 Mr. Bergmann
 Miss Lunn
 Miss Sanders
 Mr. Clarke
 Mr. Gray
 Mr. Nelson
 Mr. Kenworthy
 Mr. Wyatt
 Miss Tadman

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from
 Mr. Carl Jolmetsch, Mrs. Carl Jolmetsch, Miss Nathalie
 Jolmetsch, Mr. James.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read,
 confirmed, and signed as correct.

Matters arising

Summer School in Austria: Mr. Bergmann
 reported that he had had confirmation of the dates
 and unfortunately this Summer School would be taking
 place at the same time as our own at Roehampton,
 so that obviously we could do no propaganda for it.

Circular letter to Training Colleges: It was
 reported that the draft was ready and the letter would
 be duplicated and sent out with two copies of the
 Recorder News as soon as possible.

Correspondence

The Hon. Secretary reported that she had received a
 letter just before Christmas from Mr. E. S. Greig saying that
 he had formed an Aberdeen Branch of the Society. Since
 this Branch was already in being the Committee noted its
 formation with pleasure. Miss Tadman also read
 a letter from Mr. T. Johnston, of Glasgow, asking

about forming a Branch There. She reported that she had sent him the necessary information and so far had heard nothing further.

Miss Todman also read a letter from the Oxford University Press asking for a list of Branch Secretaries. It was agreed that publishers should have this information on request. Mr. Kenworthy said that from time to time he had been asked to send out publishers' catalogues with the News, which request he had always refused, but he wanted a ruling from the Committee on future policy. After discussion it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Mr. Hunt

and Carried

THAT although requests from publishers to send out their catalogues with the Review News have always been refused, the Committee would consider anew any fresh request, bearing in mind that extra expense might be involved which would not be met by the Society, and that meanwhile the Committee hopes that publishers will be satisfied with a list of Branches, together with names and addresses of Secretaries and the number of Branch members.

Mr. Hunt read a letter from the Charles Lamb Society, inviting co-operation in a protest meeting against the demolition of the Mary Ward Settlement. It was agreed that no delegates would be nominated from the S.R.P. and that the Secretary write saying that although we sympathise with the object of such a meeting a number of our members are also members of other Societies connected with the Mary Ward Settlement and are voicing their opinions in that way. It was also pointed out that we are not regular tenants of the

many hard Settlement, but hire their rooms on certain occasions.

Financial

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer the Hon.

Secretary

read a letter from Mr. James giving the figure of receipts to date as £469, against £315 at the same time last year. Expenditure showed a corresponding increase, being £419, as against £269 for the same period last year; Cash at Bank was £137. One increased item of expenditure was for the Recorder News, as the last two issues had been bigger than usual. Mr. Kenworthy said that the printers, since last year's strike, had increased their charges by 5%, otherwise they adhered to the estimate given when the order was placed with them.

A.G.M.

Business

Owing to Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch's resignation from the Committee there was one vacancy. Miss Tadmán said that for personal reasons she was finding the work as Hon. Secretary rather more than she could cope with at present, and it was

PROPOSED BY Miss Dinn

SECONDED BY Miss Sanders

and carried

THAT Miss Eileen, known be asked if she would consent to be co-opted on to the Committee as Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Hunt and Dr. Bergmann said they would be responsible for the music in the playing session after the A.G.M. and would let Mr. Kenworthy know what to put in the next issue of the Recorder News about it.

Annual

concert

Miss Tadmán read a letter from Mr. Jones, Secretary of the Merseyside Branch, saying that he had booked the Hall for the Annual concert on Saturday, 29th April 1961. Mr. Hunt, Dr. Bergmann and Miss Dinn said the date was convenient for them, and the Hon. Secretary was

Teacher's
List

instructed to write to Mr. Dolmetsch to ask if he would be free and then to write to Mr. Jones accordingly. Mr. Hunt said he would write to Mr. Jones about the programme side of the concert.

Dr. Bergmann said he felt that the Annual concert for propaganda purposes was no longer needed in London and he was of opinion that the Society should give a professional concert in the Wigmore Hall, if any concert were to be given in London. This suggestion was discussed at some length, and it was finally agreed that it should be further considered at a later date when Dr. Bergmann had gone more fully into the question of cost, price of tickets, complimentary tickets, etc., so that there were definite figures to consider. He made two points: one, that there was a risk we might not fill the hall; and two, that even if we did there would still be a deficit.

The suggestion of a concert in Leeds for propaganda purposes was mentioned, and it was agreed that the matter be taken up again with Mr. Rosland Jones.

Teacher's
Test

Miss Sanders said that she felt strongly that, as a Society, we should make more of the Teacher's Test, and that money from the Junior funds could be used for the purpose. It was agreed that this should be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Suggestions were made that a sub-committee be formed to go into the matter; that Training College lecturers be circulated; that next year the Summer School might have a special bias on that side; and it was pointed out that the test as it stands at present is designed for teaching the recorder and not specifically for teaching the recorder to children; also that students in Training Colleges would not be allowed to take an outside test.

Mr. Hunt, Miss Jinn, and Miss Sanders

agreed to form a sub-committee to go more fully into the matter and to advise the Executive Committee of their findings.

Any Other
Business

It was agreed that a change of address of anyone on the list of those who have passed the Teacher's Test should be sent to Mr. Hunt.

Dr. Bergmann said that Scholtz had received a letter from the parent of a girl of sixteen who plays the recorder and who wants to play with other people. He wondered whether the London Branch could perhaps arrange anything, such as a working class on a Saturday once a month. It was agreed that he should form a sub-committee from members of the London Branch to discuss the matter of meetings for children.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.15 p.m.

Edgar H. Hunt
31 July 1960

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
held at GROVE HOUSE, Pocklington Lane, London, S.W.15,
on SUNDAY, 4th August 1960, at 2.15 p.m.

Present. Mr. Hunt, in the Chair

Miss Dunn

Mr. Dolmetsch

Miss Ussin

Mr. Herborn

Mr. Wyatt

Miss Tadman.

Dr. Bergmann

Dr. Dolmetsch

Miss Sanders

Mr. Gray

Mr. Kenworthy

Mr. James.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

Matters Letter to Training Colleges: It was discussed reported that only three had replied.

Aberdeen Branch: Mr Gray reported that there were only 13 full members and 2 student members, and he asked whether a branch of this size could continue indefinitely. Dr Bergmann said that he was going to the Branch meeting on the 14th October, and it was PROPOSED by Dr Bergmann, SECONDED by Miss Dunn, and carried THAT any decision on the Aberdeen Branch should be postponed until after Dr Bergmann's visit.

Suggested Glasgow Branch: both Dr Bergmann and Dr. Dolmetsch would be going to Glasgow in October, and it was agreed that this matter could be left for the time being.

Concert at the Wigmore Hall: This idea has been dropped for the moment.

Junior Section: Dr Belgmann reported that the London Branch had formed a sub-committee to discuss help to younger recorder players, and they had decided to hold monthly meetings for players aged 11-15 years, starting in October, to see if there was a demand for such meetings. Music would be announced beforehand, and there would be a charge of 1/- per child, the balance of expenses being met from the funds in hand after the closing of the Junior section some years ago.

Standing Conference of Music Committees: Miss Sanders said that she would be unable to attend this year, and Mr Dolmetsch offered to go at her own expense; Miss Dini said that she also would be going.

Correspondence.

The Secretary read a letter from M. Henri, saying that he was bringing a party of French people to the Summer School and he wanted them to become members of the S.R.P. He suggested that he would like this to be the beginning of a French branch of the S.R.P. After discussion it was PROPOSED by Dr Belgmann, SECONDED by Mr Hersom, and carried

THAT in answer we welcome them as members of the Society but regret that we cannot form a Branch of the British S.R.P. in France, though we should be very pleased if they formed their own Society to affiliate with them as we have done with other countries.

The question of Copyright and Translation rights of matter in the Recorder News was discussed. As members of the S.R.P.

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they would receive the Recorder News, and it was agreed that if they want it translated they must apply to the Editor. Dr Dolmetsch said that he ~~will~~ would speak to Mr. Hendri and the Secretary was instructed to write as well.

1955. Financial
Statement

The Treasurer said that the position was not as cheerful as we had hoped it might be. Receipts to date were £591 and expenditure £562. In spite of increase in subscriptions and increase in membership, we are still sailing very near the wind, and he forecast that for the full year expenditure would be slightly greater than income.

Mr Gray said that Branch membership had dropped by 15 members during the year, which might in some cases be due to the increase subscriptions; non-branch membership, on the other hand, had increased from 179 to 198, and student membership from 38 to 66.

After discussion it was agreed to leave the Branch rebates as at present.

Concerts

It was reported that the Annual Concert would be held in Liverpool on the 29th April, 1961, at the Bluecoat Hall, the programme to be settled by the Chairman and Musical Directors. It was proposed to hold a Concert in Leeds for propaganda purposes, the 25th March being the suggested date.

Teacher's
Test.

The sub-committee reported that they had had three or four meetings altogether but have not so far come to any firm conclusions. They had started talks on publicising the test, but the syllabus has yet to be discussed, and this is

really of first importance.

A.O.B.

The question was raised as to how many non-members of the S.R.P. were on the course. Mr Dolmetsch said that 60 out of the 200 members of the present Course were not members of the S.R.P., and he suggested that another year the Society's leaflet be put in the rooms of all non-members.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3-45 pm.

Carl Dolmetsch
19th February 1961

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Report of Sub-Committee on membership, branches and affiliation

Members:-

Mr. C. Kenworthy
Miss W. Sanders
Miss J. T. Tadman
Mr. R. James (Convenor)

1. We were appointed by the Executive Committee at a meeting held on 19th February 1961, with the following terms of reference:-

"To report and make recommendations on membership, branches and affiliation."
2. We met on 11th March 1961, all members of the sub-committee being present.
3. We took note of a statement prepared by the Hon. Treasurer of the Society, which showed that, for the year ended 30 September 1960, the total average outgoings from central funds per branch member came to approximately 16/0½, and per country member, approximately 6/11d. It also showed that the approximate cost of one copy of "Recorder News", including postage and envelope, was 11d for a 16 page issue, and 9½d for a 12 page issue. These figures should be related to the current subscription of 15/- for branch members, 7/6 for country members and 5/- for students.
4. The examples given below show that the subscriptions from members in small branches, particularly those distant from London, amount to considerably less than the total disbursements from central funds in respect of those branches. This feature is common to a less degree in the case of all other branches, except London. In 1959-60 subscriptions from members of the London Branch exceeded disbursements in respect of that branch by about £11, the reasons for this being:-
 - (a) No Musical Director's or delegate conference travelling expenses are incurred
 - (b) The great bulk of it's membership (90% of 250) attracts only the lower rate of rebate - 7/-.

Year 1959-1960

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Subscriptions</u>	<u>Disbursements from Central Funds</u>
Bristol	24 + 8 students	£20	£28 - 17 - 4
Cambridge	10 + 12 students	£10.10.0	£14 - 8 - 2
Devon	38	£28.10.0	£35 - 17 - 0
Dorset	24	£18. 0.0	£24 - 0 - 0
Newcastle	33 + 3 students	£25.10.0	£34 - 7 - 6
Northampton	27 + 3 "	£21. 0.0	£24 - 15 - 0

5. In considering the problem of small branches we examined the alternative of groups which would be affiliated to the Society on payment of a small fee, say a guinea. Such affiliated groups would be supplied with a limited number of each issue of "Recorder News" and be kept posted on S.R.P. activities such as concerts, but they would not be eligible for Musical Director's visits or to be represented at delegate conferences. An arrangement of this kind might appeal to some of the smallest branches, but we felt that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the Society as a whole. It could, and probably would, have the effect of reducing the country membership, since a member of an affiliated group would enjoy virtually the same benefits, apart from a personal copy of "Recorder News", without the payment of a 7/6 contribution to the Society. We therefore decided that a system of affiliated groups was not a solution we could recommend.
6. We turned our attention to the concept of a "lower grade" branch which would not be eligible for all the privileges of a normal branch, but the members of which would pay a smaller subscription. Each member would receive a personal copy of "Recorder News", and a delegate could be sent to the annual delegate conference providing his travelling expenses were paid by the branch. The branch would not be entitled to visits by Musical Directors free of charge, but could request such a visit on payment of the visitor's travelling expenses. In other respects a "lower grade" branch would have the status of a normal branch, and in particular its delegate to the annual conference would be enabled to speak and vote. We came to the conclusion that the formation of such branches would be beneficial to the Society and thought that the following conditions would be applicable:-
- (a) The "lower grade" branch should have a distinctive designation to avoid confusion with a normal branch. The term "group" might be suitable.
 - (b) The annual subscription for a member of a group should be 7/6, no part of which would be returned to the group in the form of rebate.
 - (c) Potential new branches with an initial membership of at least 15, but less than 40, would become groups in the first place.
 - (d) Existing branches of less than 35 members would be regraded as groups forthwith.
 - (e) Any group achieving a membership of 40 or over in two consecutive years could apply for re-grading to full branch status.
 - (f) Existing branches whose membership fell below 35 for two consecutive years would be regarded as groups.
 - (g) "Membership" for this purpose would include both full and student members.
7. In our examination of the small branch problem, we bore in mind applications that are occasionally received from outside the Society for some form of affiliation. We considered:-
- (a) Who was likely to apply.
 - (b) What would they seek.
 - (c) What could the Society offer to them.

Enquiries from potential branches would be dealt with as recommended in paragraph 6 above. Most applications, however, are likely to come from classes, groups in colleges, players who have passed through a beginners' class and seek another outlet, and possibly from small groups or concerts that have no wish to grow larger.

They will apply to the Society probably because they have not exploited local resources, or because, having done so, they have achieved nothing. Affiliation to the Society would not affect local resources on which such applicants must ultimately rely, and could therefore offer them little. For this reason, and for the reasons given in paragraph 5 above, we recommend that applications of this type should not be entertained, but that the individual persons concerned should be encouraged to become country members.

8. We realised that the formation of additional groups as recommended in paragraph 6 would probably result in increased demands on Musical Directors for visits, and felt it would be unreasonable to call upon them to do more than they were now doing in that respect. We therefore recommend that a panel of qualified visitors who are not necessarily Musical Directors should be drawn up and supplied to all branches and groups. It should include, if possible, some people who are resident outside the London area.
9. The effect of replacing small branches by groups, would have the effect of reducing the present twelve branches to six, on the basis of current membership. This may not be a bad thing since the number of branches that can be satisfactorily catered for within the present framework of the Society is limited. In this connection, because it is impractical to have branches overseas, we recommend that publicity material should make it clear that branches of the Society may be formed only in England, Scotland and Wales.
10. The special position of the London Branch has already been referred to in paragraph 4 above. We feel that the reasons for the introduction of a scale of rebate related to branch membership would no longer exist if the group system were adopted. We therefore consider that branch rebate should be at a flat rate per member and that the rate should be 3/- so long as the subscription remains at 15/-. This change would increase the total rebate paid to London Branch by about the same amount (£10), as the total rebate to other branches would be decreased.

Summary of Recommendations

1. "Groups" should be introduced to take the place of small branches.
2. Existing branches of less than 35 and new branches of less than 40 members, would become groups.
3. The subscription of a member of a group would be 7/6, no part of which would be returned to the group as rebate.
4. Groups could have visits by Musical Directors, and be represented at annual delegate conferences, at their own expense.
5. In other respects groups would have the status of branches.

6. Applications for affiliation by small groups of players which are unlikely to become branches, should not be entertained.
7. Publicity material should indicate that branches may be formed only in England, Scotland & Wales.
8. A panel of qualified visitors should be drawn up to ease the burden on Musical Directors.
9. The present system of differential branch rebates should be discontinued, and, while the subscription remains at 15/-, be replaced by a flat rebate of 8/- a member.

(Signed) R. James
C. Kenworthy
W. Sanders
J. T. Tadman.

April, 1961.

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MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N.W.3.
on Sunday, 19th February, 1961, at 10.30 a.m.

Present:	Mr. Hunt in the Chair	Dr. Bergmann
	Dr. Dolmetsch	Mrs. Dolmetsch
	Miss Sanders	Mr. Clarke
	Mr. Gray	Mr. Hersom
	Mr. Kenworthy	Mr. Wyatt
	Mr. James	Miss Tadman

As Mr. Hunt sent his apologies for not being able to be at the beginning of the meeting it was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann, SECONDED BY Miss Tadman, and carried, THAT Dr. Dolmetsch take the Chair until Mr. Hunt arrives.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn and Miss Unwin.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

Matters arising Aberdeen Branch: Dr. Bergmann reported that the members who were at the meeting he took were very keen and anxious to remain a Branch of the Society, but numbers had not grown as they had hoped and six people had recently left the district. They were handicapped in Dr. Bergmann's opinion by not having a regular Musical Director.

This report led to a discussion about membership and Branches generally, and it was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann; SECONDED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch, and carried, THAT a Sub-Committee be formed, consisting of Miss Sanders, Miss Tadman, Mr. Kenworthy, and Mr. James (Convenor) to report and make recommendations on Membership, branches and affiliation.

It was agreed that the report should be circularised to Branches and their comments asked for before the next Branch Delegates Conference, the report to be submitted to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Glasgow Branch: Dr. Dolmetsch said that he would be in Glasgow in March, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Johnston telling him this and asking him to get in touch direct with Dr. Dolmetsch.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer reported that receipts this year at £465 were about the same as at this time last year, but that the expenditure, at £439, was up. As receipts to date only exceed expenditure by £26, the prospects are that we shall not be paying our way this year. We have a balance at the Bank to meet the difference, but it is not possible to continue indefinitely in this way.

It was noted that the expenses of the Branch Delegates Conference increased every year, and after discussion it was

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch, SECONDED BY Miss Sanders and carried, THAT members of the Executive Committee and any London members who stayed to lunch after the Conference should pay for their own meal.

At this point Mr. Kenworthy said that the Committee should know that he had been warned that printing costs were increasing and that the profit made on printing the Recorder News was so small that the firm who had the contract had said that they would be obliged to increase the price in the future.

Mr. Kenworthy also mentioned advertisements in the News. One firm had asked if there would be any discount if they advertised in four consecutive issues. He said that he had had to make a decision and, after consulting Mr. Hunt, he had offered a discount of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the standard rate, which he asked the Committee to approve. It was

PROPOSED from the Chair, and carried, THAT the Editor of The Recorder News be given power to settle charges for advertisements.

Mr. Kenworthy also stated that he had not in the past made efforts to find new advertisers and he wanted the Committee's views on this matter. It was agreed that it would be a good policy to extend the advertising, and Mr. Kenworthy said that he would endeavour to find new advertisers.

Annual
General
Meeting

The Secretary reported that the Library of the Mary Ward Settlement was booked for the afternoon of Saturday, 11th March, from 2 - 5 p.m., for the Annual General Meeting, 1961.

Resignation
of Hon.
Secretary

The Committee received with regret the resignation of Miss Tadman as Honorary Secretary of the Society owing to her removal from London in the summer. After discussion it was

PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann, SECONDED BY Mr. Clarke, and carried, THAT Miss Joan Davis be nominated as Secretary of the Society, and that a sub-committee be formed to deal with the secretarial work consisting of Miss Davis, Miss Unwin, Mrs. Rich and Miss Tadman.

Vice
President

Mr. Hunt reported that when Mr. LaNoue Davenport was at the Summer School at Roehampton last August, he invited him to become one of the Vice Presidents of the Society. Mr. Davenport was extremely pleased to accept, and Mr. Hunt asked the Committee to approve his action. It was unanimously agreed that we welcome Mr. Davenport as a Vice President.

Teachers'
Test

Mr. Hunt said that the Sub-Committee had nothing further to report except that they were meeting again soon. The list of recommended teachers was discussed, and it was

PROPOSED BY Mrs. Dolmetsch, SECONDED BY Miss Sanders, and carried, with one abstention, THAT THE NAMES OF the Chairman and Musical Directors should be on the list of recommended teachers, and also those who were given an Honorary Certificate at the last Summer School, as well as those who passed the Test before the war and those who have passed since.

The question of the honorary certificates was discussed and it was felt that it was a very debatable matter as to whether such certificates should be given. It was therefore agreed that the three now held, together with one given before the war, should in no way create a precedent, and that it was not desirable that further honorary certificates should be awarded.

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The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Oktoby, of South Africa, saying they would like a Branch of the Society in Natal. She was instructed to reply on the usual lines, namely that a Branch overseas is not practicable but that if they had their own Society we should be delighted to affiliate as we have done in other cases.

A letter from Mr. McKenna, of Australia, was read, asking if the Society would arrange the Elizabethan Serenade for three or four recorders. The Secretary was instructed to write suggesting that Ascherbergs be approached on the matter.

The Secretary stated, in answer to a question, that she sent out back numbers of the Recorder News, when asked, to members, at a charge of sixpence each plus postage. It was agreed that this was not a realistic figure in these days and that in future the charge should be one shilling a copy, plus postage, and that the News in the current subscription year should not be available in this way except to present members wanting a second copy.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3.15 p.m., there having been about an hour's break for lunch kindly given by Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann, to whom all members accorded a warm vote of thanks.

J. M. Davis
Hon. Sec.

Edgar Hunt
May 7. 1961

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at 28, Belsize Sq. London. N. W. 3
on Sunday, 7th May, 1961, at 10.30 A.M.

Present.

Mr. Hunt in the Chair.

Miss Dinn

Miss Unwin

Mr. Hensom

Mr. Wyatt

Mr. Clarke

Miss Davis

D^r. Berquann

D^r. Dolmetsch

Miss Sanders

Mr. Gray

Mr. James

Mr. Kenworthy.

Miss Tadman and Mrs. Rich in attendance

Apologies Apology for absence was received from
Mrs. Dolmetsch.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting,
having been circulated, were taken
as read and signed.

Matters Teachers' Test. The Chairman
Arising ~~Miss Sanders~~ reported
that the Sub-Committee
had met a number of times, when
a good deal of ground had been
covered, but it had not yet
been possible to finalize matters.

Miss Dinn felt that more ought to
be done in teaching teachers as there
was still very bad tuition going on
in the London area. Some of the
Music Advisers were also anxious
about the situation. Miss Dinn

suggested an approach be made to the Standing Conference for Amateur Music for co-operation with the S.R.P. She felt that the influence of the Society was strong, but in too small an area.

The Chairman suggested calling a Conference with local Authorities.

Dr. Bergmann suggested that Miss Dinn was the best person to make a report on what the Society could do educationally.

After further discussion Miss Dinn was requested to go into the whole question, and she agreed to present a report to the Committee at its next meeting.

It was agreed that Miss Dinn could co-opt other people, if necessary.

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pondence received application from the Standing Conference for Amateur Music for the affiliation fee, which was now two guineas instead of one guinea. It was agreed that affiliation should continue, as a temporary measure.

Mr. James informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Dawson of Leeds advising him that a branch of the S.R.P. had been formed in the West Riding and enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting. Dr. Bergmann said the Leeds Concert had led to the formation of the West Riding Branch. Mr. Gray

had not heard about the formation of the Branch but had received cheques from two people.

Mr. James asked whether the Branch had been formed with the approval of the Committee. Approval was given at this meeting.

Dr. Berquann read two Press Notices concerning the Liverpool Concert.

Financial

Mr. James reported a rather gloomy picture. The Leeds Concert had shown a loss somewhere in the region of £50, a cheque for which amount had been sent to Mr. Rowland - Jones. Mainly as a result of this loss, expenditure this year has exceeded income by £79. Of that sum, £26 has been disbursed on meetings for children in London. The latter is taken out of the Special Fund but, so far as the Society's Balance Sheet is concerned, only one fund is shown. The current account is now down to £72, and it may be necessary to withdraw some money from the London Trustee Savings Bank before the end of the financial year. There was very little money still to come in, and the two

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remaining issues of the Recorder News for this year were still to be paid for. The deficit of £72 was, therefore, not likely to be improved, and would depend on the financial result of the Liverpool Concert.

D^r. Bergmann said it was hoped the Liverpool Concert ~~had~~ been financially successful. He reported that the London Branch Committee intends to submit to its members the suggestion that a proposal be put forward to the S. R. P. that subscriptions be raised to one guinea.

The Society's Concerts.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Devon Branch ~~was~~ hoping the 1963 Concert would be held in Exeter. He said the London Branch ~~was~~ entitled to a concert in 1962 if ~~they~~ it wished to have one.

The Meeting ~~was~~ then informed that a Concert would be held on July 8th at the Froebel Institute, Roehampton, in aid of the Building Fund, that the Directors would be playing and Miss Ilse Wolf had agreed to sing.

Report
of Sub-
Committee

The report was circulated at the Meeting and the Chairman said he was grateful to the Sub-Committee for ~~their~~ its excellent work.

A long discussion followed on the various proposals. Dr. Bergmann did not like the de-gradation (in name) of the smaller branches to groups. Mr. Hunt pointed out that under the proposed scheme the small branches which need the most assistance would be penalised, as they would be the least able to afford to pay the expenses of a visiting Musical Director.

Miss Sanders said the Society must be realistic about visits of the Directors and that we could not keep on forming new branches. A panel had been suggested in order to relieve the Directors of the burden involved in visiting branches.

Dr. Bergmann thought that the publication of a panel might lead to embarrassments.

The Chairman said visits were good propaganda. Some money could be saved by dispensing with a separate visit to a branch.

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when the branch in question was holding a concert. He thought groups might even pool a visit in order to help lessen expenses.

The relative values of Directors' visits to Branches, and Branch Delegates' Conferences, were discussed, but it was considered that both were needed.

It was felt that when a new Branch was formed the initial visit should be by a Director but that subsequent visits could well be undertaken by someone else.

Finally, it was left to the Chairman to draw up a report, based on the Sub-Committee's report and today's meeting.

Report of Miss Unwin reported on the London Children's Meetings arranged by a Branch Sub-Committee appointed by the Children's London Branch Committee, as follows:

Meetings had been held at Stan Cross School on Saturday mornings in October, November, December, February, two in March, and May. The numbers had fluctuated between 16 and 54. There was a nucleus of about ten girls who had attended every meeting. Many of the children were juniors, but by next year they should have reached the age for which we

were aiming. The Sub-Committee admitted having been somewhat extravagant, due to lack of experience, having hired the hall for a longer period than was actually required, but for the remaining meetings this was being rectified. As charges for the hall during summer were reduced, expenses for the remainder of this year would be much lower than for the first part. The expenses for five winter Meetings had amounted to £19-2-6, and of four summer Meetings would amount to £6-14-0, making a total of £25-16-6, an average of less than £3 a meeting. It was hoped to collect half of this sum in entrance fees (1/-) and payment for badges. Miss Unwin said the London Branch Committee would like this year to be regarded as an experiment. Much had been learnt by the Sub-Committee which would help them to do better next year. All the children who attended the meetings enjoyed them and the standard of playing had improved. The Sub-Committee and their friends who have assisted at meetings as conductors and helpers have worked extraordinarily hard and would like to continue to run the meetings for another year. The children are keen and most of them would be disappointed if they were not allowed to continue.

The Chairman said he would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who had been working on the scheme for their efforts.

Discussion took place on the wisdom of continuing the meetings and whether, as the money being used had come from all over the country, it should be spent on such a small number of London children only.

Miss Sanders considered the numbers attending the meetings were far too small and that it was asking a lot of the people who came to conduct. The bulk of the children who attended were primary children in charge of a teacher who was capable of teaching them herself. On the other hand, Miss Sanders wondered whether one year was long enough for the experiment and, unless there ~~was~~ some better way in which to spend the money available, she would be in favour of continuing for another year.

The Chairman felt the scheme had not yet had a chance to prove itself. He suggested that Primary School teachers should be approached in July before the children leave so that they would know about the meetings and attend next term.

Miss Dinn wondered whether it might be a better idea to have a Festival of playing on one special occasion when children in or near London might be invited.

Dr. Bergmann reminded the meeting that the whole idea originated because letters had been received asking

where children could play, and he considered the scheme should be continued for another year.

Suggestions were put forward for more publicity, including an article (perhaps with photographs) in the Times Educational Supplement, an article in the Recorder News, and through Local Education Authorities and Public Libraries etc.

Miss Sanders suggested that Primary School Teachers in the areas covered by the scheme should be approached with a view to getting firm promises from them to bring parties of their school-leavers to a Recorder Rally at the end of September. If a date could be fixed, an invitation should be sent out in the Bulletin. After the Rally, the children could then attend future meetings without being brought by their Teachers.

The Chairman agreed and said that such a Rally should take place at Star Cross School and it should be organised in sufficient time to enable promises to be received before next term.

Any Other publication in which the name Busi- and address of the Secretary ness of the S.R.P. was now out of date, M^r Kenworthy asked whether the Society's publicity

should contain an address which was likely to remain permanent.

Much discussion took place on the point raised but it was considered that as no such address was available, the address of the Secretary should suffice.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 2.30 p.m. there having been about an hour's break for lunch kindly given by Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann, to whom all members accorded a warm vote of thanks.

Edgar Hunt

5 August, 1961.

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS held at Grove House, Roehampton Lane, London, S. W. 15., on Saturday, 5th August, 1961, at 2.15 p.m.

Present.	Mr. Hunt, in the Chair	Miss Dinn
	Dr. Bergmann	Mr. Gray
	Dr. Dolmetsch	Mr. Wyatt
	Mrs. M. Dolmetsch	Miss Unwin
	Miss Sanders	Mr. Clarke
	Mr. Kenworthy	Mr. Hersom
	Mr. James	Miss Davis

Miss Tadman and Mrs. Rich in attendance.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed, one amendment having been made.

Matters arising. (a) Chairman's recommendations re Branches and subscriptions. (Report already circulated.)

A long discussion followed during which it was proposed by Miss Sanders and seconded by Mr. Kenworthy that:

The Branches shall have Directors' visits in alternate years and the right to a visit from some other conductor in the years between the Directors' visits.

The Committee agreed to the proposal, with the exception of Dr. Bergmann, who preferred to have more flexibility.

Mr. James suggested that Branches should be requested to advise the Secretary at the beginning of each year the dates they would like for the Directors' visits and choice, in order to plan ahead.

Various ideas were put forward with a view to making the Society more attractive to the better players, but no decisions were reached.

It was proposed by Dr. Bergmann and seconded by Miss Dinn that:

The subscriptions should be increased to £1. 1. 0, the students' subscriptions to 10/6d,

Country members' subscriptions to remain at 7/6d.

It was decided to put this before the Delegates' Meeting.

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Dr. Bergmann informed the meeting that it had been suggested that a public demonstration of the educational value of the recorder should be held. He said that Schott's would pay the expenses and asked whether the Society would be prepared to allow its name to be used as sponsor. The date suggested was some time in October, 1961, and Mr. Kenneth Simpson was suggested as Chairman.

It was agreed that the Society would allow its name to be used for this purpose.

(b) Miss Dinn's recommendations re the Teaching Test.

Miss Dinn considered it desirable to make some modifications in the demands of the Teachers' Test. She felt the scope was at present too limited because the test was held only at the Roehampton Summer School. She would like other tests to be held elsewhere, in addition to that held at Roehampton. She was also in favour of organising a short course at some other time of the year for people who cannot attend the Roehampton Summer School.

Miss Sanders considered that any changes should be put in hand immediately so that the syllabus could be available in time for the public demonstration. She referred also to ^a ~~the~~ Conference ^{to be held} in September with H.M.I. ^{an} and said she would like to have something to produce then.

It was felt that more publicity was needed and should be done through the musical and educational publications.

It was arranged that Miss Dinn and Dr. Bergmann should be the Society's official representatives at the Standing Conference for Amateur Music in September, each paying his/her own expenses.

Mr. James reported that the position was much the same as at the previous meeting, total receipts being £640, total expenditure £711, the deficit on the year's working being £71.

Receipts were:

£503	subscriptions
£50	subscriptions in advance
£25	from Liverpool concert

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Financial
Statement:

Expenditure:

Rebates to Branches	£263	
3 issues of the Recorder News	£126	
Directors' travelling expenses	£57	
Printing & stationery	£26	
Delegates' Conference	£40	(approximately)
Concerts	£90	(gross)
Children's Meetings	£22	

One further issue of the Recorder News had still to be paid for. He expected the final deficit on the year to amount to about £100.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

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At the present time the Society is living beyond its income, and each year a deficit is eating away at the Society's reserves. 156

The Society depends for its income on the subscriptions of members. A proportion of the subscription of each branch member is returned to the branch to pay for local (branch) activities. Of the balance which is retained at H.Q. a large proportion has to pay for "The Recorder News" and secretarial expenses of running the Society. The remainder is used to finance such activities as:

- 1) The Annual Concert: London and Provinces in alternate years.
- 2) Visits of the Society's Chairman and Musical Directors to branches.
- 3) The expenses of the Branch Delegates' Conference.

These activities were planned at a time when there were at the most eight branches: London, Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Dorset, Newcastle and Oxford. Since then the Oxford branch has been discontinued and one started in Cambridge, while additional new branches have been started in Devon, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Northampton and the West Riding of Yorkshire. These can claim such expensive advantages as: (a) a high scale of rebate (as most are as yet not large)

(b) visits of Chairman or Musical Directors.

(c) expenses in connection with the Branch Conference.

Apart from Northampton these centres are all a considerable distance from London, so that travelling expenses in respect of (b) and (c) are disproportionately heavy; and heavier with each increase in rail fares.

It has been suggested that smaller branches (under 30 full adult members) should be downgraded to a new classification and offered fewer of these "expensive advantages". This would be discouraging to them and might make their survival more difficult. So we must try to find other ways of helping them to grow without upsetting the economy of the Society as a whole. Here we cannot too strongly urge all branches to make an all-out effort to increase membership.

It is suggested that new branches should be started off by a visit from H.Q. by a Musical Director or the Chairman, but that afterwards they should expect such visits only in alternate years. A Branch would not be entitled to a visit in the year when the Concert was held in the district.

Some kind of liaison between established branches should be arranged so that a H.Q. visit can be shared sometimes at a central point, or a tour arranged taking in two or more branches during the same week-end. This latter course applies particularly in the case of the more distant branches.

Smaller branches should send delegates to the Conference at their own expense. A whip round among the branch members for this purpose is suggested if the branch funds are insufficient.

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In the alternate years, between H.Q. visits, the branches themselves should be encouraged to finance visits from the Musical Directors or Chairman or from a suitable assistant who should be a member of the Society. Officers and members of the Society cannot accept fees for their services, only expenses; but it is hoped that such assistants may give their services in the same spirit as has always been done in the past.

These matters will come up for fuller discussion at the Branch Conference in January when it is hoped that delegates will be able to help to formulate a workable solution to the Society's financial problems.

(signed) Edgar Hunt. Chairman.
December, 1961.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3. on Saturday, 17th March, 1962, at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Mr. Hunt, in the Chair

Dr. Bergmann

Mrs. M. Dolmetsch

Miss W. Sanders

Miss E. Unwin

Mr. Gray

Mr. James

Mr. Kenworthy

Mr. Wyatt

Miss Davis

Mrs. Rich in attendance

Apologies for absence. Apologies of absence were received from Miss Dinn, Dr. Dolmetsch, Mr. Hersom and Mr. Clarke.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were taken as read, and signed as amended.

Miss Sanders referred to a note which had been attached to the agenda as follows:

"To all Members of the Executive Committee of the Society of Recorder Players. The name of Miss Eileen Downer has been received for nomination at the forthcoming A.G.M. of the S.R.P., with very strong recommendations that she be elected as a member of the Executive Committee. Unfortunately, one member will have to give way and it is wondered whether there is anyone, who has been less active in the Society lately, who would be prepared to resign in her favour?"

Miss Sanders said that, while she would support the proposal, she had to protest at the way in which this had been done; she considered it should be something for the Society to vote on at its meeting.

The Chairman said the matter had been dealt with as diplomatically as possible, and Dr. Bergmann explained the circumstances which had led to the note being sent to the Committee.

As, however, there had been no response to the request, an election would have to take place.

Finances

The Treasurer reported that subscriptions are up by a small amount compared with last year, with expenditure down a little. Subscriptions as at 14th March were £491 compared with £462 on the same date in 1961. Mr. James anticipated that the deficit would be in the region of £50 at the end of the financial year, as compared with £69 in 1961.

A long discussion took place concerning the cost to the Society of supplying copies of Recorder News to members who did not renew their subscriptions, and it was

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PROPOSED by Mr. Kenworthy
SECONDED by Miss Sanders
and carried unanimously

THAT early in December notices should be sent to all non-paying members, reminding them that if they do not pay they will be deemed to have resigned and will receive no further copies of the Recorder News.

A note will be inserted asking members to disregard the reminder in the event of subscriptions having been forwarded but not received at the date of despatch of the notice. Supplies of the notices are to be forwarded to Branches who will be expected to deal locally with their own members.

Cores-
poence.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to letters she had received requesting her to recommend recorder teachers to give private lessons to children. She stated that such letters were received quite regularly and usually she was unable to supply satisfactory answers. The Secretary also referred to letters received from the Junior Pears Encyclopaedia, the Dolmetsch Foundation and from a member in S. Africa asking whether a branch of the Society could be formed in that country. The Secretary was instructed to reply suitably to the letters concerned.

It was considered that an exchange of information between the Dolmetsch Foundation and the Society, by way of an article on the former in the Recorder News and an article on the S.R.P. in the Dolmetsch Foundation ~~Haslemere~~ Festival might be useful (publicity)

Presenta-
tion of
Chairman's
book

At this juncture, the Chairman presented the Society with a copy of his book, "The Recorder and its Music".

Mr. James expressed the Society's gratitude to Mr. Hunt for the gift and for the dedication to the members of the Society.

Recorder
Conference
17th Jan.
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Dr. Bergmann reported on the great success of the "Recorder in School" Conference which had been held at the Institute of Education. About 200 people had attended and had shown great interest; one of the results had been that several enquiries about recorder music and instruments had been received by Messrs. Schott & Co.

Children's
Meetings.

Miss Unwin reported on the recorder playing for children at Star Cross School; the meetings were very successful although more juniors attended than the older children it originally was hoped to attract. Miss Unwin felt, however, that if they came in as juniors, they would most likely continue to attend after leaving the junior schools.

Miss Sanders said the meetings were running smoothly but stated that they could not continue unless there was an attendance of 60 which, she thought, would never be achieved. She agreed, however, that if we could make the juniors very keen they might continue when they went to Grammar Schools.

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Dr. Bergmann said that two years was not enough time. He considered the Sub-Committee had done a very good job and, even if fewer children attended, it would be worth while to carry on. He felt there should be more propaganda to make the meetings known.

The Treasurer said the net cost of the meetings in the financial year just ended had been £25 and it should be less this year. He said there was £98 in the special reserve fund and considered that we could afford to carry on.

It was agreed that the children's meetings should continue.

Proposed increase
of subscriptions:

Dr. Bergmann said that when this item was being discussed at the A.G.M., it should be pointed out that not all the branches were in favour of the increase.

Sub-Committee's
report on Branches

Reference was made to the recommendations contained in the report of the Sub-Committee and which remained unresolved; Dr. Bergmann considered it was time that definite conclusions were reached.

The matter, however, was not pursued.

Sub-Committee's
report on
Teachers' Test

A revised syllabus was circulated at the meeting and it was agreed that the Summer School Secretary could use this as the basis for any enquiries she might receive from anyone interested in and/or attending the 1962 Course at Roehampton.

A long discussion took place concerning the question of examiners if the Teachers' Test went beyond the jurisdiction of the Recorder in Education Summer School; but it was generally agreed that the examining panel might well consist of two Musical Directors plus an H.M.I. or Music Organiser and it would thus remain under the aegis of the Society.

It was eventually agreed that the Chairman would write to Miss Potts with a view to a meeting being arranged between Mr. Horton, Miss Dinn, Miss Sanders and himself.

Any other
business.

Mr. Kenworthy advised the Committee that he was having slight difficulties in connection with the printing of the Recorder News. Madleys, the printers in London, were now subcontracting the work to a firm in Hastings. We were faced with the choice of going direct to the firm in Hastings or continuing, as at present, with Madleys, at an additional cost of something in the region of £4 per issue. Mr. Kenworthy said he received considerable help as the result of his personal contact with Madleys but, having regard to the extra cost involved, was anxious to have a ruling from the Committee about future procedure.

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Some discussion ensued, but it was generally agreed it was desirable that Mr. Kenworthy should receive whatever help was available to him in this very difficult job, notwithstanding the extra cost. It was therefore left to Mr. Kenworthy to make the most suitable arrangements for the printing of the Recorder News.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 1.45 p.m., there having been about half an hour's break for lunch kindly given by Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann, to whom all members accorded a warm vote of thanks.

Edgar H. Hunt

27 May 1962

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society of Recorder Players held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3. at 10.30 A.M. on May 27th, 1962.

Present:

Mr. Hunt, in the Chair.
Miss Dinn
Dr. Bergmann
Mrs. M. Dolmetsch
Mr. Kenworthy

Miss Sanders
Mr. James
Mr. Gray
Miss Downer
Mr. Hersom
Miss Davis
Mrs. Rich in attendance.

Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss for absence. Unwin and Mr. Wyatt.

New Member. The Chairman welcomed Miss Elleen Downer as a new member of the Executive Committee.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as amended.

Matters arising. The Chairman informed the Committee that a copy of his book, "The Recorder and its Music" had been given to the President of the Society. Mr. Hunt read a letter of acknowledgment he had received from Mr. Britten in which he promised to write for the recorder whenever possible.

Finances. The Treasurer said the situation was much the same as in his last report; he expected the deficit on the year's working to be in the region of £30. Subscriptions to date were rather less than at the same time last year. The number of country members had increased from 200 to 250. Mr. Gray advised the Committee that no subscriptions had been received from Glasgow Branch by the end of March. He had therefore entered into correspondence with the Branch Treasurer and with the Hon. Secretary but to date the subscriptions had still not materialised. Mr. Gray was instructed to wait for a further week and, if the subscriptions had still not been received, to write a further letter to Miss Donachi advising her that the matter had been discussed by the Executive Committee who would like her to contact Mr. Watt pointing out the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and suggesting the moneys be handed over to some one who could forward the subscriptions without further delay.

Sub-Committee's report on branches. These two items were taken together and a long discussion took place. It was decided that large branches should receive the und mentioned benefits from the Society while a sliding scale of privileges would be worked out for smaller branches.

Grouping of Musical Directors' pastoral visits

An annual visit from H.Q.
The Recorder News
An occasional concert
Representation at Delegates' Conferences
Advice from H.Q.
in addition to a rebate from subscriptions for local spending.

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Visits would, as far as practicable, be worked out on a regional basis, e.g.,

Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh & Newcastle.
Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham & Leeds.
Dorset, Devon & Bristol.
Cambridge & Northants.

all arrangements to be dealt with centrally through the Secretary. Branches would be confined to England, Scotland and Wales, to avoid the expenses which would otherwise be incurred in travelling to N. Ireland and elsewhere: S. R. P. publicity would mention this fact.

The whole question is to be ventilated at the next Delegates' Conference and, in the meantime, the Treasurer will obtain information regarding fares to branches.

It was felt that the Annual Delegates' Conference was not long enough for full discussion on important issues, nor was there sufficient time for members to enjoy social benefit from the morning's proceedings. It was felt desirable to extend the delegates' visits and that perhaps a meeting could be arranged for the Saturday afternoon and/or evening and all day Sunday. The Art Workers Guild and the Mary Ward Centre were suggested as possible sources of accommodation and it was left to the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

Rebates to
branches.

With regard to the increased subscription it was
PROPOSED by Mr. Kenworthy and
SECONDED by Dr. Bergmann
THAT

the rebate to branches should be 12/- per member, 9/- to remain in the central fund; the rebate to branches per student member should be 7/-, 3/6 to remain in the central fund. This was agreed.

The rebate is to be fixed for a period of two years, at the end of which views of the branches will be invited.

Teachers'
Test.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had written to Miss Potts, who has sent the tests to Mr. Horton, and a meeting will be arranged on receipt of her reply. A long discussion followed but it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until the meeting with Mr. Horton had taken place. Miss Dinn advised the Committee that the London Institute of Education is planning a two-year part-time course for practising teachers of at least five years' experience, which is to operate during 1963/65 and which will be open to any certificated teacher. Miss Dinn has been appointed as one of the tutors to deal, probably, with recorders. At the end of the course, of which Mr. Kenneth Simpson is Chairman, there will be a diploma examination.

A meeting would be taking place on Thursday, 31st May, and Miss Dinn wondered if it would be in order for her to suggest that the proposed diploma should include at least part of the Society's syllabus. The setting up of the examination has not yet been discussed but Miss Dinn wanted permission to suggest an examination for proficiency in teaching the recorder. Miss Dinn was authorised to go ahead as suggested.

Meeting
with Mr.
Nobæ of
Dolmetsch
Foundation.

Dr. Bergmann reported that there was little connection between the Dolmetsch Foundation and the S.R.P. No conclusions had been reached at the meeting though mutual advertising was a possibility for the future. Mr. Kenworthy will look into the matter.

Corres-
pondence.

A letter had been received from a member who suggested that one of the Musical Directors might like to consider writing a suitable article on the recorder for inclusion in the Encyclopaedia Britannica in place of the current very inadequate one. Dr. Bergmann offered to discuss the matter with Mr. Michael Morrow, one of the Sub-Editors of the publication.

Any
other
business.

The Chairman reported that the Easter Course in France had been very successful and that a similar course is to be held in England at the beginning of September. Details were circulated.

Dr. Bergmann advised the Committee that Messrs. Schott & Co. wished to publish a periodical on the recorder. He had discussed the matter with Mr. Kenworthy and had informed the Chairman and the Secretary. Dr. Bergmann considered it essential to convene a special meeting of the Committee in order to discuss the considerable problems. It was decided that a meeting would be held at 28, Belsize Square in July. In the meantime Mr. Kenworthy will prepare a report

It was also decided that following discussion of this matter, the question of the Teachers' Test should be settled.

Standing
Conference
for Ama-
teur Music.

It was agreed that Dr. Bergmann would represent the S.R.P. at this conference which is to be held in September, 1962 - without expense to the Society.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.15 P.M., there having been about an hour's break for lunch kindly given by Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann, to whom all members accorded a warm vote of thanks.

Edgar Hunt
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society of Recorder Players held at 5.30 p.m. on 25th July, 1962, at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3.

Present:

Mr. Hunt - in the Chair
Miss Dinn
Dr. Dolmetsch
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Sanders
Mr. James
Mr. Gray

Miss Unwin
Miss Downer
Mr. Hersom
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Davis

Mrs. Rich in attendance

Apologies
of absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Dolmetsch.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as amended.

Matters
arising.

Mr. Gray reported that he had now received a cheque for £23 from Glasgow Branch and that the local treasurer had been given instructions concerning procedure for the future.

Dr. Bergmann reported that he had been in touch with Mr. Michael Morrow in connection with the entry in the Encyclopaedia Britannica and was advised that Mr. Anthony Baines had been requested to provide the article on the recorder.

Proposed
new
Journal.

Mr. Kenworthy read a long and comprehensive report to the Committee (copy attached). 1963 File

A long, lively discussion followed and there was general agreement on the following points:

The merging of the Recorder News with the journal planned by Schott's might be advantageous to the S.R.P. and the recorder movement as a whole, as it would reach the public outside the narrow limit of the Society. On the other hand, the standard must be safeguarded, also the magazine should have no commercial bias and should not be a Schott 'house' journal.

A long discussion arose about the future of country members concerning the price of the magazine in relation to the country membership fee, but no conclusions could be reached at this stage.

Ultimately it was decided to form a Sub-Committee consisting of:

Dr. Dolmetsch or, in his absence and at his own request,
Miss Sanders;
Mr. Kenworthy and
Mr. James

in order that the matter could be fully discussed with Mr. Makings, Managing Director of Schott & Co. Ltd. It was hoped that a meeting could be arranged during the forthcoming Summer School at Roehampton.

X The Sub-Committee was instructed to give special attention to the following points during the discussion which should, in any event, be non-committal:-

The safeguarding of the standard.

The interests of the S.R.P. to be protected.

Position of country members.

The magazine to have ~~a~~ an attractive a cover as possible.

The Society's name to appear on the first page.

In the meantime, Mr. James will work out whether the Society could afford to pay 5/- per annum per member for the journal.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kenworthy on behalf of the Committee for the splendid report he had produced.

Teachers' Test.

Miss Dinn referred to the two-year part time course for practising teachers at the London Institute of Education and informed the Committee that this series of lectures will not commence until possibly 1964.

The Chairman reported that he had now heard from Mr. Horton who had suggested an approach be made to Mr. Drabble.

Branch Delegates' Conference.

The Secretary reported that she had been in touch with the Art Workers' Guild whose fee for accommodation would be £16. 10. 0. It was decided not to proceed.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8 p.m., after the Committee had expressed a warm vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kind hospitality.

Joan M. Davis (Hon. Sec.)
26, Delamere Road,
London, W. 5.

Edgar Hunt
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society of Recorder Players held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N.W.3. on 25th September, 1962.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair
 Miss Dinn
 Dr. Bergmann
 Dr. Dolmetsch
 Miss Unwin
 Miss Sanders
 Mr. Wyatt
 Mrs. Rich in attendance.

Mrs. M. Dolmetsch
 Mr. Hersom
 Mr. Gray
 Mr. James
 Miss Downer
 Mr. Kenworthy
 Miss Davis

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

Finance The Treasurer informed the Committee that we might make a small surplus, there having been only three issues of the Recorder News, and no concert.

Proposed New Journal Dr. Dolmetsch reported on the meeting of the Sub/Committee with Mr. Makings and said he had been impressed by the latter's reasonableness and generosity. Dr. Dolmetsch felt the Society would in no way be 'sold' to a commercial undertaking and that it was not the intention that the magazine should be a 'house' journal.

Mr. James reiterated the view expressed by Dr. Dolmetsch. So far as finance was concerned, the Society would be expected to pay Schott's the sum of 5/- per year for each member. On balance, the magazine would cost the Society more than the Recorder News and, on existing income, would result in a deficit each year. Present funds would stand the deficit for a number of years, but not indefinitely.

There followed a long discussion regarding responsibility for postage and despatch of the new journal. It was considered that, in making his calculations, Mr. Makings had expected the Society to carry this expense so far as its members were concerned.

Mr. Kenworthy felt we should await Mr. Makings' reaction to our suggestion and see if we could manage. If not, it might be necessary to adjust branch rebates. We should let the rebate stand for one year and then review the position.

The first issue of the journal would be on 1st May, 1963.

Mr. Makings will proceed to obtain estimates for printing, work out the cost of production etc., and decide what he could reasonably accept as an offer from the S.R.P. Meanwhile, a draft proposal has gone forward.

The Chairman said the Sub/Committee should be given a mandate for the next step and it was

PROPOSED by Mr. Wyatt

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SECONDED by Mr. Hersom

THAT the Sub/Committee^{sh} would be authorised to secure the best terms they could for the journal up to a maximum of 5/-. This was agreed.

Mr. Kenworthy advised the Committee that six months' notice of withdrawal on either side was all that would be required to contract out of any agreement entered into.

It was agreed that if the S.R.P. encounters difficulties in meeting its financial obligations, ways of economising within the Society would have to be found; e.g., rebates to branches may have to be reduced. Such economies, if they became necessary, should be considered in two years' time.

The Chairman said non-branch members were an important link and it would be a pity to lose contact with them. The non-branch subscription, however, is insufficient to cover the cost of the magazine and it may be necessary to revise the rules.

A long discussion ensued concerning non-branch members. Mr. James pointed out that the country members have kept the Society solvent and country membership has increased. Mr. Kenworthy said the non-branch membership subscription must depend upon the price of the journal to the Society. He considered this matter should be left in abeyance.

On the question of the journal itself, Mr. Kenworthy said the S.R.P. would have equal standing with the Managing Director of Schott's in the choice of editor. Nevertheless, we could not insist on the editor being a member of the S.R.P. It had been suggested that the editorial board should consist of not more than five persons plus the editor but Mr. Kenworthy felt that four on the Board would be ample. He said there would be no guarantee that the Society would have representation on the Board but it was considered that the Board should comprise nominees of both Schott's and the S.R.P. The S.R.P. should have one representative to watch its interests and ensure that no article was published in the journal which would be likely to injure the Society.

No decision had been reached as to the price of the journal or the number of pages.

Mr. Kenworthy asked whether there was anything in the Society's Rules to prevent the editor or any other member of the S.R.P. being paid for contributions. It was thought that payment could be accepted for all contributions so long as they did not appear on the four pages set aside for the Society.

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It was anticipated that any arrangement entered into with Schott's would be in the form of an exchange of correspondence, and a draft of such agreement would be supplied with the Minutes after Mr. Kenworthy had heard from Mr. Makings.

Teachers' Test.

This item was not discussed but Dr. Bergmann said a conclusion must be reached and hoped it could be settled at the next meeting.

Delegates' Conference.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the hall at Trinity College would cost six guineas for Saturday evening and all day Sunday. It was decided, however, that this hall should be booked for Saturday evening only and that accommodation at the Ambassadors Hotel, if still available, should be booked for Sunday morning. The Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Gray suggested that branches which did not send delegates to the conference should be requested to furnish reports of their activities. The Committee agreed with this suggestion.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee.

No date was fixed for this meeting.

Annual General Meeting, 1963.

The A.G.M. will take place on 16th March, 1963.

Exeter Concert.

No further news has been received.

Subscription Renewal Notices.

It was considered that the announcement in the Recorder News that subscriptions are due is sufficient notification; renewal notices will not be sent to members. Miss Tadman is to be advised.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 8.45 p.m. after a warm vote of thanks had been given to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kind hospitality.

Joan M. Davis, Hon. Sec.
26, Delamere Road, W. 5.

Edyart Hunt
2 Dec 1962

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society of Recorder Players held at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3. on 2nd December, 1962.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair
Miss Sanders
Miss Unwin
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Downer

Dr. Bergmann
Mr. Gray
Mr. Hersom
Mr. James
Mr. Kenworthy
Miss Davis

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Member

Apologies for absence received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Mrs. Dolmetsch, Miss Dinn and Mrs. Rich.

Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting on September 25th, 1962, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

Teache
Test.

Finances. Mr. James complained that he had received no balance sheet from Glasgow, in spite of three urgent letters - not even an answer. Last year's income exceeded expenditure by £85. The reason for this was that only three issues of the Recorder News were paid during the year and that there was no concert. The cash balance is about £400 which includes £84 from the former junior branch. It was suggested and agreed that the balance sheet should contain a short explanation of last year's surplus of income, because the members might otherwise not understand the need for the increase of subscriptions.

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Proposed New Journal. Mr. Kenworthy reported his discussion with Mr. Makings. A complete agreement was reached between him and Mr. Makings. The details are contained in a letter which was discussed in detail. The letter is to be sent by the secretary of S.R.P. to Mr. Makings.

Mr. Kenworthy was proposed by Dr. Bergmann as nominee for the election of an Editorial Board. This was seconded by Mr. Wyatt and accepted unanimously.

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The Chairman proposed Mr. Hersom as representative of S.R.P. on the Editorial Board. This was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously accepted.

Non-Branch
Members.

The status of these will be affected by the agreement with Schott's about the new proposed journal. At the present subscription of 7/6 they would undercut Schott's subscription price for the new journal which will probably be 9/-. The Chairman proposed the following change of rules: The existing country members should be kept at the rate of 7/6 per annum; existing members meaning country members at the date of the next A.G.M. After this no new country members should be accepted to the S.R.P. This was seconded by Mr. Kenworthy and unanimously accepted.

Student
Members

The subscription rate of 10/6 shall stay, but the rebate to branches may be reconsidered. It was feared that Non-Branch student members with their subscription rate of 10/6 might undercut the subscription rate for the new journal. Mr. Kenworthy will try to find a new definition for student members which will probably contain the qualification that student members must be sponsored by branches.

Change of
Rules

Mr. Kenworthy will draft the alteration of Rules caused by the subjects discussed above. They will go on the agenda of the next A.G.M., subject to the approval of the Chairman and Treasurer. This was proposed by Dr. Bergmann, seconded by Mr. Hersom and unanimously accepted.

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Relapsed
Members:

It was decided to give Schotts a list of such members from two to three years back in order to circulate information about the new journal. Last year's members, however, will be approached by the S.R.P. secretary in the hope of regaining them for the Society.

Mr. Gray asked when to delete members who have not paid their subscription. It was decided to do so before the second issue of the Recorder News each year. Non-country members, however, should be deleted after the second issue.

Teachers'
Test.

The Chairman reported about the sub-committee's meeting with Mr. Horton. Details are contained in the enclosed report. Dr. Bergmann proposed to accept this report as the committee's own opinion. This was seconded by Mr. Hersom and unanimously accepted.

Branch
Delegates.
Conference

This will take place on January 19th from 7 - 10 p.m. at Trinity College of Music and on Sunday, January 20th, from 10.30 - 1 p.m. at the Royal Hotel. Miss Sanders proposed to invite Miss Tadman to this meeting in order to represent non-branch members and this was seconded by Miss Unwin and unanimously accepted. It was reported that Mr. Whittall is going to Birmingham and that Mr. Sells was the new secretary of the Cambridge branch. It may be possible that Mr. Whittall may represent both branches at the Delegates' Conference.

The following subjects were proposed for the agenda: reports of the branches, the new journal, concerts, the formation of smaller branches.

Corres-
pondence.

A letter was received from Leicester asking how many people were required to form a branch. This will be answered after the Delegates' Conference.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3 o'clock after a warm vote of thanks had been expressed by all members to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kind hospitality.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee is to be on Sunday, 24th February, 1963, 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3. This date has to be confirmed at the Branch Delegates' Meeting.

Edgar Hunt

24 February 1963

The TEACHERS' TEST organized (since 1938) by the Society of Recorder Players.

This test was first organized, shortly after the foundation of the Society in 1937, to provide the Hon. Sec. with a list of teachers whose names and addresses could be given in answer to inquiries. It was felt that there was a need for some kind of examination, between the T.C.M. graded pupils' exams. and the (at that time) A.T.C.L. diploma, as there were many capable teachers who could well be trusted to do excellent work with a recorder class, but who would never attain to proficiency in their own technique nor the theoretical knowledge necessary for the diploma.

The S.R.P. test has continued with slight modification ever since and has been fulfilling a useful purpose. Now there is a twofold demand for its expansion which the S.R.P. is not at present able to meet: (1) that the present certificate should, if possible, acquire some official status outside the S.R.P. (The S.R.P. has been careful to restrict the use of the present certificate), and (2) that it should be possible to hold the exam in other centres and at other times than at present arranged. This raises a financial problem, as the Society is non-profit making and its officers are honorary.

At present the exam is held on the Tuesday after August Bank Holiday, during the "Recorder in Education" Summer School, as the Society's officers are all present, and there is accommodation without cost to the Society. The examiners have been pleased to give their services at such a time, and the arrangement has presented no problem in the context of the Summer School. If, however, the test is removed from this context, there are the problems of getting the examiners

together, hiring stádion etc; and the examiners would not feel quite so generous about giving their services, especially as there might be a demands for exams in northern and scottish centres.

The examiners at present are the Chairman of the S.R.P. (Edgar Hunt, F.T.C.L., L.R.A.M.), and the Society's three Musical Directors (Dr. Carl Dolmetsch C.B.E. Hon.F.T.C.L., Miss Freda Dinn, G.R.C.M., A.T.C.L. and Dr. Walter Bergmann), all of whom are members of the I.S.M. Up to now we have insisted that all should be present to take part in the conduct of the examination. Out of the context of the Summer School this would clearly not be possible.

The time has been reached when these two demands are becoming urgent, and the Society's Sub-Committee sought the advice of Mr. John Horton, S.M.I. It was as the outcome of this meeting and frank discussion of the problems that the following plan is being offered to Trinity College of Music.

The S.R.P. has, of course, been fully aware of the College's interest in the educational and musical use of the recorder, and of the T.C.M. local and diploma exams. The L.T.C.L. in Recorder Teaching is acknowledged as a full professional diploma; but most of the teachers who in fact teach the recorder in schools, are not music specialists but primary school teachers, and the E.T.C.L. represents something beyond what many of them are capable of doing either in performance of pieces or in knowledge of harmony. And yet many such teachers are doing excellent work and are fully trusted to teach the recorder. Hence we feel that there is still a place for the S.R.P. Teacher's Test as a measure of ability and knowledge.

The purpose of the test is to show:

Practical

1. Ability to play convincingly to a class. The test music need not be difficult, but it should be played in a way that would attract children to the idea of recorder playing. The teacher should be au fait with both treble and descant recorders, and know also what tenors and basses do.
2. Ear tests should be concerned with the ability to spot wrong notes and deal with out-of-tuneness, rather than provide theoretical labels.
3. Accurate reading at sight is of prime importance.

Theoretical

1. Knowledge of recorder repertoire - both as to music and teaching material.
2. Knowledge of the instrument itself.
3. The practical use of the recorder in Music.
4. The ability to make simple transcriptions (including transposition) for recorder ensemble.

It is suggested that this might form the basis for a Teachers' Certificate in recorder playing which could be operated through some of the College's local centres. In offering these ideas to the college the S.R.P. would want to attach two strings: (1) that the name of the Society should continue to be attached to the exam to distinguish it from the existing T.C.M. local and diploma exams and ~~xxxxxxx~~ indicate the continuation of the Society's Teachers' Test, and (2) That one ~~xxxxxx~~ of the examiners should be a recorder player nominated by the S.R.P. The Society feels strongly that the teaching of the recorder (and the examination of the teachers) should be in the hands of people who understand the instrument and its technique. It needs a player to decide whether an out-of-tune note or similar error is due to a faulty instrument or an incorrect fingering.

With a link such as this, there would be further scope for collaboration, and the names of those who have passed the College Recorder diplomas could be added to those who have passed the teacher's test in any lists published by the Society.

Edgar Hunt
Chairman S.R.P.

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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS: MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1963, at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Sq., N.W.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the chair
Miss Dinn
Mr. Gray
Mrs. Dolmetsch
Miss Sanders
Miss Unwin
Miss Davis

Dr. Bergmann
Dr. Dolmetsch
Mr. Hersom
Mr. Wyatt
Mr. James
Miss Downer
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Apologies. Apologies for absence received from Mr. Kenworthy.

Minutes of Last Meeting The Minutes were read by the Secretary, approved and signed by the Cha

Matters Arising Glasgow Accounts: Mr. James reported that these had been received on 23rd December, 62. Dr. Dolmetsch said Miss Barker had sent her apologies for the delay and had said that Mr. Watt was a sick man.

Teachers' Test: Mr. Hunt suggested that the Minute on this subject might be slightly fuller. He said the ordinary Teachers' Test would be held at Summer School as usual. Miss Dinn said if something else matured before then it might be necessary to revise the ordinary Teachers' Test. Mr. Hunt said the Society would prefer to keep its own Test and this would have to be discussed with Trinity College.

Miss Sanders asked, if a County was prepared to organise its own Teachers' Test, would the Society be prepared to allow this, with one Musical Director among the examiners, as an interim possibility. Miss Dinn pointed out that at the Summer School the Teachers' Test is conducted without fees to the Musical Directors, in accordance with the Society's rules. Mr. Hunt said any test outside the usual context would have to function in a new framework. Dr. Bergmann considered two Musical Directors should always take part - against one non-record playing examiner.

Dr. Bergmann said it would be necessary to expand the Test outside Summer School and at the moment we were working on one line only (see Chairman's report about Trinity College, circulated at last Meeting). The same Committee would have to sit again and consider the whole question. Mr. Hunt said he was waiting for an official reaction from Trinity.

Miss Dinn proposed that the Society should approach the Music Advisers' National Association (M.A.N.A.) who represent the officials of all the Counties which have Music Advisers. They are the people who recommend the spending of money on teachers' courses and conferences, etc. and they meet annually. Mrs. Dolmetsch suggested that a special sub-committee should be formed to keep in touch with both Trinity and the Music Advisers.

Miss Dinn said that when taking Local Education courses she had found a very low standard among teachers who take recorders.

Miss Sanders said she was prepared to approach the County Council in Kent, where 18 people had signed a list asking for a Teachers' Test, and suggest that they held such a test with two Musical Directors, whose fees would be paid by the Kent County Council, and their own Music Adviser as examiners. It was agreed that this should be done as an experiment, if the Kent Council agrees, and that M.A.N.A. should be approached afterwards. If such a test were held the certificates awarded would have the same validity as those awarded at Summer School.

Dr. Bergmann raised the question of whether the Musical Directors are allowed under the Rules of the Society to take a fee for this purpose, or whether they should receive expenses only. All four were willing to do this, but Mr. James said that the Rules only forbade Musical Directors to be paid out of the Society's funds, and there was nothing to prevent them from taking a fee from a local Council for conducting a test organised by that County. Dr. Bergmann agreed that this would appear to be the case, but the Society was a non-profit-making organisation.

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It was Proposed by Miss Sanders and Seconded by Miss Dinn that any county should be able to apply to hold a Teachers' Test of its own, provided it would pay the expenses of two Musical Directors to attend as examiners, together with its own Music Adviser. Miss Sanders was authorised to approach the Kent County Council to suggest that they might be the first County to apply.

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Delegates' Conference.

The question of the Delegates' Conference was raised by Mr. James, and the Chairman said the Minutes had not yet been circulated, but gave a short account of the Conference. The Secretary said the next Conference would be on 25th and 26th January, 1964.

Finances.

Mr. James said it was impossible to compare this year with last year because of the increased subscription but it was valuable to compare the difference between receipts and payments for the two years. Receipts this year had amounted to £665 against an expenditure of £510, leaving a balance of £155. At the same period last year receipts were £524 and expenditure £380, leaving a balance of £144. This means that the increased subscription has made a difference of only £11 but there are no bills outstanding at the moment, the last two editions of the "Recorder News" had been paid for, all branches have received their rebates up to date and the bulk of the expenses of the Delegates' Conference had been paid. During the rest of this year we would have to pay for two editions of the new magazine, any loss on the Devon Concert and the usual running expenses. For the rest of the year there will probably not be more than another £100 of income and it is too early yet to say what the final result will be.

One reason why the balance is only £11 more than last year is the new scale of rebates to branches which is now 12/- a head out of the guinea subscription. There has also been a slight drop in membership. 829 members have paid their subscriptions so far this year compared with a total last year of 1,004. Mr. James also mentioned that 39 people paid their subscriptions last year after their names had been withdrawn from our list, which caused unnecessary expense. Various suggestions were made to help avoid this - some penalty for late payment, reminders to members, payment by Banker's Order. Mr. James said the latter was not yet practicable as we do not know yet how the cost of the new magazine is going to affect our finances and it may even be necessary to raise the subscription again. The question of the new magazine will be reviewed after a few issues have been published and it was suggested that the question of a Banker's Order could be reviewed at the same time. Mr. James said he would not like to put up the subscription again if it could be helped nor reduce the rebates to branches. All these points would have to be solved, however, as they arose. Dr. Bergmann said the price of admission to the Exeter Concert was to be 3/6 as in the past; but he felt that in future it should be 5/-.

New Magazine.

The Chairman said our chief concern would be with the Society's own pages which would be looked after for the time being by Mr. Kenworthy who is the editor of the magazine.

The Secretary said a letter had been sent to Mr. Makings at Schott's setting out the agreement, and that it had been acknowledged. The Editorial Board would consist of : Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Rowland Jones, Mr. Dick Noble and Mr. Herbert Herson. The magazine is to be called "The Recorder and Music Magazine" and Dr. Bergmann said they would be very glad of any suggestions from the committee or from members.

The Secretary said she had received no new nominations for Officers or for Committee members.

The Secretary asked whether the Society's Rules could be published in the new magazine from time to time. The Chairman felt it might be a good thing to publish them in the summer number, when there would be less general news. It was generally felt it might be a good idea to do this early in the life of the new magazine, to help bring the Society to the notice of recorder players who are not members.

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Exeter Concert

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter on this subject from Mr. Crispin and it was agreed that he and Dr. Bergmann should deal with this.

Formation of a New Branch at Leicester.

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Mr. Emery saying that about 27 people were interested in the formation of a Leicester Branch, and pressing for the Committee's agreement to this.

After discussion, Dr. Bergmann proposed that a letter should be sent in reply giving details of subscriptions and the advice on the formation of a Branch, before the question of forming a branch is finally settled. Mr. James asked that the branch should not, in any case, be formed until after 1st May, as to form a new branch during the current financial year would cause difficulties.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. Emery along the lines mentioned above. Miss Dinn also said she would be visiting Northampton on a pastoral visit and suggested that she could see Mr. Emery then and discuss the question with him.

The whole question of forming new branches was discussed and the Chairman referred to the report of the sub-committee on this and to the paper which he had subsequently prepared on the same subject and on the future of all branches.

It was agreed that Mr. James should prepare figures showing the average cost of running a branch and at what number of members a branch becomes economically viable. When assessing travelling expenses for a pastoral visit he should use an average distance from London. Mrs. Dolmetsch suggested this might be 300 miles. Mr. James said there was in existence printed advice on the formation of a branch. It was agreed that this should be brought up to date. Mr. Hersom suggested that we should say that a branch with less than 25 adult members may be asked to contribute to the cost of a pastoral visit. It was agreed that this amendment should be incorporated in the revised advice on the formation of a branch, but that this should apply to new branches and not to existing ones.

In answer to a question from Dr. Bergmann, Mr. James said there was nothing in the Rules entitling a branch to a yearly pastoral visit. It had, however, been stated at the Branch Delegates' Conference in 1962 that each branch could expect a pastoral visit each year.

The Secretary was instructed to put the whole question of new branches, pastoral visits and other expenses incurred by the Society for branches, on the next Agenda. Miss Unwin proposed that Mr. James should write a short article in the new magazine explaining clearly to members exactly how their subscriptions were spent. Mrs. Dolmetsch seconded this proposal and it was agreed that Mr. James should be asked to do this.

Recorder in Schools Conference

Dr. Bergmann reported that the first Recorder in Schools Conference, held on 17th January, 1962, with expenses paid by Messrs. Schotts, had been a great success and was to be repeated on 6th May, 1963, at the Institute of Education, Mallet Street, W. C. 1. from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. If the Committee agreed he would like to hold such a conference next year outside London.

Miss Sanders asked if information could be given to help young teachers, such as what classes are available, and about the Society. Mr. Hersom was asked if he could include such information in his remarks at the Conference.

Mrs. Dolmetsch proposed that the teachers at the Conference should be invited to attend Miss Dinn's lectures at the Summer School as visitors at a fee to be decided. This was seconded by Dr. Dolmetsch and approved by the meeting.

In this connection, Mrs. Dolmetsch proposed that anyone not attending the summer school who wished to attend Miss Dinn's lectures should be allowed to do so.

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The Secretary read a letter from Miss Hargreaves concerning the Junior Section of the West Riding Branch.

Mr. James said that if the branch were spending money on children's meetings they were entitled to draw on the central reserve fund which at the moment was only being drawn on for this purpose by London Branch. He proposed that a payment of £5 should be sent to West Riding Branch at once with a letter saying how much the Committee appreciates their efforts for these children. This was seconded by Dr. Bergmann and approved.

Dr. Dolmetsch suggested that any other similar cases, if they arise, should be treated in the same way.

The Secretary reported Mrs. Rich's formal resignation from the Committee and said that Miss Murray had agreed to take her place. The Chairman expressed the Committee's thanks to Mrs. Rich for her past services and to Miss Murray for taking on her task. Mr. Gray proposed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mrs. Rich by the Secretary, and this was agreed.

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Summer School

Mrs. Dolmetsch said the Summer School had more room this year for students. She proposed that, if there are too many applications, all new students should be accepted as priorities. The next category should be those who have attended for 2 or 3 years and risen at least one class in that time. Next should come those from outlying districts with fewer classes or opportunities for group playing. The rest of the places should be allocated on the basis that those who did not attend the previous year should be accepted before those who were accepted last year.

Mrs. Dolmetsch said she had consulted the Ministry of Education on the question of foreign students. The Ministry recognised the fact that French students were accepted for teachers' training colleges younger than is the case here, so that some of these students may be younger than our minimum age limit. It did not think, however, that we should accept more than 25% of foreign students in an English teachers' training course. This would make a maximum of 30 foreign students, and the Ministry was prepared to leave it to the Society to see they were genuine training college students.

Miss Sanders asked whether as many as 30 foreign students should in fact be accepted if it were not possible to accommodate all the English applicants. Mrs. Dolmetsch said that in practice there are not likely to be so many as this.

Mrs. Dolmetsch also said cancellations usually averaged 10% of all bookings for the Summer School, so she proposed to accept 10 applications more than the number of beds, with 10 other names on a waiting list.

Date of Next
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It was agreed this should be held on Sunday, 28th July, 1963 at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, N. W. 3.

* The Secretary said she had been sent a cutting from The Observer stating that Mr. K. Langton, 65, Rosslyn Avenue, Harold Wood, Essex was compiling a Handbook of Societies, and would be glad to receive information. Details of S.R.P. had been sent. There being no further business the meeting ended at 1.30 p.m. after a hearty vote of thanks had been given both to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their very kind hospitality.

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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS: Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 28th July, 1963, at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3. - at 10.30 a.m.

Present:	Mr. Hunt in the Chair	Miss Dinn
	Dr. Bergmann	Dr. Dolmetsch
	Mr. Gray	Miss Sanders
	Mr James	Mr Hersom
	Mr Kenworthy	Miss Downer
	Miss Davis	Miss Murray
		in attendance

Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Dolmetsch Miss Unwin and Mr Wyatt

Minutes of Last Meeting The Minutes, which had been circulated by the Secretary, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer reported that receipts this year had totalled £781 and expenditure had come to £714. The bills for the first two issues of the magazine had yet to be met (just under £100) and so the deficit would be about £50.

It was also reported that last year the Society had grown to 1006 members but that this year the number had fallen to 891, a 10% drop consisting chiefly of branch members.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the £5 which had been sent to West Riding Branch to help with its junior section had been gratefully acknowledged.

It was PROPOSED by the Chairman, SECONDED by Miss Dinn and approved unanimously that in future a minimum of 5/- per ticket should be charged for all branch concerts.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the cost of the Exeter concert had been £62.16. 2d. Receipts had totalled £35.10. 0; Exeter had paid out £28. 0. 0. in expenses and the Hon. Treasurer £34.16. 2., making a net deficit of £27. 6. 2. on the concert.

New Magazine

Dr. Dolmetsch said all comments on the first edition were favourable.

Mr. Gray asked if a facsimile of the S.R.P. membership form could be put in the Society's section so that any potential member could tear it out and send it in.

It was noted that Mr. James' name was not included in the list of officers and the Chairman proposed that it should be added. This was agreed.

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Mr Kenworthy said our 30 free copies are at present distributed as follows:- Vice-Presidents, who are not on the membership list, 8 copies. By a long-standing arrangement with the American Society, who sends us copies of its publications in return, 10 copies. 3 copies to each of the affiliated societies - one in Australia and two in New Zealand, 9 copies. This leaves three copies only for emergencies. Mr Kenworthy suggested that in future only one copy should be sent to each affiliated society, as they can buy any more through ordinary channels. It was agreed that this should be done and that copies should be sent as in the past to the American Society and the Vice-Presidents.

Mr Kenworthy also suggested that the name of Mrs. Evans of Penzance, an old member who had received a copy of the "Recorder News" free under a long-standing arrangement, should be removed from the list, and this was agreed.

Mr Kenworthy also suggested that for 7/6 members a notice of renewal should be sent reminding them that their subscription is payable in October, and their copy of the November issue should then be sent with the receipt for their subscription. Mr Kenworthy was asked to draft such a letter, in which he could also offer these members the opportunity for subscribing for two or three years if they wished. He would discuss this draft letter with Miss Tadman.

Mr Kenworthy asked whether the Committee felt that members who join in June for the current and the following year should be allowed to have the May issue. It was agreed that they were entitled to the August issue but not to any back numbers.

Renewal of Branch Subscriptions. Mr Kenworthy asked whether branches could let him know before 1st November the names of any members who would definitely not be re-joining the Society, and also whether branches could be made responsible for the cost of any magazines supplied to members who do not renew their subscriptions. Mr James asked whether branches could not be asked to take some responsibility for the sending out of the magazines to their members. It was agreed that this latter suggestion should be discussed at the Delegates' Conference. The Secretary was asked to write to branch secretaries asking them for the numbers of members definitely leaving and saying that they would have to pay for magazines sent to members who do not ultimately rejoin.

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Mr Kenworthy said an Editor must be appointed for the S.R.P. section and a definite policy laid down.

Mr Gray asked how many copies were sold to the public. Mr Kenworthy said 5000 copies of the first issue were printed. 1000 went to the S.R.P., some were sent out to the subscription list and about 1,600 were sold to the public.

Mr Gray suggested that there might be an article in the Society's section calling for new members, and Dr Bergmann said he thought this ought to be written by the Secretary.

Miss Sanders asked whether an opportunity might be taken at Roehampton to mention the Society and ask for opinions on the magazine. The Chairman said he would do this. Miss Dinn asked whether a Suggestions Box could be provided at Roehampton for opinions on the magazine, and this was agreed.

New Branches

Leicester: Miss Dinn reported that when she went to Northampton she met the group of Leicester players who wish to form a branch. She gained the impression that they were most interested in what they would gain by joining the Society and that, after all, they were happier running their group as at present.

Roxburgh: The Secretary reported that Mr Bonsor had about 23 potential members and would like to consider forming a branch.

Norfolk: The Secretary reported that Mr Gregson had sent a list of members and asked that a branch should be formed.

It was agreed that the prospects of forming both Roxburgh and Norfolk branches should be discussed at the forthcoming Summer School. Leicester should be left for the time being.

Dr Bergmann said he thought branches should be encouraged to form everywhere, regardless of numbers. Each would receive the same rebate per member and privileges would have to be related to size. He suggested that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary should discuss each case and decide what they are entitled to.

Miss Sanders said it was difficult to take each case separately, and felt some rules should be laid down.

Miss Dinn felt branches should be made to feel that pastoral visits and sending a delegate to the Delegates' Conference were privileges, and they should take more financial responsibility for them.

Mr James said that pastoral visits did not seem to increase membership which was now slightly lower than a few years ago.

Miss Dinn said that in the early days⁴ of the growth of recorder playing members liked playing in a large group. Later they graduated to playing in smaller groups and the Society did nothing for these more advanced players.

Dr Bergmann said we are in fact catering for those people who need the Society.

Miss Sanders asked whether this whole question could be put on the Agenda for the next meeting and this was agreed.

On the question of formation of branches Dr Bergmann proposed that three choices should be put before the next Branch Delegates' Conference: 1) that all branches should have the privileges, which we could not afford; 2) that branches should pay for all pastoral visits, delegates' expenses, etc.; 3) that what each branch receives should be decided on the basis of membership and distance from London.

The Chairman suggested that he should draw up a memorandum on the subject and discuss it at Roehampton with any committee members there. Branches could then be told the decision in September in time for their A.G.M's. Dr Bergmann proposed that this should be done; it was seconded by Dr Dolmetsch and unanimously agreed.

Teachers' Test

The Chairman circulated copies of a letter he had received from Trinity College on the question of Teachers' Tests. He proposed that the sub-committee, consisting of himself, Miss Dinn and Miss Sanders, should meet Mr. ~~Cork~~ and discuss it on these lines.

The Chairman listed local centres which were envisaged.

Miss Dinn said she thought we should go for a Junior Diploma rather than an advanced local examination.

Dr Bergmann asked whether other colleges could be approached but it was agreed that the tests at Trinity should be established first.

Miss Sanders reported that the Kent Council was being very slow at arranging a test in the County. The Musical Adviser had been approached but said it might be better to wait until the autumn or even early next year.

Concerts

Press cuttings in favour of the recent concert at Exeter were circulated. It was reported that Dr Coles had booked the hall for the next concert on 31st October, 1964, at Northampton, and that details would be discussed at Roehampton.

Children's Meetings

Dr Bergmann said that London Branch had discontinued these meetings for the time being as they do not think they are reaching the right people. He also said the London Branch Committee was wondering

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the possibility of one meeting for children ⁵ of 13 and upwards; if finance could be arranged, preferably outside the Society. He suggested too that a concert could be given in London under some such title as "Amateur Music Making" not of a professional standard, and perhaps including other instruments besides recorders.

Mr James asked whether the Society would be prepared to authorise any payment towards the suggested meeting for children of 13 and upwards, out of the special fund for children.

Mr Hersom said that young people are not joining the Society and all members should try to bring in any young people they know who play the recorder.

Miss Dinn said there are three types of children; those who learn the recorder in their Junior School and go on to a Grammar School where they have other musical interests and their time is fully occupied. There are those who go on to Grammar or Secondary Modern Schools where there is still an interest in the recorder, and continue to play; and there are those, mainly at Secondary Modern Schools, who have no interest in music at all and if they do become interested in the recorder only want to use it in "pop" music. How do we expect to be able to interest all these types in a meeting? Dr Bergmann said London Branch had foreseen these difficulties and realised that the experiment might not be a success.

After some further discussion Dr Bergmann said the only question for the Executive Committee was whether they would be prepared to authorize a grant of say £20 from the special fund to help the London Branch in this experiment. It was agreed to leave the matter over until the next Committee Meeting.

Report on Recorder in Schools Conference

Dr Bergmann said that the hall was completely filled and there is obviously great interest among teachers in the playing of the recorder. It was regretted that the Chairman of this meeting had inadvertently cut proceedings short, thereby losing the chance for a general discussion afterwards. However, Miss Dinn reported that the Institute of Education was starting a two-year music course shortly, in which the recorder would be a compulsory subject. An examination for a diploma would be taken at the end of the course.

Proposal to establish a terminology for Recorder playing

Dr Bergmann said he felt something should be done to establish a terminology for recorder playing. He suggested the four Musical Directors might make some proposals on these terms, and Mr Hunt felt it could apply to all wind instruments, not only the recorder.

Dr Dolmetsch proposed the Directors should discuss this whole question and submit a report to the Committee. This was seconded by Miss Downer and unanimously agreed.

Any Other Business

Summer School: the secretary said details of the Society and enrolment forms are always put in the rooms of non-members attending Summer School.

Branch Delegates' Conference: The secretary said the dates

for the B.D.C. had been brought forward to 18/19th January, 1964, to fit in with the London Branch Meeting. It was hoped to book Trinity College and Ambassadors Hotel for the meetings.

Branch News: The Secretary said she had now heard officially that Mr Robin Whittall was the new secretary of Midlands Branch; that Mr Harrington-Smith had moved from Manchester and that Miss Wardle had agreed to take over pro tem.

Standing
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Dr Bergmann said he had been asked to represent the Society at the forthcoming Conference, if the dates were suitable. Mr Hunt said he would go if Dr Bergmann could not and the matter was left to be decided later.

Date of
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It was suggested that the Annual General Meeting should be held during the London Branch Meeting on 21st March, 1964. London Branch Secretary was asked to try and book the Waldegrave Hall until 7 p.m. on that day.

Date of
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The date of the next Executive Committee Meeting was agreed to be on Sunday, 6th October, 1963, at 28, Belsize Square, N. W. 3. at 10.30 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1.45 p.m., after a hearty vote of thanks had been given to both Dr and Mrs. Bergmann for their very kind hospitality.

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Present.	Mr. Hunt in the chair	Dr Bergmann
	Mr Gray	Mrs M. Dolmetsch
	Mr James	Miss Sanders
	Mr Kenworthy	Miss Unwin
	Mr Wyatt	Miss Downer
	Miss Davis	Miss Murray in
	Mr Hersom	attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch and Miss Dinn

Minutes
of last
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The Minutes were accepted, and signed by Chairman

Matters
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Standing Conference for Amateur Music. Mr. Hunt reported that as the conference had been held mid-week, no representative had been able to attend.

Finance

Mr James reported that the Income and Expenditure Account for the previous year was complete and showed a deficit of £56. Income from subscriptions was £753 (including £100 for subscriptions paid in advance for coming year) and the only other item of any size was £37 for advertising in the "Recorder News". Main items of expenditure were: Rebates to Branches £378; Recorder News and two issues of new magazine £200; Postage £71. Mr Hunt said finance would become more difficult in the future with possible rises in postage etc. and the loss of advertising revenue mentioned above. He had sent a letter to all branches explaining the financial position and the whole question would be ventilated at the Branch Delegates' Conference. He warned that some branches were very critical of any attempt to cut expenditure on director's visits, etc., and might leave the Society if the position could not be put to them convincingly.

The Secretary said Newcastle branch had asked that the cost of supplying the magazine should no longer be a charge on the Society, and would like this put forward as a proposal at the B.D.C. It was agreed that the secretary should tell Newcastle this could be done. The Conference could not propose changes in the Society's constitution itself, but if it approved of this suggestion the Committee could, if it wishes, put it forward as a proposal at the next A.G.M.

The possibility of the Society severing its connection with the new magazine when the present contract ended was mentioned by the Chairman and by Mr Kenworthy and was discussed, but no decision was reached; and it was felt that the feelings of branches should first be discovered at the B.D.C. A suggestion that a further questionnaire should be sent to branches before the conference was not accepted.

Mr Wyatt said the Society must face the possible consequences of a number of branches finding no reason to continue membership and breaking away. Would we sever connections with the magazine, cease supplying it to members and make membership more attractive to branches by using the money so saved to give large rebates? In this case the Society would become simply an organisation for playing meetings.

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Or would it split up into regional sections, possibly loosely affiliated?

Mr Hunt felt no decisions of this kind should be reached now but that all these points should be put to the B.D.C. and also the possibility of even higher subscriptions or lower rebates. The delegates should make their own suggestions as to how the Society should deal with finance. Everyone, however, must go to the conference with an open mind.

New
Magazine

Report on 2nd and 3rd editions, no comment.
Appointment for an editor for S.R.P. Section;
Mr Hunt said the editor must collect news for the S.R.P. Section and edit it. Mr Kenworthy said he should also be responsible for deciding on a policy for the use of S.R.P. pages.

Mr Hunt said he would be willing to take it on for the next issue in liaison with Mr Kenworthy, and if this was successful he would offer himself as permanent editor. The Committee unanimously accepted this suggestion.

New
Branches

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Mr Bonsor saying that his group had decided, chiefly for financial reasons, against becoming a branch of the Society

It was suggested that Mr Bonsor might be invited to attend the B.D.C. as an observer, as this might give him a better understanding of the Society's difficulties. It was also suggested he might be invited to become a Musical Director of the Society but Mr Kenworthy said he understood the rules allowed for only three directors. No decision was taken on this point.

Dr Bergmann proposed that Mr Bonsor should be invited to attend as an observer and in his capacity as Assistant Music Adviser for Roxburgh. The Society would not pay his expenses but hospitality would be offered privately. This was seconded by Mrs. Dolmetsch and carried unanimously.

The Secretary reported that Norfolk had definitely asked to become a branch as from 1st October, 1963, and Dr Bergmann said he had attended the inaugural meeting. Mr Hunt said we welcomed them as our 15th branch.

The formation of the Norfolk branch was officially proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Mr Hersom, and accepted unanimously.

- Proposed New Brochure Mr Hunt said a new brochure should be prepared advertising the advantages of the Society for recorder players in this country. He felt this should be left, however, until after the A.G.M. in case any changes were made. Mr Gray suggested that this brochure, when ready, might be put in the magazine. (1)
- Teachers' Test Mr Hunt said he was still awaiting his meeting with Mr Cork but expected this to take place shortly. Mr Cork had expressed enthusiasm for the idea. (2)
- Any Other Business Mr Hunt said the British Standards Institution Subcommittee which would test recorders objectively to see if they conformed to their standard is not yet able to perform this task and it seems likely that testing will for the time being be carried out by a panel of experts from a musical and not a scientific point of view. Mr Hunt is already on this panel and he thought the Institute would ask for a representative from the Society other than himself. Dr. Bergmann proposed Mr. Hersom and this was unanimously agreed. (3)
- With regard to his request to establish united nomenclature for recorder and wind playing, Dr. Bergmann reported that nothing could be done about this until Dr. Dolmetsch's return to this country. Dr. Bergmann said there was nothing further to report on his proposal at the last meeting for a children's meeting. (4)
- The agenda for the Branch Delegates' Conference was discussed and it was agreed the special points would be the future of the Society, and the new magazine.
- It was agreed that the date, time and place of the next Annual General Meeting could be announced in the magazine and that the agenda and balance sheet would have to be circulated to all members later.
- Mrs. Dolmetsch asked whether the Committee would consider making Miss Tadman an ex officio member as she is now dealing with most of the Summer School work, and with non-branch members. Mr Kenworthy said the rules did not allow this; only sub-committees had the power to co-opt. Mr Hersom reminded the meeting that the secretary in the past had been appointed as a secretarial sub-committee, so that she could co-opt members. It was agreed that Miss Tadman should be kept informed of all proceedings, and that some way would be found of co-opting her on to a sub-committee. (5)
- The date of the next meeting was to be decided later. (6)
- The meeting ended at 1.30 p.m., and hearty thanks for both hospitality and refreshments were given to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergman (9)
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Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Sunday 9th February, 1964, at 10.30 a.m., at 28 Belsize Square.

- (1) Apologies for Absence from Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Tadman, Miss Saunders

- (2) Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chairman asked that the Minutes as circulated be taken as a correct record and this was agreed.

- (3) Matters Arising

Teachers Test. Mr. Hunt said that he, Miss Dinn and Miss Saunders had had a further meeting at Trinity and were waiting for a meeting of the Examination Sub-Committee of the College. The whole matter was proceeding satisfactorily and there would be a report to the Committee later.

Mr. Gray reported that the new Norfolk Branch had 14 paid-up members. The Chairman suggested that the Secretary should write to Mr. Gregson and give him some friendly advice on how to encourage membership. It was agreed that this should be done.

- (4) Finance

Mr. James reported that the Balance Sheet and Accounts had been circulated with the last edition of the magazine. He said that receipts at the end of January, 1964, were £734 compared with £651 at the end of January, 1963, which indicated an increase in membership. Membership at the end of January, 1964, was 915, which is already higher than for the whole of last year (900). One issue of the magazine had already been paid for, at a cost of £51, and there would be three more. The Delegates Conference had been exceptionally expensive at £69 because every Branch was represented except Norfolk. Other expenditure so far was in line with the previous year.

- (5) The Committee considered Mr. Wyatt's draft of new Rules for the Society. A fresh draft incorporating their agreed amendments is attached.

- (6) Annual General Meeting

Item 7 - Future of the Society. Mr. Kenworthy asked when these proposals could be announced in the magazine.

The Chairman said he would write a short article for the Society's pages of the magazine explaining the new proposals for the running of the Society, and would base his talk at the A.G.M. on this article.

- (9) A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Wyatt for drawing up the draft of the new Rules.

- (10) Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Sunday 19th April, at 28 Belsize Square, N.W.3.

Edgar Hunt
19.4.64

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS: Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 19th April, 1964, at 10.30 at 28, Belsize Square, N. W. 3.

Present: Mr Hunt in the Chair
 Dr Bergmann
 Miss Unwin
 Miss Downer
 Miss Murray
 Mr Gray
 Miss Davis
 Dr. Dolmetsch
 Miss Dinn
 Mrs. Dolmetsch
 Mr Wyatt
 Mr James
 Mr Hersom

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Tadman and Mr Kenworthy

Minutes of last Meeting The Chairman asked that the Minutes be taken as read. The Chairman signed these as a correct record.

Matters Arising. Teachers' Test: Mr Hunt said he had been in touch with Trinity College of Music and so far as he could see the whole matter was shelved by them. The Principal was keen but there were one or two stumbling blocks on the Board.

Mr Hunt said that if the Society was to form a limited company to run the Summer School they could perhaps run the new Teachers' Test themselves also.

Miss Dinn said that the question seemed to cover a much wider field than had been thought at first, and she suggested that the four Musical Directors should draw up a document on this subject and enclose it with the final notice to Summer School students.

Norfolk Branch: Mr Gray reported that they now had 21 paid-up members.

Re-draft of Rules: In general this would be discussed later.

The Committee authorised Mr Gray to make any necessary alterations to his stock of membership cards and application forms if and when the new rules had been accepted.

The Chairman read a letter which Miss Tadman had received from a member in New Zealand where they had a flourishing group and they asked whether they could be affiliated to the S.R.P. as the South Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Society.

It was pointed out that under the present draft of the new Rules reference to affiliation had been omitted. This matter was discussed afresh and it was finally agreed that Rule 16 should be re-inserted in the Rules, slightly amended.

In the case of the New Zealand Branch it was pointed out that only a Society could be affiliated, not a Branch; and that the New Zealand Society was in fact already affiliated to the S.R.P. It was agreed that this should be pointed out to the writer of the letter and that it could be suggested that their members subscribed personally for the magazine.

Proposed
 New
 Rules

The amended draft was discussed once again and a second draft formed. It was agreed that this was the draft which should be sent to all members with the notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting on 20th June, 1964.

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Finance Mr James said that receipts ~~this~~ year were £786 and expenditure £652. There was a balance in hand of £134, out of which two further issues of the magazine would cost £110/£120. There would also be further rebates to Branches of about £20, and incidental expenses such as Musical Directors' travelling, etc. There was little more to be expected in the way of receipts. There had been no concert to pay for this year, so although a deficit is expected at the end of the year it is not expected to be as high as last year.

Dr. Bergmann's request to establish a united nomenclature for recorder and wind playing. Dr Bergmann said they hoped to start on this at Summer School

Any The Secretary read a letter from a Country Member,
Other Mr. Bolsover, asking if some of the £75 for the
Business Junior Section could be used for a Recorder Festival for children. The Committee decided to reject this suggestion.
The Secretary reported that she had received a request from Miss Tadman that the name of the Society might be changed to "The Society of Recorder Players of the United Kingdom" or "The Society of Recorder Players of Great Britian". She felt that the present name was too much of a general title and confusing to both provincial and overseas members. After some discussion the Committee preferred to let the name stay as it was.

Date It was agreed that if a further Committee Meeting
of next was needed before the Extraordinary General Meeting
Meeting it should be held on Sunday, 14th June, 1964, at 72, Elmwood Road, Herne Hill, S. E. 24. at Miss Dinn's kind invitation.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 2.15 p.m. after a hearty vote of thanks had been given to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kind hospitality.

Edga Huns
14 June 1964

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of The Society of Recorder Players held on Sunday, 14th June, 1964, at 10.30 A.M. at 72, Elmwood Road, Herne Hill, London, S. E. 24.

Present: Mr Hunt in the Chair
Mrs M. Dolmetsch
Miss Unwin
Miss K. Murray
Miss E. Downer

Miss Dinn
Mr Kenworthy
Mr Wyatt
Mr Hersom
Miss J. Davis

Apologies
for
absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Bergmann, Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Tadman, Mr. James and Mr. Gray.

Minutes
of last
meeting.

The Chairman asked that in Minute No. 3 'Matters Arising, Teachers' Test' the words "the Society was to form a limited company to run the Summer School" should be changed to "the Directors of the Summer School were to form a limited company to run it". This was agreed. With this alteration the Minutes were accepted by the Meeting as a correct record.

Teachers'
Test.

Miss Dinn said that it seemed that things should be left as they are for this year and considered again when The Recorder in Education has become a company. She thought the Test should be in the hands of "The Recorder in Education". The Society of Recorder Players represented the amateur side of recorder playing and The Recorder in Education the professional side, at least where teaching was concerned.

Mr Hunt explained that the company was to be formed by the four Musical Directors, plus Mrs. M. Dolmetsch and Miss Tadman. As the Society was purely amateur they had found the Dolmetsch Foundation a convenient organisation to run the Summer School for them when they wished to put it on a commercial basis; but the Musical Directors had now decided to register "The Recorder in Education" under the Register of Business Names, and have severed connection with the Dolmetsch Foundation, although they have taken a life membership in the Foundation as a courtesy. Mr Wyatt asked whether the Society would continue to have a nominal connection with the Summer School. Mr Hunt said at the moment they were only at the stage of considering a first draft from the lawyers and had not discussed this particular question. Mr Wyatt then asked whether it was intended to discuss the Articles of the new company with the Society, and Mr Hunt said they had not so far considered this. Mr Wyatt said he felt if there was to be a permanent link between the two organisations it must be written into the Memorandum of the Society.

Miss Unwin said she would like to see the name of the Society connected with the new company because of the long association of the Society and its members with the Summer School.

Mr Wyatt asked what arrangements were being made for the future of the company and what would happen to the shares of the present Directors if the Directors died or gave them up. Mr Hunt said this was a matter that still had to be discussed but he would like to see a scheme for training future Directors to take over from the present ones. Mr Wyatt asked whether there was any reason why the Society should not hold a share in the company. Mr Kenworthy doubted whether the Society's constitution would allow it to hold a share.

Mr Hunt suggested that it might be best, when the company is formed, for Mr. Kenworthy to write a profile of it for the magazine, giving something of its background and the origins of the Summer School.

Finance

Members'
Comments
the Draft
Rules.

Finance

The Secretary read a statement from Mr. James in which he stated that there had been little change since the last meeting. Receipts now stood at £793 and Expenditure at £690. With publisher's bills for the May and August issues of the magazine, and enveloping and postage for the August issue to be paid in this year, a deficit would be inevitable but it was expected to be less than last year's deficit of £56.

Members'
Comments on
the Draft
Rules.

Mr Hunt said that when recently visiting Dorset Branch he had found the impression that, under the new Rules, members would be able to attend Branch meetings and pay the Branch subscription only: he had explained the position to them.

The Secretary read various letters from members with comments on the draft of the new Rules.

Three student-members, Sybil Myers, Teresa Selman and C. Lovell, protested at the raising of their subscriptions; Mr. Crispin and Mrs. Bowlie wrote similarly on behalf of all students. It was also suggested that there should be a student member on the Committee. It was felt that privilege should be made to encourage students and it was therefore proposed that a new paragraph should be added to Rule 4, numbered 4 (e), and reading "For a student undergoing whole-time education the subscription shall be 10/- per annum". This was agreed. It was agreed that no special place could be held on the Committee for a student member but that any student could be elected to the Committee in the normal way.

Mr. Bartholomew (London) suggested that the second sentence of Rule 4(b) should be re-instated but Mr Hunt said this had been deleted because of publication dates of the magazine. Mr Kenworthy said that members who joined at any time of the year were entitled to all back numbers of the magazine.

The Midland Branch suggested: that in Rule 11 (d) the last sentence should be deleted; that in paragraph 12 b(ii) the words "... unless a poll is demanded previous to the conference" be deleted; that in paragraph 12 b(iii) the words 'or votes' be deleted. These suggested alterations were not agreed by the Committee.

Miss Joan Enderby (London) wrote that Rule 8(c) seemed to suggest that there could be a sub-committee of one person who could then co-opt any persons he wished; she also suggested that the words "thus created" be added in rule 8 (f) after 'in accordance with the provisions of 10 (d)'. Neither of these points was thought to be of significance. Miss Enderby went on to say that regarding Rule 12 (b) (11) and (111), if a Branch representative is not to be bound by a resolution of the members he represents, why should he be armed with all their votes? She agreed that, having heard all the arguments put forward at a conference, he might feel that a resolution passed in all good faith by a majority of his Branch was ill-advised and not in the best interests of the Society but she did not see how he could cast all their votes against it. If such a situation arose on a vital issue, she thought he would have to seek a postponement, go back to his Branch, put all the arguments to them and see if, in the light of the fuller information, he could win them over to his point of view. She also felt that if the Branch representatives were to base their votes on their own judgment there would be no reason why their voting should be weighted according to the size of the Branch, feeling that the representative of a smaller branch might be just as wise and sound as that of the representative of a larger branch. She went on to say that the first part of 12 (b) (11) provided for a decision by a show of hands - and that one would expect most questions to be settled in this way - representatives being free to use their own judgment. If, however, a poll were demanded, presumably it would be on something affecting the individual member and then it would be reasonable to bring the different numerical strengths of the branches to bear on the voting. Then, she pointed out, surely, in such circumstances, the votes cast must reflect the views of the Branch, and the representative casting their votes must be sure he can carry his Branch with him.

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Mr. Alan G. Bartlett (Devon Branch) requested that any individual member of the Society should be entitled to attend an Annual Meeting, at his own expence, and vote. He also considered it improper that a small Executive Committee should be permitted to expel a member from the Society without being required to give any reason for the decision: the Chairman here said these powers could be transferred to the Annual Conference, but it might mean a delay of as much as 11 months which would almost certainly not be desirable. The suggestion was therefore not accepted. Mr. Bartlett considered Rule 12 (b) (ii) was very confused. Voting on a resolution, he said, might go one way or the other simply according to whether it was based on a show of hands (with each voter having one vote) or on a poll (when branch representatives, having a vote for every member of their branches, would outvote any one else present who is not a Branch representative; and that similarly in the case of a resolution affecting country members, the Country Secretary, having a vote for every Country Member, might outvote everyone else present although it was not clear how she could have ascertained the views of the individual country members). In 12 (b) (iii), Mr. Bartlett considers the Rule to be inconsistent with Rule 12 (b) (ii). By the latter Rule the Branch representative is allowed to have one vote for each member of his Branch since he is the delegate of the Branch - but Rule 12 (b) (iii) allows him to vote as he thinks fit, and that he 'shall not be bound by any resolution of the members he represents' in spite of the fact that he is exercising not his individual vote but the sum of the votes of the members of his Branch. In Rule 11 (c), Mr. Bartlett suggests that the period of eight weeks' notice be reduced to four weeks as he considered the long period of notice might prove an embarrassment to the Committee: in 11 (d) he recommended that the words 'at least four weeks before the Conference' be replaced by "... in time for their inclusion in the published Agenda'. None of these suggestions was thought to be of significance. Mr. Bartlett also considered Rule 14 (b) should be deleted. He stated that Rule 4 (a) made it clear that the Society's subscription for Branch members was 15/- per annum and that any local levy made by branches should not be confused with the Society's subscription, and sums collected in this way did not represent funds of the Society.

On this point Miss Dinn suggested that the disposal of assets should be decided by the Committee of the Society. The following new wording for this Rule was suggested and agreed:

"In the event of a Branch ceasing to exist the assets remaining in the hands of such Branch, after payment of all debts, shall be disposed of by the Branch in consultation with the Committee of the Society".

Mr Crispin said he and the Devon Branch were rather concerned over Rule 12 (b) (iii). He appeared to think that he could divide the votes of his Branch in a poll. The Committee felt this was probably true but no-one could quote any precedent. The Chairman said that if in fact there was a very close vote the problem would certainly be referred back to the Branch. It was decided to make no change in the Rule.

With regard to the proposals sent by Edinburgh Branch, it was decided not to substitute "Constitution" for "Rules"; not to alter the rule about expulsion of members; not to change the name "Conference"; to leave unchanged the definition of secretarial duties; that an Annual General Meeting could not be held as well as the Conference as this would be contrary to the whole spirit of the new Rules; that a postal election would not be practicable; not to substitute "visiting tutor" for "visiting conductor"; not to re-insert the sentence in Rule 4 (b) that subscriptions paid after 1st May should be valid for the following year as it was felt that Branches could make their own arrangements to keep the interest of a potential new member until the following year.

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Any Other Business. Northampton Branch Concert, October, 1964. The Secretary read a letter from Dr Coles asking how much could be spent on propaganda for this concert. The matter was referred to the Treasurer who later decided upon the amount of £5. Dr. Coles also asked if he could charge 5/- and 7/6 for tickets, and this was agreed.

British Standards Institution The Secretary read a letter asking for written confirmation that Mr. Hersom had been put on the panel and stated that she had already replied in the affirmative.

British Standards Institution also asked whether the Society would like to be officially associated with this standard. It was proposed by Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, seconded by Miss Dinn, and agreed unanimously that this would be acceptable.

County Music Advisor, Gloucester. A letter was read from the County Music Advisor asking whether we had a membership for schools. Mrs. M. Dolmetsch suggested that the Secretary should say that as our work for children had been taken over by the Education Authorities, we had discontinued our junior membership, but that he could engage any of our Musical Directors who might be free for the usual fee.

Magazine. Mr Kenworthy reported that it was becoming apparent that he did not have time to continue to edit this. He felt that the editor should be available at any time of the day, even though he did not give his full time to the job. He therefore suggested that Mr. Corcoran, of Schott's, who is at present Assistant Editor, should be appointed Editor, and himself and Mr Hersom be Assistant Editors. He said that in fact Mr. Corcoran had done most of the production work on the last number. Mr. Hunt asked whether it would not be possible for Mr. Kenworthy to remain Editor in name but delegate more work to Mr. Corcoran; but Mr. Kenworthy said it seemed fairer that he should give up the title since he could no longer do the work. It was agreed, with regret, that Mr. Kenworthy's suggestion should be accepted and that he should put an announcement to this effect in the next issue of the magazine.

Miss Dinn's visit to Aberdeen Branch. Miss Dinn reported a very successful recent meeting, despite the typhoid outbreak, and paid tribute to Dr. Peter Robertson and Mr. Gregg.

The Meeting ended at 3 p.m., after a hearty vote of thanks had been given to Miss Dinn and Miss Mabbett for so kindly offering accommodation and giving us all lunch.

The date of the next meeting was to be decided later.

Edgar Hunt
17 Jan 1965

The Society of Recorder Players

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17th January, 1965, at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3.

<u>Present</u>	Mr Hunt in the Chair	Dr Bergmann
	Dr Dolmetsch	Miss Dinn
	Mrs. M. Dolmetsch	Mr Kenworthy
	Mr James	Mr Gray
	Mr Wyatt	Mr Hersom
	Miss Downer	Miss K. Murray
	Miss Davis	

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Unwin

Minutes of

Last Meeting The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were signed as correct.

Matters Arising

Mr James said, with regard to the item on "The Recorder in Education" in the Minutes of the last Meeting, the Musical Directors were forming a company and were severing their connection with the Dolmetsch Foundation. He said that the Society had lent £20 to the Dolmetsch Foundation for running the Summer School at Roehampton. He considered that the agreement made when the £20 was lent meant that it should now be refunded. Mrs Dolmetsch said she would write out a cheque

Tributes to the late Joyce Tadman and Janet Ferguson

Tributes were paid to these two friends of the Society. A letter was read from Miss Sanders who suggested that the Society should give a contribution to Cancer Research in memory of Miss Tadman. The Treasurer said this was not strictly within the rules and suggested that it should be a personal contribution from members, but given in the name of the Society

Appointment of the new Country Secretary

Miss Marjorie Wright was proposed by Mr. Hunt as the new Country Secretary; this was seconded by Mrs Dolmetsch and accepted unanimously.

Finance

Mr James said he had nothing to add to the Accounts for the last year, which were being circulated. There is a deficit but a rather smaller one than for the previous year.

This is the first year with the new 15/- a head subscription and Mr James said it looked as if there would be no need for a further increase for the time being. Receipts to date were £488, which shows that the bulk of the subscriptions have been received, and the expenditure has been £122, leaving £365 in hand for the rest of the year. Last year four issues of the magazine, plus distribution, cost less than £300, and the first issue this year has already been paid for out of the £122. There will be other exceptional expenses, but the Society should show a surplus for the year.

In connection with the circulation of the Balance Sheet, Mr James mentioned that this was the last year there would be a consolidated balance sheet showing Branch Funds as well as the Central Fund. From now on his balance sheet would show only the total amount received by the Central Fund and spent by the Society as a whole. It was felt that each member should see the Balance Sheet and it

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was suggested that it might be discussed at the Conference whether a copy should be sent to each member or whether numbers of copies could go to each Branch.

The Secretary said that she had been informed by Schotts that the Magazine was going up in price to 3/-. Dr. Bergmann said that Schotts were bound by contract to allow the Society to have magazines for its members at a fixed price, and that they could not alter this price without warning. Mr. Kenworthy said the contract provided for six months notice on either side, but he was not sure whether this applied to the cost. He assumed that Schotts would honour the original contract for the coming issue, but did not think the Society could rely on this being the case in future. He suggested that as a Committee we should take a strong line and insist on the original figure or a very small increase, but he felt we should wait and see what proposal is made. Dr. Bergmann felt that the Society should have six months notice. Dr. Bergmann then proposed that Mr. James and Mr. Wyatt should deal with this matter on the Committee's behalf. Mr. Hersom seconded this and it was carried unanimously.

The Secretary read a letter from the Editor of "The Recorder and Music Magazine" about the pages devoted to "The Recorder News". His suggestions were:

- 1) The announcement on the cover that the magazine incorporated "The Recorder News" should be deleted.
- 2) The heading should be reduced and the words 'Official Journal' omitted.
- 3) The Names of Branch Secretaries should be shown separately from Branch news
- 4) Half-yearly Branch reports should be included in February and August instead of reports in every issue.

The official reply to the letter was discussed.

- 1) Mr Kenworthy said the Editorial Board did not feel that the Society had been living up to the promise implied by having its name on the cover. This was discussed, and the Secretary was asked to say in the reply that the Committee would be glad if the Society's name could be left on the cover for the next two issues, during which time we would try to make the Society's pages worthy of it.
- 2) Mr. Kenworthy suggested, and it was agreed, that the word 'Official' could be left out of the heading; and that the type might be altered if the Editor felt it necessary.
- 3) This was now being done
- 4) This would be entirely the responsibility of our new editor.

Mr Hunt said that he had discussed the question of "The Recorder News" pages with the Editor and he felt that in their present form they were of very little use to the Society. Mr. Kenworthy said that Branch news alone would never fill four pages and we must consider how else to fill the space. Mr. Gray said that the Society ^{abroad} often received interesting letters from members and it was agreed that these might be of interest.

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The name of Miss Ruth Daniells was suggested as a possible editor for The Recorder News' section. If Miss Daniells declined, it was felt Miss Valma Howard might be approached.

Mr Kenworthy felt that whoever was approached should be completely responsible and should be given full credit, although for the time being it would be better if she submitted everything to a member of the Committee for approval before publication. Dr. Bergmann proposed that Miss Daniells should be approached on this basis. This was seconded by Miss Dinn and agreed unanimously.

Mr. Kenworthy suggested that if Miss Daniells took on the job and made a success of it she should look for someone younger in a year or so to help her and be able to take over in due course.

It was also suggested that branches should be asked to give the amount of their subscriptions in the News.

Various suggestions were made for items to be put in our four pages; It was thought that some form of propaganda for the Society could be written and an article about the Society's origins and history might be acceptable.

Teachers' Test

Mr Hunt said he thought the question of the Teachers' Test being taken out of the hands of the Society and taken over by the new company, which had not yet been formed, was a matter for the Summer School to discuss. Miss Dinn felt it should be discussed by the Society's Executive Committee. It was agreed that the matter should be deferred to a later meeting after the new company had been formed.

Dr. Bergmann's request for establishing a united nomenclature for wind players Dr. Bergmann reported that nothing had yet been done and asked that this item should be deferred to a later meeting.

Annual Concert

Dr. Bergmann said that the 1964 Concert, held at Northampton, had been an ideal one and that there would be an account in the next magazine. Mr. James said the Central Fund had benefitted by £19. 5. 6., even after something had been paid to the supporting choir and conductor.

Mr Hunt said he felt that at the Conference the Committee should say that they are always willing to co-operate with any branch which wishes to give a concert of its own, but the branch concerned must make all arrangements and guarantee the finances.

Panel of Visiting Conductors

Mr Hunt said that the Musical Directors should make up the list, taking into account the advice of the branches. Dr. Bergmann asked whether the decision to form the list could be revoked, but it was pointed out that it appeared in the new Rules. He then said that the Musical Directors should in practice draw up the list but should submit it to the Committee, who are responsible for it according to the Rules.

The Chairman said that branches had been asked for suggestions in their districts and that he now had a list of names which could be discussed by the Committee. Dr. Bergmann said it would be difficult to leave anyone out, but Miss Dinn suggested this should be only a preliminary list and so open for further suggestions and periodical revision.

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Mr Kenworthy suggested that, apart from the Musical Directors who would be automatically included, we should take one name from each Branch. This was agreed but other names were also suggested, and the following list was finally agreed upon:

Dr. Peter Robertson; Mr. T. H. Johnston; Miss May Whitby; Miss Mabel Wilson; Mr. Peter Roscoe; Mrs. Lily Taylor; Mr. C. Hale; Mr. Alton; Miss Dinah Grant; Mr. Paul Clarke; Dr. and Mrs. Coles; Mr. Skins; Mr. A. Rowland-Jones; Miss Enid Hunt; Miss Margaret Donnington; Mr. Brian Crispin; Dr. R. Johnson; Mr. Sam Taylor; Mr. Layton Ring; Mr. Stanley Taylor; Mr. Brian Bonsor; Miss W. Sanders; Miss Joan Hale; Mr. and Mrs. Lefkovitch; Mr. T. Wyatt; Miss Pamela Morgan; Rev. Rigby; Dom Gregory Murray; Mr. Herbert Hersom and Mr. D. Herdman.

Other names suggested were Mr. Bamforth; Mr. Martin; Mr. M. Walton and Mr. Bernard Adams. These are all young people and it was agreed that their names should be borne in mind for the future. As Miss Wilson is now abroad, it was agreed not to include her for the first list.

Mr Kenworthy proposed that the list, as defined under Rule No. 9 should be adopted, and under that Rule the names of those who had been rejected for the time being should be noted in the Minutes for future reference. This was seconded by Mrs. Dolmetsch and agreed unanimously.

Any
Other
Business

The Chairman said he would like it to be recorded that he had sent a cablegram to The American Society of Recorder Players last summer on the occasion of their 21st Anniversary.

Mr James brought up the question of distributing copies of the revised Rules to members, as they made a number of material alterations. He suggested that they might be printed in the Society's pages of the magazine, but Mr. Wyatt disagreed. It was proposed from the Chair that they should be so printed and a vote was taken. A majority was in favour of the motion, and it was therefore agreed that the new Rules should be printed in full in the Society's pages in the May issue. Some extra copies could be taken for new members. It was also agreed that there should be a short introduction explaining how these new rules came about. In the November issue there could then be the suggested history of the Society.

Date of
Next
Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee should be held on Friday, 30th April, 1965, at 6.30 P.M. at 28, Belsize Sq. N.W.3.

The Meeting ended at 3.15 p.m., after the Committee had expressed its thanks once again to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Joan M. Davis, Hon. Sec.

Edgar Hunt
30 April 1965

The Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on 30th April, 1965, 6.30 p.m., at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3.

Present. Mr Hunt in the Chair

Dr. Bergmann

Mr. Gray

Mr. Wyatt

Mr. Herson

Miss Murray

Miss Davis

Miss Dinn

Mr. Kenworthy

Mr. James

Miss Unwin

Miss Downer

Miss Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch and Mrs. M. Dolmetsch.

Minutes of last Meeting.

The Minutes had been circulated, and the Chairman asked that they should be taken as read.

Matters Arising

1) The Chairman said he would be putting the new Rules in the August magazine, which was rather more difficult to fill.

2) The Chairman also said neither of the suggested editors of the "Recorder News" could accept the post. Mr. Kenworthy asked that the matter might be brought up at the forthcoming Conference and London Branch Meeting. Miss Dinn said she might be willing to try it if she could find the time.

Mr. Wyatt proposed that Mr. Charles Chilton might be approached, and it was agreed that Dr. Bergmann should ask him.

3) Mr. James said Mrs. Dolmetsch had not yet repaid the £20 mentioned in the Minutes. Miss Dinn said the Summer School Books had not yet been made up for the previous year, and so the Chairman suggested that the matter should be postponed.

Magazine

Mr James reminded the Committee that the Secretary had reported at the last Meeting receiving a letter saying the price to the Society would have to be increased to 1/6d an issue. He and Mr. Wyatt were authorised to negotiate the best terms possible, and they had met Mr. Corcoran for this purpose. Mr. James said the question of price had always been nebulous. No firm price had in fact ever been agreed but he had had the impression that we would not get it for less than 5/- a year (1/3 per issue). The Committee had appointed a Sub-Committee to negotiate the best price to a maximum of 5/- but this Sub-Committee, after meeting Mr. Makins, had not met again, and it was mutually agreed that the question of price should be left to Mr. Kenworthy. The first issues were, in fact, invoiced at 4/-, and it was assumed that Schotts had found their figures more favourable than they had anticipated. Seven issues had been supplied on this basis.

Mr Corcoran had now told Mr. James that these invoices were an error on the part of Schotts, who had charged the trade price of 1/- instead of the 1/3 which they should have charged. Mr. James said the invoices had been paid in good faith over a period of a year and nine months, and Schotts had no legal claim to any more money. However, in view of the special relationship with Schotts, Mr. James had proposed to Mr. Corcoran that the Society should pay half of the arrears claimed. With regard to the future price, Mr. Corcoran had said the magazine was losing £100/£150 an issue. The retail price had therefore been put up to 5/- and Mr. James felt 1/6 would, in these circumstances, be a reasonable figure for the Society to pay. He had, however, pointed out

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to Mr. Corcoran that, although there was no specific provision in the agreement for notice of a change of price, six months' notice must be given on either side to terminate the agreement. He felt this should also apply to increasing the price. He had told Mr. Corcoran that he thought the Society should pay less than 1/6, at least for the February issue, but said he had to report back to the Committee on all these matters.

The question of giving notice of a price change was discussed, and Mr. Kenworthy said Schotts were under no obligation to do this. Mr. James said they were in fact going to give us three months' notice, and read another letter, dated 16th March, which he had received from Mr. Corcoran. In this he agreed to the Society's paying only 50% of the claim for back issues, and paying 1/5 for the next three issues before the price rose to 1/6d.

Mr. Wyatt asked whether something definite could be laid down as to how the price should be regulated in the future. It was agreed that Mr. James should ask Mr. Corcoran if they would agree to giving six months' notice of a rise in the price to the Society.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that the Society should agree to Mr. Corcoran's letter of 16th March. This was seconded by Mr. Herson and carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. James said that the rise in price of the magazine would increase the Society's expenditure on this item to something like £300 a year. Postage would probably be about £100, and even with the rise in postal rates, he hoped £400 would cover the magazine. This year some issues had been at lower prices but the total price looked like being something in the region of £400.

Mr. James went on to say that an idea of the financial report could be given as follows:

<u>Income.</u>		
Receipts from subscriptions		£580
Misc. receipts		£35
		£615
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Magazine		£400
Annual Conference, say		£70
Musical Directors travelling, say		£30
Postage, etc.		£60
Misc.		£5
		£565

This would give a small surplus, and he did not expect big surpluses in the future.

Mr. Kenworthy raised the question of the 7/6d members, but it was decided that as they were a diminishing number, their section should be run as economically as possible, until they gradually dropped away.

Mr. James also said the Society had received a donation of £5 from Michael Tippet, and read a letter from the late Miss Tadmor's solicitors telling him that Joyce had bequeathed £100 to the Society. It was decided to discuss how this should be spent at a later meeting.

Dr. Bergmann said the Society needed more members. Numbers had in fact fallen to: Branch members 610; Students 87; Country members at 7/6, 178; Country members at 18/-, 16, making a total of 891 members.

Annual
Conference

It was agreed that part of the Saturday evening conference should be spent in attending the first half of the Krainis recital at Wigmore Hall.

Miss Dinn requested that Branches be asked to keep their reports short and concise in order to save time. It was discussed whether, under the new organisation, there was any room for Branch reports, but it was decided to leave them in.

The Secretary reported that she had not received any nominations for Officers or Committee, though they could be accepted at the Conference.

It was agreed that the Conference Minutes should be circulated to all branches soon after the meeting.

List of
Visiting
Conductors

The Secretary said that all the people on the list had accepted, with the exception of Mr. Herdman.

Mr. Ring had not yet replied to her letter. There was a discussion as to whether people who were not members of the Society should have been put on this list. Miss Dinn said that she had assumed, and she was sure the Committee also had, that they were all members. It was agreed, however, that nothing could now be done on this matter.

Any Other
Business

Dr Bergmann asked, and it was agreed, that the Chairman should send a telegram, on behalf of the Society, to Hans Gal on his 75th birthday on 1st August.

Date of
Next Meeting To be decided later

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 9.50 p.m., after the Committee had expressed sincere thanks to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their kindness and hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
13 November 1965

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS.

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 13th November, 1965, at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, N. W. 3.

Present:	Mr Hunt in the Chair	Miss Dinn
	Dr. Dolmetsch	Dr Bergmann
	Mr. Kenworthy	Mr. James
	Mr. Gray	Mr. Wyatt
	Mr. Hersom	Miss Murray
	Miss Wright	Miss Davis

Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, Miss Unwin and Miss Downer.

Minutes of Last Meeting. Mr. James asked that the words 'next three issues' on page 2 of the Minutes should be altered to "February issue". With this correction the Minutes were accepted by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising. Mr. James read a letter from Mr. Corcoran saying that he did not think it would be possible to give 6 months' notice of a rise in the price of the magazine as Schotts themselves were unlikely to get 6 months' notice of a rise in their printing costs. He said the Society would be advised at the earliest possible moment, and the rise might not necessarily apply to the next issue. Dr. Bergmann said that as the Society was obliged to give 6 months' notice of withdrawing from the agreement with Schotts, Schotts should also be obliged to give the Society the same notice.

The Magazine. The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. Corcoran (Appendix A), her reply (B) and a second letter from Mr. Corcoran (C).

On the question of the Editorial Board, Mr. Hersom said it had never been called to meet regularly and now the fact that it had not met was being used as a reason for dissolving it. Dr. Dolmetsch said he thought the Society should insist on the Board being kept in being, and on the names of its members being published in the magazine. Mr. Kenworthy said the Board had always been at a disadvantage as it was discussing actions which had already been taken and so could only influence policy in a nebulous way. Dr. Bergmann said these matters could have been discussed earlier had regular meetings been called and stressed the fact that no attempt had been made to call a meeting of the Board before the decisions now being discussed had been taken. Mr. Wyatt said he felt the idea of widening the scope of the magazine was exactly the kind of matter on which the Board should have been consulted. Dr. Bergmann said he objected chiefly to the unilateral decision by Schotts to disband the Board. Mr. Kenworthy said that he thought the Society must accept the fact that, for whatever reasons, the previous Board had not worked as well as had been hoped; if there is still to be a Board it should be larger, so that it would be easier to get a reasonable number of members for a meeting at any time. The meetings should also not be convened by the Editor. The Board should have its own Chairman who would call the meetings. He suggested a membership of 8 to 10 people.

Mr. Hersom said this had already been suggested and named put forward for the augmented Board. Mr. Kenworthy said the present agreement provided originally for the Board to consist of the Editor and five others, but now there are three Editors and three others. He felt there should now be a new agreement allowing for say six members apart from the Editors. He also felt that now that the Editor is part of Schott's organisation there should be a different method of selection for the other members of the Board.

Mr. Hunt said the Board had been set up to prevent the magazine from becoming a Schott's house organ and asked whether the Board could be given articles to read before publication.

On the question of reducing the issues from four to three, Mr. Wyatt asked whether the agreement with Schotts laid it down that there should be four issues a year and it was left to the Secretary to check this point.

Dr. Bergmann said the chief reason why the magazine was making a loss was that Schotts had been sure that W. H. Smith would sell it on their bookstalls; unfortunately, this had not proved to be the case. He went on to stress that he still thought the magazine should be sold to schools. Miss Dinn suggested it might be supplied to Libraries through local Borough Councils.

Mr. Hunt said the dates suggested by Mr. Corcoran for the three issues of the magazine were quite unacceptable to the Society and suggested September, January or February, and May or June. Mr. Hersom said January and September were both difficult months from a production point of view and Mr. Kenworthy said a September issue would make it difficult to include news of summer activities.

Dr. Bergmann said that before we accepted the fact that there should be only three issues he thought the Society ought to know what the actual loss on the magazine was. Had we also considered that there might be some other publication which might like to include articles of interest to recorder players and with which we might make a new agreement?

Mr. Kenworthy said that he did not think there were proper records of the real cost of producing and sending out the magazine and he felt that the loss quoted in the Minutes of £100/£150 an issue could not include many of the expenses. Mr. James said that he felt the figures should also take into account any increase of sale of music and instruments by Schotts made as a result of the publication of the magazine.

Dr. Bergmann said he had always thought the magazine was too cheap but Mr. Hersom did not entirely agree, citing the 'Musical Times' which costs 2/6d and contains more text.

Dr. Bergmann also said that decisions about the magazine always seemed to be taken by Schotts suddenly and without considerations for any long-term policy. He hoped the Society could provide a calming influence. Dr. Dolmetsch said a long-term policy should be established and given long enough to prove itself.

Mr. Wyatt said the Society should register a protest with Schotts that the number of issues should have been cut and publication months decided without prior consultation with the Society.

Mr. Wyatt said the Society should register a formal protest with Schotts and, after discussion, it was agreed by the Committee that Mr. Wyatt should draw up the draft (Appendix D).

It was also agreed that Messrs. Wyatt, James and Hersom should approach Mr. Corcoran for discussions on the points raised in his letters. Mr. Hersom suggested that if any members complained about the announcement of the reduction to three issues of the magazine they should be told this had been inserted without prior consultation with the Society and is not necessarily to be taken as true.

Dr. Dolmetsch asked whether someone already involved could be asked to be Editor, and he suggested John Thompson. Mr. Kenworthy said he would prefer the editor to be a newcomer to the magazine.

Various names were suggested, and it was agreed that each should be asked in the following order: Paul Chark, Mary Hargreaves, Monica Coles, Kathleen Drake, John Thorne, May Whitby. The Secretary was asked to approach them.

Election
of
Editor
for
Society's
Pages.

Finance

The Treasurer said the Balance Sheet had been circulated and he had no particular comments to make.

New
Branch

The Secretary read a letter from Brian Bonsor in which he asked that his group of about 20 plus 2 students be formed into a branch of the Society. This was agreed, and the Secretary was asked to convey the Committee's good wishes to Mr. Bonsor.

New
Printed
Matter
for the
Society

The Chairman said the Society needed a brochure and asked whether some of this year's surplus money could be put towards producing this. Miss Davis read a letter from Dr. Coles about the cost of printing posters for display: these would cost £8 odd for a thousand copies 10" x 5" in fluorescent colours.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that the Secretary should be asked to prepare suggestions for leaflets and for other advertising up to an amount of say £50, for consideration by the Committee.

Date of
Next
Meeting

It was decided that the next Meeting should be held on Saturday, 22nd January, 1966, at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, N. W. 3.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality and also to Mrs. Volhard and Miss Seelig for their assistance at this Meeting.

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 22nd January, 1966, at 10.30 a.m., at 28, Belsize Square, London, N.W.3.

Present:

Mr. Hunt in the Chair	Mr. Hersom
Dr. Bergmann	Miss Unwin
Mr. Gray	Miss Downer
Mr. James	Miss Murray
Mr. Kenworthy	Miss Wright
Mr. Wyatt	Miss Davis

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Dinn and Mrs. Dolmetsch.

Minutes of last Meeting.

The Chairman asked that these should be taken as read, and it was agreed that they should be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising.

New Branch. The Secretary said that she had heard nothing yet from Mr. Bonsor about his new Branch. It was agreed that an announcement should appear in the Society's pages in the next issue of the Magazine saying that a new Branch had been formed in Roxburghshire, and that anyone interested should contact Mr. Bonsor.

Magazine.

Mr. Wyatt's report on the meeting with Messrs. Makings and Corcoran, circulated with the Minutes, was discussed. It was stated that Mr. Hersom regretted he had not been able to attend this meeting but that he had, however, talked to both gentlemen before the meeting.

Mr. Wyatt said that the Society's representatives had not been able to get an agreement to the publishing of four issues of the magazine a year, but, apart from this, Messrs. Makings and Corcoran could not have been more reasonable or apologetic.

Mr. Hunt said the Society would now be in difficulty as its members were paying for four issues and would only be getting three. He felt, therefore, that we should cling to the suggestion of a year book to take the place of the fourth issue.

In reply to a question from Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Wyatt said there appeared to be no way in which the Society could force Schott's to publish four issues a year, even though we might be legally within our rights to ask for it. Mr. Hunt agreed that the Society was not in a strong enough position to force its views on Schott's.

The suggested Year Book was then discussed.

Mr. Hunt suggested that the first Year Book might contain reprints of articles from previous editions of the "Recorder News", for example articles on Telemann's music, on Handel's music, Dr. Bergmann's article on Purcell, and perhaps an article on Bach, etc. Only a small proportion of the membership would have these already, and such a publication could be put on ordinary retail sale also.

Mr. Wyatt pointed out that Mr. Makings had insisted that the Year Book must not involve any work for Mr. Corcoran.

Mr. Hersom said the Year Book obviously would contain information about the Society and about Branches, and asked whether it could also contain a complete list of the year's new publications from all publishers.

Mr. Wyatt said that Mr. Makings again had mentioned the parochial nature of the Society's pages in the magazine and suggested that all the year's Branch news could perhaps be put into the Year Book.

Dr. Bergmann said he felt the Society should accept Mr. Makings offer of a year book in principle, and that this should be written into a new agreement.

The possible size and format was then discussed, and it was felt that the best size would be either 24 or 32 pages, 8 inches by 5 inches.

Mr. James said he did not think that Mr. Makings had contemplated a Year Book available to the general public, and Mr. Kenworthy agreed that this was also his opinion. He said a publication for a limited private circulation would be much easier to produce than one for general sale, but Mr. Hunt said sales to the public might help to pay the cost of publication. Mr. Wyatt said that Mr. Makings had said the Year Book should be a work to which Schott's would be willing to put their name.

Mr. Hunt suggested that a year book could contain a collection of all the articles of the "Recorder News" on one subject, which would be easy for reference even though members might already have the articles in different issues. Dr. Bergmann suggested articles too long to use the magazine.

Mr. Kenworthy said he thought more difficulties might arise over the reprinting of old articles in a publication for public sale than if it were confined to members only.

The question was raised as to whether there would be advertising in the Year Book. Mr. Wyatt said it seemed to him that this was something for Mr. Makings to decide and that the Society would have no objections if he wanted advertisements included. Mr. Hunt said they would only object if the advertisements were mixed up with the text.

Mr. James raised the question of who would pay any contributor who might expect payment if his article was used in the Year Book. Should this be Schott's or the Society? It was agreed that any such payment should be made by the Society.

Dr. Bergmann proposed and it was agreed that the Society should tell Mr. Makings that it accepted his offer of a Year Book in principle.

The question of an editor was discussed. Mr. Kenworthy said he would be willing to help but not to take full responsibility. Mr. Hunt and Dr. Bergmann said they would be willing to act jointly with Mr. Kenworthy and Dr. Bergmann said he would see the year book through the press.

Mr. James proposed and it was agreed that Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Hunt and Dr. Bergmann should act as joint editors.

Mr. Hunt asked whether a letter should be sent to all Branch Secretaries, when a reply had been received from Mr. Makings, telling them what was being discussed, so that they would know all about it before the Annual Conference and before the March issue of the magazine.

Mr. James said he thought everything should be ready for agreement before the Annual Conference but obviously no agreement could be made with Schott's without the agreement of the Conference.

It was agreed that the following should be put into the Society's pages in the March issue of the magazine:

"As the number of issues of the magazine has been reduced from three to four per annum, the Executive Committee is considering some form of annual publication to take the place of the fourth issue, for circulation to S.R.P. members".

There would be time to withdraw this before publication if the circumstances should change before then.

It was suggested that the new Editorial Board might take over the discussions with Messrs. Makings and Corcoran, but after discussion it was agreed that Messrs. Wyatt and James should continue to represent the Society in the negotiations, with the addition of Mr. Kenworthy instead of Mr. Hersom. Points for discussion were:

- 1) Size of year book and number of pages.
- 2) Are there to be any advertisements? (Mr. Hunt said the Society could not handle these itself)
- 3) Does Mr. Makings want to sell the publication outside the Society?

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Makings telling him that the Society accepts his offer in principle, and that Messrs. Wyatt, & Kenworthy would like to call on him to discuss the details.

It was also agreed that the editorial board should begin to discuss the first year book immediately.

New Editor for Society Pages.

The Secretary reported that she had approached Paul Clarke and Mary Hargreaves but neither had accepted. It was agreed that she should next write to John Thorne, and that Robin Whittall should be added to the list of possible editors.

New Printed Matter for the Society

Mr. Hersom agreed to draw up a suggested new leaflet which he would then send to Dr. Bergmann who could discuss the layout with Mr. Corcoran. The draft would then be brought up at the next Committee Meeting for final approval.

Finance

Mr. James said that the subscriptions were coming in very well this year. £500 had been received so far, which was £20 more than the same time in the previous year.

Mr. Gray said membership was 846 which was 30 more than in the previous year.

Mr. James also reported that the refund of £20 from the Dolmetsch Foundation had not yet been received and said he would report to the Committee when it was finally refunded.

Annual Conference

It was confirmed that this was being held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14th and 15th, 1966. It was suggested that Mr. Makings might allow the Society to hold the Conference in Schott's new showroom, and the Secretary was asked to enquire.

Mr. James said there was a question left over from the last Conference of whether there should be a Committee member from outside London who would not attend meetings but who would be able to see all the Minutes, etc. It was agreed that this must be decided by the Branches themselves at the Conference, when they would be at liberty to propose and elect anyone they liked. Mr. James said he thought the Society could afford to pay a reasonable amount towards the fare of this member, and the Meeting agreed that the Society should be prepared to pay up to say £5. for this purpose. This would be the attitude to be adopted by the Committee if the question were brought up at the Annual Conference, but the Committee would not bring the matter up itself.

Any other business

Dr. Bergmann suggested, and it was agreed, that the Society should send a telegram of good wishes to Benjamin Britten following his operation. The Chairman agreed to do this.

Dr. Bergmann spoke about meetings held in Hampstead on Saturday mornings where children could learn to play recorders and strings. He said the teaching was not always good and wondered whether the Society or London Branch would be willing to assist.

Mr. James said there was still a small reserve from the Children's Society if any expenses were incurred in this connection.

Mr. Gray reported that the membership of the Cambridge had fallen to 4 and 7 students, and it might become necessary next year to close the Branch down altogether.

Mr. Wyatt raised the question of the Society's secretarial work and asked whether the Committee would agree to the Secretary paying for such help as she needed. It was agreed that Mr. Wyatt should arrange for the Committee Minutes of this meeting to be duplicated in his office, for a small cost.

Mr. Wyatt raised the question of the Society's pages in the magazine, and said Mr. Makings would welcome any improvement. It was agreed that the main purpose of these pages must be to report the views of the Society and activities of the Branches, but that the writing should be made more interesting journalistically. Mr. Hersom said when the new editor was appointed should be not draw up some rules for Branches for their guidance in preparing material for the magazine? Mr. Wyatt said he did not think the material would ever be very different from what it is now and that four pages seemed too much to fill. Mr. Hunt and Dr. Bergmann thought the Society should keep its right to four pages even if it could not always fill them. Mr. Kenworthy suggested that the Society might have two pages and be entitled to give a month's notice to Mr. Corcoran if it needed more, up to a total of four. The matter was left undecided.

Date of next Meeting

This was agreed as Saturday, 19th March, at 10.30 a.m., at 28 Belsize Square.

The Meeting ended at 1.45 p.m. and a vote of thanks was passed to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
19 March 1968

Joan M. Davis
(Hon. Sec.)
26, Delamere Road,
Ealing, W.5.

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on Saturday, 19th March, 1966, at 28, Belsize Square, London, N.W.3. at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hunt in the Chair
Dr. Bergmann
Mr. James
Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Hersom
Miss Murray
Miss Davis

Dr. Dolmetsch
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Gray
Miss Unwin
Miss Downer
Miss Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Matters Arising

Roxburgh Branch. The Chairman said the Committee was glad to welcome this new branch which now had 22 members.

Finance

Mr. James reported that another £30 had been received in subscriptions since the last meeting, which made the total received more than in the previous year. So far no issues of the magazine had been paid for, but in general he would say the financial position was quite satisfactory and should continue to be so during this year.

Magazine

Mr. Wyatt reported on the latest meeting with Schott & Co. Ltd. The meeting had taken place on 16th March and two things had become obvious:

- (1) that Mr. Makings' idea of a Year Book was something more elaborate than the Society would want or could hope for Schotts to give them;
- (2) Mr. Makings did not appear to remember that he had originally promised to produce the Year Book for the Society at Schotts' expense.

The final agreement arrived at was that Mr. Makings would find out what he could produce for 3/- a copy, which he would be willing to sell to the Society for 1/6d. a copy, and the Society would let him know what it thought it could put into a publication costing 3/- a copy, and of which about one thousand copies would be produced. Mr. Makings could then consider whether he could incorporate the Society's contributions into something more elaborate, fitting into his idea of a year book. If so, he would undertake to sell this bigger volume, and however big it might prove to be, to us at 1/6d. a copy.

Mr. Wyatt said there seemed to be no point in asking Mr. Makings if he could produce something costing only 1/6d. a copy and let the Society have it for nothing, so this had not been pursued. He said Mr. Makings would like to have put down in black and white the agreement for him to produce something worth 3/- and sell it to the Society for 1/6d. and would also like the Society to indicate to him suggestions for the contents of this 3/- volume.

Mr. Wyatt said the possibility of producing something bound in paper covers for the S.R.P. members and in boards for the general public had also been discussed. The idea of producing a 3/- publication for the Society members and then incorporating this into a larger volume to sell to the public, but selling to our members for 1/6d. only the smaller publication, had been considered but dismissed as of no interest to the Society.

Dr. Bergmann said a larger book for sale to the public would need a high standard of article, and it was not clear to him how Mr. Makings intended to enlarge the book. Mr. Wyatt said he felt that in practice it was in fact

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unlikely that Mr. Makings would add anything to the material provided by the S.R.P., and we would get a 3/- publication for 1/6d.

Mr. Hersom asked whether it had been made clear that, in order to satisfy our members, this Year Book should appear this summer, in the present financial year.

Mr. Kenworthy said a very firm arrangement had been arrived at, which could be carried out quite quickly. If each party carries out its promise and the results are mutually satisfactory, production of the Year Book could go ahead immediately. In reply to a question from Dr. Dolmetsch, Mr. Kenworthy also said it should be possible to inform members in the next issue of the magazine if the outcome of the negotiations is satisfactory and the Year Book is to be produced. Mr. James said he thought Mr. Makings had appreciated that we must have something definite to tell the delegates at the May Conference.

Mr. Hersom said that if Mr. Makings can satisfy us as to what he can produce for 3/- and we can satisfy him as to the contents, the Society would have to go ahead on this basis this year, even if the Delegates' Conference did not agree. In this case something different would have to be negotiated next year.

The Chairman asked whether the members of the sub-Committee, in their talks with Mr. Makings, had gathered that he intended to continue the Year Book policy indefinitely. Mr. James said he thought it had been quite clearly understood that the Year Book would take the place of the fourth issue of the magazine, but Mr. Kenworthy thought it would be unwise to look too far ahead.

Dr. Dolmetsch asked whether, if the present negotiations broke down after all, there was any point in investigating the cost of the Society's producing a Year Book of its own, and how much it might be able to spare for this purpose. Mr. James said that the Society would be able to use the £75 not being spent on the fourth issue of the magazine, but would get far less value from spending this on its own publication than from buying the Year Book which Schott's is offering to produce.

The Chairman thanked the sub-Committee of Messrs. James, Kenworthy and Wyatt for conducting these negotiations and arriving at a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Wyatt said he proposed to write a note on the meeting with Mr. Makings and have duplicated copies sent to all Committee members, with a copy to Mr. Makings. It was agreed that Mr. Makings should be sent a draft copy of this note, for his amendments or comments, before it is circulated.

It was agreed that before going farther the Committee must wait to see whether the proposals from Mr. Makings are sufficient to make it worthwhile starting the publication at all.

New Editor for the Society's Pages of the Magazine

The Secretary said that Miss Kathleen Drake of Dorset had now agreed to undertake this work.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to write to Miss Drake saying that the Committee accepted her willingness to do this job and that he would hand everything necessary over to her. Dr. Dolmetsch asked that the Committee should express its gratitude and pleasure to Miss Drake. Dr. Bergmann mentioned that the Secretary should inform Mr. Corcoran of the new editor and it was also suggested that Miss Drake should be invited to the Annual Conference. The Secretary was asked to inform Branch Secretaries of Miss Drake's appointment. Mr. Wyatt also suggested that a meeting should be arranged between Miss Drake and Mr. Corcoran.

Publicity for the Society

Mr. Hersom passed round copies of a draft which he had prepared of a new publicity leaflet but it was agreed that nothing new should be printed until the outcome of the Year Book negotiations was known.

It was suggested that the Society might have an emblem of its own which could be printed on the leaflet and on any other publicity. After discussion it was agreed that all Branch Secretaries should ask their members to submit suggestions, say by the end of June, and a body appointed by the Committee should judge the entries and that the winning emblem could be shown at the Roehampton Summer School.

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Annual Conference

It was agreed that the Agenda should contain an item about the magazine and one about the draft leaflet prepared by Mr. Hersom.

It was then pointed out that, by an oversight, no notice of the Conference had been put into the last issue of the magazine and that members had not, therefore, received the notice laid down in the rules.

The Chairman asked whether the Committee thought a notice should be sent to all members. Dr. Bergmann and Miss Murray said that they thought that the rules left the Committee no option but to do this and Dr. Bergmann proposed that a notice should be sent out, and Mr. James seconded this. A vote was taken and by a majority the Committee agreed that, bearing in mind the cost of the postage which would be incurred, no notice should be sent but that an apology should be given at the Conference and in the next issue of the magazine.

Mr. James pointed out that delegates must be asked to say that the Conference was, nevertheless, valid even though the proper notice had not been given to every member, as laid down in the rules. It was agreed that a notice should be sent to all Country Members and that Branch Secretaries should inform their members if a convenient opportunity arose.

Any Other Business

The Secretary reported that she had had a letter from Mr. Arthur Hart in Buckden, Hunts, about forming a branch. Mr. Hart also offered his services as a visiting conductor. It was agreed that Mr. Hart should be informed that the List of Visiting Conductors was due for revision in May and that his name would then be considered. In the meantime the Secretary was requested to write to Dr. Coles for a confidential report on Mr. Hart.

Mr. James asked how much use the branches were making of the Conductor's List and the Secretary said Messrs. Ring and Wyatt had been called upon and that Mr. Crispin and Dr. Coles had made exchange visits.

Dr. Bergmann quoted from an article in "The Listener" of March 10th, by Benjamin Frankel, about performances of old music: "By all means let children and willing amateurs play willingly on the recorder, but is there a more boring or less variegated tone to be found in the world of instruments?" The question of the Society's writing a reply was discussed but it was agreed that this would not be wise and Dr. Bergmann undertook to write his own reply.

Date of the Next Meeting

It was decided to leave this until after the Conference.

The Meeting ended at 1.45 p.m., after a vote of thanks had been passed to both Dr. and Mrs. Bergmann for their hospitality.

Edgar Hunt
14 January 1967

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 14th January, 1967, at 10.30 a.m. at 28, Belsize Square, London, N. W. 3.

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Present

Mr. Hunt in the Chair
Dr. Dolmetsch
Mr. Gray
Miss Wright
Mr James
Miss Unwin
Miss Downer
Mr Thomson

Miss Dinn
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Barker
Mr Kenworthy
Mr Wyatt
Mr Hersom
Miss Murray
Miss Davis

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These had been circulated and were accepted by the Meeting as read.

Matters Arising.

Cambridge Branch The Secretary reported that this Branch was in abeyance for the time being. Mr. James said that if the Branch closed down the Committee would have to discuss the disposal of its assets, which included a bass recorder bought for £21. It was decided that the matter could be mentioned at the Conference and, that in the meantime, Mr. Hunt should write to the Branch Secretary and arrange to meet her.

Arthur Hart It was decided to defer Mr. Hart's request to form a branch in Huntingdonshire.

Finance

Mr. James said the noticeable thing about the previous year's accounts was the large amount carried forward, which was entirely due to the fact that only three issues of the magazine had been produced when we had budgeted for four. Cash in hand was now £697. The bulk of the Deposit Account is earning $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ in the Trustee Savings Bank Special Account, three months' notice being required of withdrawal. The rest is in the ordinary account at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ and can be withdrawn on demand up to £50, with the rest quite quickly. He said a fairly large amount is necessary in the current account to pay quarterly bills, amounting to about £75 a time, for the magazine, postage, etc.

Mr. James said the Society was exempted from Entertainments Tax but he raised the question of whether the interest on its deposits should be subject to Income Tax. He admitted the amount involved would be small and it was agreed that the matter might be looked into again at a later date.

Subscriptions were about the same as the year before, £492 having been received so far compared with £497 at the same time in the previous year.

Mr. James mentioned that it was interesting to see that the royalty from Schott's for the sale of S.R.P. publications had been £18 in 1965, compared with the usual amount of £8 or £9.

Loan to
the
Dolmetsch
Foundation.

The question of the £20 loan was discussed and it was found from previous Minutes that Mrs. Dolmetsch had promised to repay this in January 1965 but at the next meeting she had reported that the Summer School books were not then made up. Miss Dinn was asked if she would clarify the matter with Miss Mabbett.

Publication
of the
Accounts.

It was agreed that the Accounts could appear in the February magazine if Mr. Minchin were unable to present them in time for the November edition.

Magazine.

The general layout of the Society's pages was discussed and it was agreed that four pages, of which two should be devoted to Branch news, should be maintained.

Mr. Thomson stated that he would be willing to act as editor of the Society's pages as well as the whole magazine. Mr. Hunt considered this to be a most valuable offer and agreed to explain the position to Miss Drake and thank her for past services.

Mr. James suggested that Mr. Thomson should be co-opted to the Magazine Sub-Committee. This was proposed by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Dr. Dolmetsch, and unanimously accepted.

Mr. Thomson suggested that Branch Secretaries should be sent a circular pointing out various matters of style and presentation of their material and it was agreed that Dr. Bergmann and Mr. Wyatt could discuss the proposed circular with Mr. Thomson beforehand.

Dr. Dolmetsch raised the question of a member of the Committee collaborating with Mr. Thomson over the material in the Society's pages and Mr. Kenworthy said that he or Mr. Hersom would always be willing to assist.

Mr. Hunt said that he did not think Branch reports should be confined strictly to Branch activities only but should include anything connected with the recorder taking place locally. Eventually he felt small items about local people, of interest to Society members, might be included in the magazine proper.

Mr. Kenworthy said that the Committee had envisaged not only the printing of Branch news but the development of the four Society's pages in other ways. Mr. Thomson said he thought the solution would be to put aside two pages for news. Other material might be included in the main body of the magazine in, for example, a page of news and personalities.

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Publicity Mr. Hunt said he would make a specimen
for the layout and the Secretary was asked to
Society. obtain quotations from The Regent Press
(Bootle) Limited.

Revision It was agreed to keep this list as it
of exists at present, with the exception
Conductors of Mr. Lefkovich who is now abroad.
List. Mr. Hart's application was not to be
accepted for the time being.

The Meeting ended at 1.30 p.m. after both Dr.
and Mrs. Bergmann had been thanked for their hospi-
tality.

Edgar A. Hunt
22 April 1967

At the present time the Society is living beyond its income, and each year a deficit is eating away at the Society's reserves.

The Society depends for its income on the subscription of members. A proportion of the subscription of each branch member is returned to the branch to pay for local (branch) activities. Of the balance which is retained at HQ a large proportion has to pay for 'The Recorder News' and secretarial expenses of running the Society. The remainder is used to finance such activities as:

- (1) The Annual Concert: London and Provinces in alternate years.
- (2) Visits of the Society's Chairman and Musical Directors to branches
- (3) The expenses of the Branch Delegates Conference.

These activities were planned at a time when there were at the most eight branches: London, Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Dorset, Newcastle and Oxford. Since ^{the} Oxford branch has been discontinued and one started in Cambridge, while additional new branches have been started in Devon, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Nottingham and the West Riding of Yorkshire. These can claim such expensive advantages as:

- (a) a high scale of rebate (as most are as yet not large)
- (b) visits of Chairman or Musical Directors.
- (c) expenses in connection with the Branch Conference

Apart from Nottingham these centres are all a considerable distance

² from London, so that travelling expenses in respect of (b) and (c) ²¹⁸ are disproportionately heavy; and heavier with each increase in rail fares.

It has been suggested that smaller branches (under 30 full adult members) should be downgraded to a new classification and offered fewer of these 'expensive advantages'. This would be discouraging to them and might make their survival more difficult. So we must try to find other ways of helping them to grow without upsetting the economy of the Society as a whole. Here we cannot too strongly urge all branches to make an all-out effort to increase membership.

It is suggested that new branches should be started off by a visit from HQ by a Musical Director or the Chairman, but that afterwards they should expect such visits only in alternate years. A Branch would not be entitled to a visit in the year when the Concert was held in the district.

Some kind of liaison between established branches should be arranged so that a HQ visit can be shared sometimes at a central point, or a tour arranged taking in two or more branches during the same weekend. This latter course applies particularly in the case of the more distant branches.

Smaller branches should send delegates to the Conference at their own expense. A whip round among the branch members for this purpose is suggested if the branch funds are insufficient.

3/ In the alternate years, between H&Q visits, the branches themselves ²¹⁹ should be encouraged to finance visits from the Musical Director or Charman or from a suitable assistant who should be a member of the Society. Officers and members of the Society cannot accept fees for their services, only expenses; but it is hoped that such assistants may give their services in the same spirit as has always been done in the past.

These matters will come up for fuller discussion at the Branch Conference in January when it is hoped that delegates will be able to help to formulate a workable solution to the Society's financial problems.

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Report on Branches
for Minutes of August
SRP Committee Meeting

The Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 22nd April, 1967, at 2.30 P.M., at 71, Belsize Park Gardens, London, N. W. 3.

Present.

Mr. Hunt in the Chair
Miss Dinn
Dr. Dolmetsch
Dr. Bergmann
Miss Unwin
Mr. Hersom
Miss Downer

Mr. Gray
Miss Wright
Mr. James
Miss Barker
Mr. Kenworthy
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Murray
Miss Davis

Minutes
of Last
Meeting.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting, and these were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters
Arising
Therefrom.
Magazine

Mr. Hunt reported that Mr. Thomson had resigned from the editorship of the "Recorder and Music Magazine", following a disagreement with Mr. Makings concerning the change of printers.

Mr. Hersom reported that the Editorial Board had not met for nearly three years, in spite of his representations, and they had been told nothing about Mr. Thomson's resignation.

It was pointed out that this was the third time that Mr. Makings had taken unilateral action affecting the magazine, without consulting or informing the Society until after the action had been taken. Mr. Wyatt said he felt this was a different case from the previous two and that Mr. Makings was entitled to act as he had. We could possibly complain that he had not called the Editorial Board and that he had handled the relations with the Editor in such a way as to force him to resign but this seemed to be the full extent of any possible complaint.

It was assumed that Mr. Corcoran would be asked once again to edit the magazine, but Mr. Hersom pointed out that he was not qualified to choose the material, only to compile it, and that we needed to know who would be responsible for the actual contents of the magazine.

A discussion then took place about the practicability of producing another magazine in co-operation with some other publisher. Miss Dinn suggested that we should approach 'Making Music'.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that we should write to Mr. Makings, saying that we were surprised that we had not been informed of Mr. Thomson's resignation. We should say that we were interested in the choice of editor and that we are in fact entitled to a share in the responsibility of choosing one.

We should say that we had to submit a proposal to Branch Delegates at the forthcoming Annual Conference as to whether we should continue with the present arrangement or give notice to Schotts and try to produce our own publication with some other publisher. Mr. Wyatt seconded this proposal and it was agreed that the letter should be sent.

It was suggested that Mr. Thomson might be asked to continue as editor of the Society's pages.

Publicity
for the
Society

New leaflets about the Society were passed round the meeting.

£20 Loan
to the
Dolmetsch
Foundation.

Dr. Bergmann undertook to see that this was repaid by the Summer School to the Society.

Finance.

Mr. James reported that income in the current year, up to date, was a little down on the previous year, at £520 as against £528. During the previous year there had been only three issues of the magazine so that the carry-forward was unusually large, and had brought the balance in the bank up to about £600. This year there will be four issues, costing with postage, about £400. It was expected that another £100 of income would be received before the end of the year, making a total income of £620. Expenditure would probably be about £600, which means that we should just about break even. The remaining expenditure would be approximately: Delegates' Conference, £70: two issues of the magazine, £200: travelling expenses, £10: petty cash, £40: printing (new leaflet, etc.), £30 - totalling £350.

Mr. Hunt mentioned that membership had been falling and said this seemed to be a point for discussion at the Conference. Dr. Dolmetsch suggested we could learn about recruiting tactics from the American Recorder Society and that we might advertise, even if only on a small scale.

Mr. Gray asked whether we were doing enough to attract young people, saying that the student membership for the current year was 65 against 96 in the previous year. Miss Wright asked whether the training colleges could be told about the Society but Miss Dinn said that the students had many interests and not much time for anything outside. It might, however, be valuable to inform students in their last term so that they could join the Society when they left college and began teaching.

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It was agreed that the Society should advertise and the publications suggested were 'Making Music', 'The Times Educational Supplement', 'Music', 'The Musical Times', 'Music in Education', and the 'Recorder and Music Magazine'. Mr. Hersom suggested that the wording should be left to a sub-committee and Dr. Dolmetsch proposed that Mr. Thomson should be consulted. Miss Dinn seconded this and it was agreed unanimously, Mr. Hunt saying he would approach Mr. Thomson.

Dr. Bergmanns proposed that an advertisement should be inserted in the forthcoming Haslemere Festival programme. This was seconded by Mr. James and agreed unanimously. Owing to pressure of time, it was agreed that the Secretary should deal with this immediately.

Mr. Wyatt suggested that the whole question of advertising should be put to the Annual Conference, but it was felt that this was a matter for the Committee to decide. The Branch Delegates would be informed and could discuss how branches could best deal with the results of the advertisements when they received them.

Any Other Business Mr. Hunt said that The Society of Recorder Players in South Australia had asked for affiliation with the S.R.P. The Committee agreed to this (under Rule 16). Mr. Kenworthy said that they should make sure that their publication was sent to someone here connected with the magazine. It was agreed that the Secretary should be the recipient and should send the publication on in the first instance to Mr. Kenworthy.

Messrs. James and Gray mentioned that they shortly would have to retire as Treasurer and Membership Secretary respectively and the Chairman thanked them for past services.

Miss Seelig was thanked for her hospitality.

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Edgar Hunt
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Society of Recorder Players in South Australia

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