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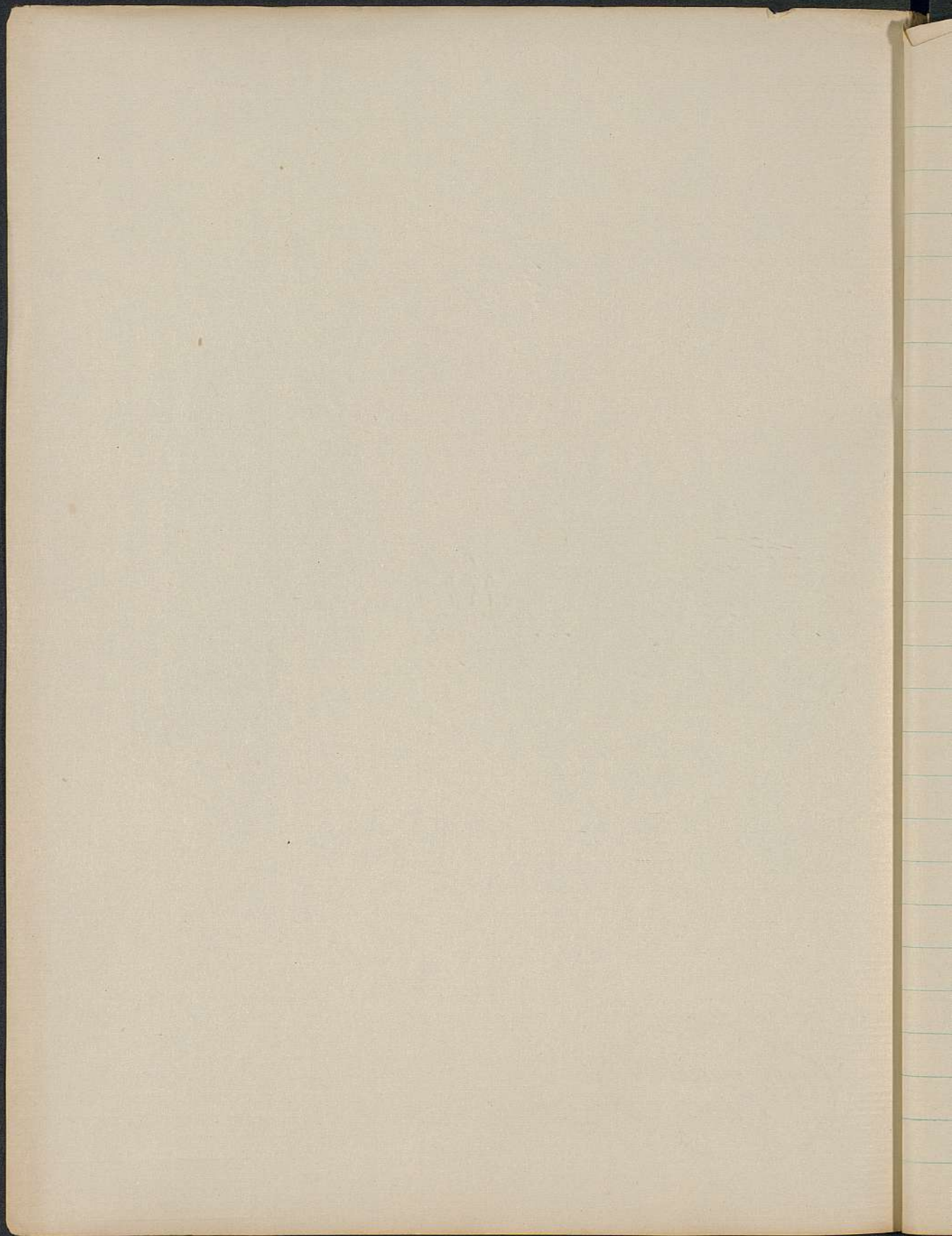
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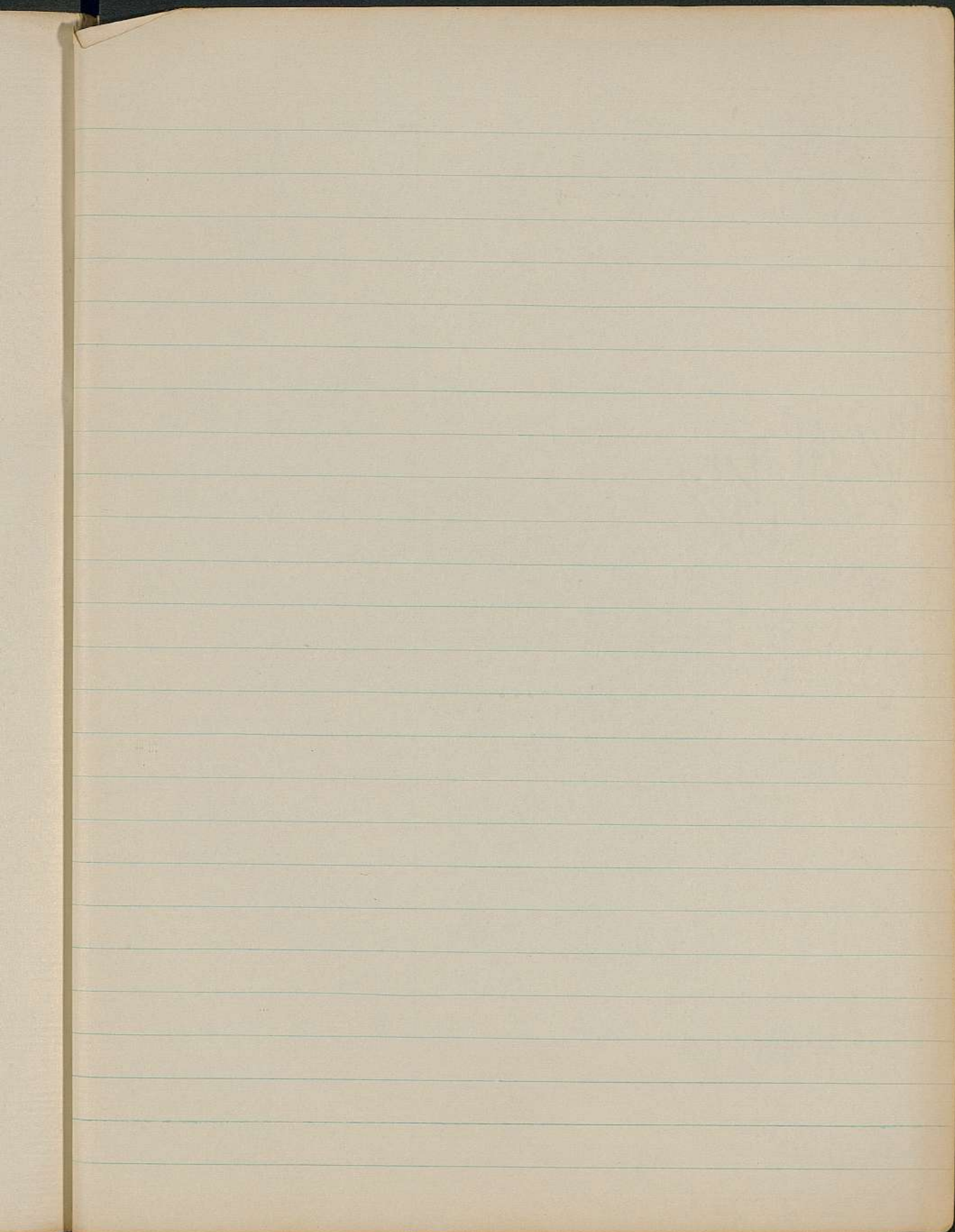
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MINUTES OF THE  
BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE  
held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Wokenham Place,  
London, W.C. 1., on Sunday, 2nd March, 1958  
at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Chairman: Mr. Hunt  
Musical Directors: Dr. Beigmann, Mr. Dolmetsch  
Executive Committee: Mrs. Dolmetsch, Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Wyatt  
Membership Secretary: Mr. Gray  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. James  
Hon. Secretary: Miss Tadman  
Branch representatives: Miss Hunt, Bristol  
Mr. Whittall, Cambridge  
Mr. Cuspin, Devon  
Mrs. Larky, Dorset  
Miss Whitty, Edinburgh  
Miss Munro, London  
Mr. Hale, Manchester  
Mr. Jones, Merseyside  
Mr. Cooper, Midlands  
Mr. Hoodie, Newcastle

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn,  
Musical Director



## Minutes

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

## Recorder News

It was reported that no definite plan for alternative distribution had been finally considered, that is whether it would be done through Branch Secretaries instead of centrally, as at present. After some discussion, Mr. Kenworthy thought that the scheme was good enough to work out, as it had many advantages.

## Branch Reports

Three Branches reported that they had had their tenth birthdays, with suitable celebrations - Bristol, Manchester, and Midlands.

There was a discussion about Branch finance, and the general feeling was that Branches could manage their finances for the current year, in the case of London it being made possible by an agreed increase in the rebate for the larger number of members.

Edinburgh Branch asked whether records of consort playing could be considered, and Mr. Wyatt thought that the Oriel Consort might record about an hour's playing on a



Tape recorder. A further point came from Manchester, as to whether recordings of the Concert at Rochampton would be permitted, and the Chairman and Musical Directors agreed to this for private recording only.

Mr. Kenworthy referred to reports of Branch activities in the Recorder News and said that there was not always space to include these; also he often had to give out a résumé of the full length report sent in. News contained in these reports was necessarily somewhat out of date by the time the Recorder News was in members' hands, but it was agreed that news from Branches was of general interest, both to the Branch itself and also to other Branches who otherwise would not know of any activities but their own.

Annual  
concert

It was confirmed that the Annual Concert in 1959 would be held in Edinburgh, and the Merseyside Branch invited the Society to hold the Concert in Liverpool in 1961.

There being no other business the meeting terminated at one o'clock.

Edgar Hunt  
15 Feb 1959



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MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held at the Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place,  
London, W.C.1., on Saturday, 22nd November, 1958,  
at 2.30 p.m.

Present: The Chairman, Mr. Edgar Hunt, was in the Chair, supported by the Musical Directors and eight other members of the Executive Committee; thirty-seven members of the Society were present.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Carl Dolmetsch, and the Hon. Auditor, Mr. Leslie Minchin.

At the beginning of the meeting members stood for a minute in silence, as a tribute to our late President, Dr. Percy Scholes.

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

Dr. Bergmann reported that the Sub. Committee dealing with the "Recorder in Education" meeting had met, and Mr. Remondson had



suggested holding the meeting in the Spring; the matter was in hand.

# Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave his report, as appended.

# Financial Report

The Hon. Treasurer said that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Hon. Auditor last year, he had transferred about half the balance on the Bank account into a higher interest-bearing account in the Trustee Savings Bank. As regards the accounts which Mr. Minchin had audited, the deficit on the central fund this year is £21, as compared with £46 last year, but the account for the fourth issue of the Recorder News did not come in until after the books were closed. As this was £27 the shortage this year was really about the same as last year.

Total expenditure was £450, receipts £429. Subscriptions amounted to £385, against £352, which does reflect a higher membership. Repales to Branches were therefore slightly higher at £163 against £151. Apart from that the level of expenditure varies very little from year to year. The cash in hand, in the Balance Sheet of the central fund, shows a drop from £219 to



£173. We are not near bankruptcy yet, of course, but for the last two or three years cash in hand has been dropping. Cash in hand in the Branch accounts varies very much, and all except two made a surplus on the year's working.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was PROPOSED BY Mr. Clarke

SECONDED BY Miss Diver  
and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dolmetsch took the opportunity to say that in his Report the Chairman had thanked members of the Committee for their work during the year, and he would now like, on behalf of all members, to thank Mr. Hunt for all the work he had done as Chairman of the Society. This was warmly supported.

President

Dr. Bergmann reported that various names had been suggested as President of the Society in succession to the late Dr. Percy Scholes, but the Committee had been unanimous in agreeing that Benjamin Bitten should be approached, and he, Dr. Bergmann, had undertaken to write to him. He was happy to say that Dr. Bitten had agreed that his name should be put forward, and it was therefore:



PROPOSED BY Dr. Bergmann

SECONDED BY Miss Howard

and carried unanimously,

"THAT Dr. Benjamin Butten be appointed President of the Society of Recorder Players, in succession to the late Dr. Percy Scholer."

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Benjamin Butten and Officially invite him to be our President.

Election of  
Officers &  
Committee

The Hon. Secretary reported that she had received no other nominations for Officers of the Society, and it was

PROPOSED BY Miss Cox

SECONDED BY Miss Ward

and carried unanimously,

"THAT the following Officers should  
Ses serve for the year 1958-1959:

Chairman: Mr. Edgar Hunt

Musical Directors: Dr. Walter Bergmann

Miss Freda Linn

Mr. Carl Holmetsch

Hon. Secretary: Miss J. I. Tadmor

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. James

Hon. Membership  
Secretary: Mr. V. L. Gray



There were eight nominations for the seven places on the <sup>Executive</sup> Committee, and after a ballot the following were elected:

Mrs. Carl Dolmetsch

Miss Nathalie Dolmetsch

Miss W. Sanders

Mr. E. W. Clarke

Mr. H. Henson

Mr. C. Kenworthy

Mr. T. Wyatt

Amendments  
to Rules.

The amendments to the rules of the Society were put to the meeting and their adoption was  
PROPOSED BY Miss Lewin  
SECONDED BY Miss Dolmetsch  
and carried unanimously.

Report of  
Delegate  
to Standing  
Conference of  
Music Committees

Miss Lewin reported that she had been to the Annual Conference of the Standing Conference of Music Committees. She had had the opportunity this year of explaining briefly what was the work and purpose of the S.R.P. She said that she had been to the Conference last year, and gathered from that Conference that it was likely to be very similar this year, many representatives of Committees assembled to discuss with each



other what good work has been done and what bad work is being done, and they had invited representatives of many Societies who have become affiliated to speak on the work of their particular Society. She was annoyed to see in the printed report that it was by no means an accurate account of what she had said. She had explained the set-up of the Society, its aims and objects, the work of the Musical Director and of the Beauches, what had been done by the Junior Section and the reasons for its cessation. Those who were there were very alive to the situation, and many questions were asked and extreme interest shown that the S.R.P. was such a flourishing concern. Everyone was intensely interested in raising the standard of recorder playing. She was glad that people from all over the County had heard about the S.R.P. at the Conference. The title of the Conference, and the inclusion of the word "amateur" had been discussed.

As this was our 21st birthday year, Mr. Max Champion, who, with his wife, had



been one of the original members of the Society, had been specially invited to be present, and he gave a short reminiscence of the beginnings of the Society of Recorder Players.

Edgar H. Hunt

26 March 1960

Chairman's Report for the Year 1957-1958.

"In reporting on the past year there is not a great deal to say, that is different from other years. No new Branches have been started, though there have been one or two feelers in various quarters, notably Chester and Northampton. The Annual Concert in 1959 will be held in Edinburgh, where there is a thriving Branch, and this was arranged with the idea in mind of spreading interest in recorder playing in Scotland.

"The Committee had several times discussed, particularly during the past year, the question of raising the Subscription and felt that it had now come to the point when this must be done, but this matter would be further discussed at the next Branch Delegates' Conference.

"A great deal of work was done regarding



amendments to the Rules of the Society by a small Sub-committee, who had reported back to the Executive Committee, and after the question of subscriptions has been settled the rules would be ready for reprinting.

"The Summer School in 1958 was again a great success, with a larger attendance than ever before.

"In conclusion, I do want to thank my colleagues for working as such an excellent team, and when we do get ~~together~~ together we do get the work done."



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# MINUTES OF THE BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE

held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place,  
London, W.C.1., on Sunday, 15th February, 1959,  
at 10.30 a.m.

Present:	Chairman:	Mr. Hunt
	Musical	Dr. Bergmann
	Directors:	Miss Jones
	Executive	Mrs. Jolmetsch
	Committee:	Mr. Clarke
		Mr. Henson
		Mr. Kenworthy
	Membership Sec.:	Mr. Gray
	Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. James
	Hon. Secretary:	Miss Tadmor
	Branch	Miss Hunt, Bristol
	Representatives:	Mr. Whittall } Cambridge
		Mr. Kofford }
		Mr. Cuspin, Devon
		Brigadier Rodwell, Dorset
		Miss Whitty, Edinburgh
		Miss Murray, London
		Miss Wandle, Manchester
		Mrs. Taylor, Merseyside
		Mr. Cooper, Midlands
		Miss Ledger, Newcastle



## Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from  
Mr. Lohmetsch, Miss Nathalie Lohmetsch,  
Miss Sanders, Mr. Wyatt

## Minutes

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

Branch  
Reports

The Branches gave satisfactory reports  
of their work. Apart from the more usual  
activities a Devon Consort had played in the  
Musicians' Gallery at Exeter Cathedral at the  
Epiphany Service; four members of the  
Manchester Branch were due to take part in  
the Handel Bi-Centenary in Manchester  
Cathedral in April; the Edinburgh Branch  
had played to the Music Club of the  
Royal Blind School and also at a Carol  
Concert in the Baker Hall at Christmas.  
Dorset reported that they were a small Branch  
with an average age of about sixty and few  
younger members. Their attendance at  
their meetings, of which they held four or five  
a year, was about 18-20. Midlands,  
Cambridge, Merseyside and Bristol Branches  
reported an increased membership.  
Newcastle held fortnightly meetings, after  
Easter these would be in the Music Department



of King's College. London reported that they held their own concert, given by members to members and friends. This year the Musical Director had invited groups or classes to play; this gave a definite aim to the work and the performances were of a very high standard.

Dr. Bergmann said that the Annual Concert was sponsored by the Society, mainly as an effort to convert people to recorder playing. This was not now necessary in London - either it should be at the Wigmore Hall or not at all. Otherwise it was an expense for the Society. The London Branch Concert was a good standard, and less risky financially. There was really first-rate playing of some of the items; attendance was good - about 180 people. This serves the purpose and means the Society can spend the money for propaganda and the Concerts can go somewhere where there is not a Branch. Much as we like the Society's Concert in London we can do without it in the interests of the Society.

Finance

Mr. James said that four of the Branches reported that they charge their members a small



amount when they attend meetings. This should be entirely voluntary, because under the rules of the Society, members may attend meetings without charge.

### Membership

Dr. Bergmann said he had been very interested in the Branch reports. He had noticed the small numbers in some of the big towns and it would seem that the problems of distance and communications were very great, also how to arrange the meetings as regards beginners and advanced players.

Brigadier Rodwell queried whether the County branch was really satisfactory; he thought it was essential for a branch to have some well-known large town or good centre.

Dr. Bergmann said that a Branch could be an inspiration for players to form groups of their own, and the County branch could meet four or five times a year. Also there was the problem of the generations - what to do with teenagers leaving school.

### Subscriptions

The Chairman asked for the delegates' views on the Executive Committee's proposal to raise the Branch subscription to 15/-, or, alternatively, should London have a different rate of subscription.



The Branches' views on raising the subscription were as follows: -

Merseyside: in favour basically, but pointed out that the London Branch did have advantages not enjoyed by other Branches and yet pay the same subscription.

Devon: suggested money might be saved by reduced rebate; reduction of postage by sending Recorder News in bulk to Branches; abolishing membership cards.

It was stated in reply, that a reduced rebate would be too hard on most Branches; that the distribution of the Recorder News was under discussion and would come up later in the meeting; that subscriptions must be acknowledged in some way.

The Devon vote on the whole was against raising subscriptions; they feared loss of members; and suggested 12/6d. instead of 15/-

Dorset: accepted raising of subscription as a regrettable necessity.

Manchester: agreed with reluctance.

Bristol: felt that if subscriptions were raised visitors' fees ought to be higher than 1/-.



Newcastle & London: in favour of increase  
Cambridge and Midlands: most members would  
prefer 15/- subscription to the present 10/- plus  
a branch levy.

Edinburgh: not against the proposal but  
could not tell whether they could manage  
meetings as at present without members'  
contributions of sixpence a head at each  
meeting - at any rate until they knew  
about rebates.

The Hon. Treasurer said that the Committee  
had not yet considered the new scale of rebates.  
He also stated that an increase of 5/- in the  
Branch subscription would amount to £160  
a year. On the face of it we could afford to  
return half of that to Branches, leaving  
£80 to the central fund which would balance  
the accounts. Also 1/- per member would  
have to be added if Branches in future  
distributed the Recorder News.

Mr. James said that he had worked out  
the following figures, which he thought would  
be of interest:-

On a Branch of 30 members, subscriptions  
amount to £15 and the rebate £10-5/-



On a Branch of 50 members, subscriptions amount to £25 and the rebate £15.5/- London Branch last year had 300 members, subscriptions amounted to £150 and the rebate to £77.5/- . This meant that in the first case 3/2d. a member, in the second 3/10d. a member, and in London 4/10d. a member was left in the central fund. Mr. Kenworthy had worked out roughly, that the cost of printing, postage, Reviewer News, Branch Delegates Conference, amounted on an average to 6/- or 7/- a member. Mr. James said that therefore London and the non-branch members were subsidising the smaller branches, and as the working of the Society had shown a loss for the last three years it was obvious that more money must go into the central fund.

On a vote taken from Branch delegates, nine were in favour of raising the subscription to 15/- and one against as, owing to favourable circumstances, they were able to manage comfortably on the present subscription and rebate.

It was pointed out that the increase of subscription would affect Branch members



joining the Society after the 1st May, 1959, paying the subscription for 1959-1960.

Recorder  
News.

Bulk distribution of the Recorder News was discussed. The Editor proposed a scheme of sending to Branch Secretaries sufficient copies for their Branch members. Naturally Branch expenses would then be taken into account when rebates were fixed. The Branch Secretaries did not offer any objections and it was left to the Executive Committee to make the final arrangements in due course.

Annual  
Concerts

Dr. Bergmann said that if the Concerts were to be primarily for publicity, then it was not necessary to hold one in London, and it would be better to have a provincial centre next year as well as in 1961, and that this matter would be discussed in Committee. The Merseyside Branch repeated the invitation for the concert to be held there in 1961.

Date of next  
Meeting

The date for the next Branch Delegates Conference was provisionally fixed for the 17th January, 1960.

Visitors' charges

Branches varied in their charges to visitors



from 1/- to 2/6d., one Branch changing 2/- to players and 1/- to non-players, another 1/- for ordinary meetings and 2/- for special meetings, other Branches said they so rarely had visitors they had not made any change. All agreed that members of other Branches would not be charged when visiting any Branch meeting.

The Chairman said that in one issue of the News he thought it would be interesting if besides giving names of Branch Secretaries the other Officers of the Branches were added.

Visits of  
Musical  
Directors

The visits of Musical Directors to Branches were reported as follows:—

Hertfordshire:	in the autumn
Devon:	Mr. Hunt, in the autumn
Forset:	left open for the moment
Manchester:	to be discussed
Midlands:	Mr. Holmetsch in March
Cambridge:	Mr. Bergmann in May
Bristol:	Mr. Bergmann in April
Edinburgh:	left open until after the concert
Newcastle:	Mr. Hunt after Easter.

S.R.P. badge

Mr. Whittall said that at some time he had raised the question of a badge for members



Of The Society and was not sure whether there had been any decision on the matter. The Chairman asked the meeting if they had views about this, and it was resolved to negative the proposal.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12.55 p.m.

Edgar Hunt  
17 Jan 1960



MINUTES OF THE  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
held at the Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, London. W.1.  
on Saturday. 18th April 1959, at 4.30 p.m.

The Meeting was called to approve a  
special recommendation from the Executive Committee,  
and it was

PROPOSED BY Mr. Clarke

SECONDED BY Mr. Wheatley

and carried nem. con.

THAT Branch subscriptions be raised  
to 15/- a year from October 1959, the  
increase being tied to a complete  
revision of the scale of rebates to  
Branches; the non-branch membership  
subscription to remain at 7/6<sup>2</sup>.

Edgar H. Hunt

26 March 1960



MINUTES OF THE  
BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE  
held at the Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place,  
London. W.C.1., on Sunday, 17th January, 1960  
at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Chairman.	Mr. Hunt
Musical	Dr. Bergmann
Director:	Miss Linn
Executive Committee:	Mrs. Tolmetsch Miss Sanders Mr. Clarke Mr. Kenworthy Mr. Wyatt
Membership Secretary:	Mr. Gray
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. James
Hon. Secretary:	Miss Tadman
Branch	Miss Hunt, Bristol
Representatives:	Mr. Whittall, Cambridge Mr. Cressin, Devon Mrs. Lauby, Dorset Miss Whithy, Edinburgh Miss Murray, London Mr. Ambler, Manchester Mr. Fishwick, Merseyside Miss Barrow, Midlands Mr. Woodie, Newcastle Dr. Cole, Northampton



Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Carl Jolmetsch, Miss Nathalie Jolmetsch, Mr. H. Herson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Branch Delegates Conference, having been circulated, were taken as read.

Matters arising

There were no matters for discussion which were not covered in the Agenda for the present meeting.

Branch reports

Branches gave satisfactory reports of meetings, but all felt that they would like to increase membership. A suggestion was put forward that Branches might lend or sell music to each other, but this was not followed up at the time.

The Chairman commented on membership, saying that it was a question of how to recruit, how to build up for future membership - in general how to encourage more players. As a general rule we have not wanted to make an S.R.P. branch into an educational class, and if the Society is to go forward we shall have to rely on members who have sufficient public spirit to do a certain amount of missionary work wherever they can. As regards



juniors attending Branch meetings, it was agreed that Branches must make their own arrangements according to what is needed locally.

## Recorder News

Mr. Kenworthy said that after due consideration the idea of distributing the Recorder News in bulk through Branch Secretaries had been dropped. He had now made arrangements for the firm who does the envelopes to mail the News as well. In this way it was ensured that all members received the News at the same time, and it did seem the most satisfactory arrangement.

## Teachers Test

It was noted that candidates for the Teachers Test were few in number compared with the amount of recorder teaching that was done. It was suggested that one reason might be that the test was only held at Roehampton during the Summer School, and although it was not necessary for candidates to attend the School there might be some misunderstanding about this, and obviously, it was not always possible for candidates to be in London on that particular day. If there were sufficient requests it might be possible to arrange the Test in



other places at other times.

Miss Sanders said that although there is a great deal of recorder teaching going on in schools, very often this was good but quite often it was appalling, bad, and she knew of Music Directors who gave no help to recorder work because they thought so poorly of it. The Teachers Test would help enormously in such cases, and recorder players should encourage teachers to obtain a recognised qualification.

Annual  
concert

It was confirmed that the Annual concert would be held in Liverpool in 1961, and that the Branch would make arrangements about the Hall, etc. It was considered that a concert might be held in London perhaps in 1962, but a rather different type from those previously given. The Devon

Edgworth

Branch <sup>were asked if they would be prepared to have</sup> President Mr. Bartlett, <sup>write saying</sup> ~~the Annual concert in 1963.~~ ~~that the Branch would be very pleased for the~~ Annual concert to take place in Exeter, and 1963 was proposed.

It was further suggested that an extra concert might be given in an area where there is no Branch but where there are



a number of members, such as Leeds, and it was agreed to go further into this matter.

Date of  
next B.C.

Sunday, 22nd January 1961, was agreed for the next Branch delegate Conference unless any unforeseen circumstances arose in the meantime.

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

Edgar H. Hunt  
22 January 1961



MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held at the Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place,  
London, W.C.1., on Saturday, 26th March, 1960,  
at 2.30 pm.

- Present:** The Chairman, Mr. Edgar Hunt, was in the Chair, supported by Fr. Bergmann, Musical Director, supported by ten other Officers and members of the Executive Committee; twenty-two members of the Society were present.
- Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Miss Linn, Mr. Carl Holmstedt, Musical Director; Mr. Winchur, Hon. Auditor.
- Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed, and signed as correct.
- Chairman's Report:** The Chairman gave his Report, as appended.
- Financial Report:** The Hon. Treasurer said that as the Annual General Meeting was now held later the accounts have been in the Recorder News and members will have had an opportunity of seeing them, so that he did not propose to go into them in detail. The result of the year's working was a surplus



of income over expenditure of about £10, but that was not as good as it looked, as, owing to the printing strike, there had only been three issues of the Recorder News, one of them being of increased size. He pointed out that there had been an increase in income from advertisements.

All members present warmly supported Miss Howard, who said that she would like to thank the Editor of the Recorder News very much for all he did, and Mr. James added that in addition to being a good Editor he was also a good Advertisement Manager.

The Adoption of the Report and Accounts was PROPOSED BY Mr. Henson, SECONDED BY Mrs. Williams, and carried nem. con.

Election of  
Officers and  
Committee

The Chairman said he would like to thank the retiring members of the Committee, Miss Nathalie Dolmetzsch, for all her help as a member of the Executive Committee and regretted that increasing commitments in other directions made her feel that she must tender her resignation.

Only one nomination had been received, that of Miss Unwin. So that the remaining Officers



and Committee members were re-elected to serve a further year, ~~the Officers and Committee being~~

It was therefore PROPOSED By Miss Dolmetsch, SECONDED By Miss Hudson, and carried unanimously, that the following members constitute the Officers and Committee of the Society:

Chairman:	Mr. Edgar Hunt
Musical Directors:	Dr. Walter Bergmann
	Miss Freda Linn
	Mr. Carl Dolmetsch
Hon. Secretary:	Miss J. I. Tadmor
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. R. James
Membership Secretary:	Mr. V. L. Gray
	Ms. Marie Dolmetsch
	Miss W. Sanders
	Miss E. Unwin
	Mr. E. W. Clarke
	Mr. H. Kerson
	Mr. C. Kenworthy
	Mr. T. Wyatt

The Chairman said he would like to take this opportunity of thanking all his colleagues, on behalf of the Society, for their arduous work during the past year.

It was PROPOSED By Dr. Bergmann,

Election of  
Hon. Auditor



SECONDED BY Miss Howard, and carried unanimously, that Mr. Leslie Minchin be re-elected Honorary Auditor of the Society, for the ensuing year.

Following the business of the Meeting there was a discussion on the need to increase membership, to recruit for the Teacher's Test, and the possibility of gaining recognition by the Royal Schools of Music. No firm conclusions were reached, but the Chairman said that the SRP. was a recorder club, and members met for their enjoyment in playing music; <sup>this</sup> ~~it~~ was our aim, rather than considerations of financial gain, but we did try to raise the standard of playing and teaching generally, and this had established our Summer School and our own Teacher's Test.

Edgar H. Hunt  
11. March 61



## Chairman's Report for the Year 1958-1959

With the change from the Autumn to the following spring for our Annual General Meeting, I find it difficult to give you a report of the year's activities without spreading beyond the exact limits of the year in question, which runs from September 1958 to September 1959.

Much of the Society's work now follows a pattern which is well known to all members; so the exceptions to that pattern are noteworthy. The year on which I am reporting saw the decisions to raise the subscription and to change the time of year of the A.G.M. But the event which stands out in my memory was the Annual Concert which was given in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.

It was ambitious of us to transport the Society's Musical Directors so far and to hope to organise such an event at such a distance. But what with undertakings for rehearsals and the generous co-operation of the Edinburgh Branch's President, Dr. Hans



Gal, who provided his orchestra and composed an Inliada for the occasion, the arrangements were a success and full marks must go to Miss Whithy and her Committee. Edinburgh was our youngest Branch, and such an event speaks volumes for its team spirit. Members came from as far away as Oban and Dundee, and it was nice to see representatives from the Newcastle Branch to help out in the ensembles.

It is early yet to say how the raising of the annual subscription is working and what will be its final effect on the fortunes of our Society.

I have had a chance to see the workings of some of the Branches and the report is on the whole satisfactory. We have learnt much at our Conference of Delegates from the Branches, and I cannot wait until the next A.G.M. to welcome two new Branches, in Northampton and Aberdeen respectively. The growth of these new Branches places a greater strain on the Society's economy, so I am advising closer liaison in the fixing of visits from



the Society's Officers. Dr. Bergmann is starting by combining visits to the Aberdeen and Edinburgh Branches with a meeting in Glasgow. We must preserve a balance between our own balance sheet and that of British Railways.

I went last ~~August~~<sup>Autumn</sup> to the Conference of the Federation of Music Festivals to see what was happening there, and of course I came up against the mouth organ and piano accordion people. I was glad I was there to put in my spoke for recorders on that occasion. The real upshot is that we must raise our standards of recorder playing, and through our Teachers' Test we have an opportunity to help in raising our standards.

These are the main thoughts which have been passing through my mind in reviewing the past year, and I will end my report there.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Society of Recorder Players

held at the Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C.1.  
on Saturday, 11th March, 1961, at 2 p.m.

- Present** The Chairman took the Chair and was supported by the Musical Directors and members of the Committee; in addition eight members of the Society were present.
- Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Hersom.
- Minutes** The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed as correct.
- Chairman's Report** The Chairman gave his Report as attached.
- Financial Report** The Honorary Treasurer in his Report said that the Accounts presented were the first accounts reflecting the effect of the increased Branch subscriptions from 10/- to 15/-; in consequence receipts are considerably up when compared with previous years; nevertheless expenditure is also up to practically the same extent; the balance, however, is on the right side, as during the year a special donation of £20 was received from the Summer School; but for that we should have seen that we were not quite paying our way. Nevertheless, we still have quite a handsome balance in hand and there is nothing to worry about at the present time, but we are running very close to the wind each year, as receipts have already exceeded expenditure by about £30 for the year 1960-61.
- The finances of the Branches, on the whole, are in quite a healthy state. Of the twelve Branches, half showed a profit, and the other six spent rather more than they had received during the year.



## Annual Concert

This year we are giving our annual Concert in Liverpool, and also we have undertaken to give a concert for Propoganda purposes in Leeds, as there is a large potential membership in Yorkshire.

## Branch Delegates' Conference

The question of the cost of the Branch Delegates' Conference was mentioned. It is felt that it is a necessary occasion, when there is a chance of meeting representatives from the Branches which are an important section of the Society, and it should therefore be continued; at the same time steps are being taken to reduce the cost to the Society. In the past the central funds paid the travelling expenses of each delegate in excess of £1, and railway fares are going up; after the meeting we entertain the delegates to lunch; this was felt to be a reasonable expenditure, but in future the people near home will not expect to be fed at the Society's expense, so we are taking very definite steps to try to reduce expenditure on this meeting, which is perhaps a little bit out of proportion to other expenses of the Society.

After a reference to the need for increasing membership the question arose as to whether the 15/- subscription was really adequate. It was agreed that the subscription could not be raised immediately, but that it was certainly low, and the figure of one guinea was suggested as a more realistic one.

The Chairman queried whether the meeting should propose raising the subscription to one guinea, commenting that some people who looked at the Balance Sheet might say that we had the sum of £300 in hand, and therefore subscription should not be raised. However, it is not possible to continue to run the Society at a loss indefinitely, and it seems inevitable that the subscription will indeed have to be raised before long. We propose to test the feeling of the Branches about this at the next Branch Delegates' Conference.



It was suggested that there should be some form of article soon in the Recorder News giving the exact figure of the cost of a Branch member, which is actually 16/- rather than 15/-. A statement of that kind which reduced to such a personal thing as to how much I, as a Branch member, am costing the Society, would get the Members used to the idea of a further rise in subscription. Probably the Members have no idea of breaking the figures down like this, and are perfectly content with the way the Society is run, which is why they are not here this afternoon!

It was also suggested that it might be pointed out that there are two possible alternatives: (1) that everyone brings in new members; or, (2) alternatively subscriptions will have to go up.

Following these suggestions the query was raised as to whether the rebates now offered are the most realistic in the light of our income.

After some further discussion it was proposed by Miss Unwin and seconded by Miss Sanders that the Report and Accounts be adopted nem. con. This proposal was accompanied with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. James for his work as Honorary Treasurer.

#### Election of Officers

In the absence of any other nominations it was proposed by Mrs. Rich and seconded by Miss Warner and carried unanimously, that the present Officers and Committee, with the exception of the Honorary Secretary, be re-elected to serve for a further year.

#### Election of Secretary

Miss Tadman's resignation as Honorary Secretary, owing to her move to Dorset, was received with regret and on a proposal from the Chair Miss Joan Davis was elected in her place.

Miss Sanders wished to record a vote of thanks to Miss Tadman from the members of the Society for the work she had done during the past eight years.



Appointment of  
Honorary Auditor

It was proposed from the Chair that Mr. Minchin be appointed Honorary Auditor for a further year, and that a vote of thanks be accorded him for his past services to the Society.

Appointment of  
Vice-President

The Chairman reported that the President of the American Recorder Society had visited our Summer School at Roehampton and he had taken the liberty of inviting him to become a Vice President of our Society.

He asked for sanction for this appointment, which was proposed by Dr. Bergmann, seconded by Mr. Kenworthy and carried with acclamation.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3.40 p.m.

*Edgar M. Hind*

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
for the year 1960

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We have been working as a Society and having our Committee meetings, which in this year have been rather fewer than usual; there was a particularly long gap between the one in the summer and the one we have just recently had.

A sub-committee has been formed to go into the question of the Teachers' Test but no final conclusions have yet been reached; the question of the Teachers' Test also came up at the last Committee meeting, and the possibility of any liaison with the various Schools of Music and of their recognition of this Society was touched upon, but still needs discussion, as also does the matter of publicity.

The most important question, I think, is the financial position of the Society. One or two things are very forcibly in our minds, such as the cost of running a large number of Branches, which is proving rather a strain; but what I would like to do at this juncture is to welcome a new branch at Glasgow. We are very pleased to have another Branch in Scotland.

Of the Summer Schools, last year's was one of the most successful; this year's (1961) is a little smaller owing to the difficulties of accommodation. Up and down the country Training Colleges are in process of enlarging, to offer a three-year course, so very little accommodation is available this year. The extra beds at Digby Stuart helped a lot but we cannot have these this year, so we are having to reduce the Summer School in its membership, with the idea that we shall be able to expand again when Roehampton can offer us more accommodation next year, when their building programme is completed. These are the main things we have been considering during the year.



MINUTES OF THE BRANCH DELEGATES' CONFERENCE

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of the SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS held at the Ambassadors Hotel,  
Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1. on Sunday, 21st January, 1962  
at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair.

Dr. Dolmetsch

Dr. Bergmann

Miss Unwin

Mr. Kenworthy

Mr. Gray

Miss Dinn

Mrs. M. Dolmetsch

Miss Sanders

Mr. James

Mr. Wyatt

Mr. Hersom

Miss Davis

Mrs. Rich in attendance

Miss Murray, London

Mr. Whittall, Cambridge

Mr. Howorth, Manchester

Miss Barany, Midlands

Dr. Coles, Northampton

MR. CRISPIN, DEVON

Miss Hunt, Bristol

Mr. Horwich, Merseyside

Mr. Thorne, Edinburgh

Miss Appleby, Newcastle

Miss Tadman, Dorset

Apologies of absence from Mr. Clarke, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and West Riding Branches.

The Chairman welcomed the delegates to the conference.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous B.D.C. having been circulated were taken as read and signed.

Matters Arising. Miss Unwin reported that the children's meetings in London were to continue for a further year, when the position would be reviewed.

Branch Reports. Reports from branches were as follows:-

Birmingham. About 50 members, 15 junior. The permanent conductor had resigned after six years and the branch was faced with finding someone else. Meetings have been very successful, each one being taken by a different conductor, not necessarily a recorder player. Some public performances had been given. Miss Sanders and Dr. Dolmetsch would be visiting the branch this year.

Northampton. 31 members. It had been a good year and some local concerts had been given. Training sessions are held at each meeting, with short periods of combined playing at the end.

Devon. 32 full members, 8 students, the number of student members having increased. The branch usually loses 5 or 6 members a year and gains a like number. It is building a library of music.



Bristol. Membership had dropped from 40 to 30 when the subscription was last increased. There were now 31 paid-up members for this year. There had been an increase of full members to 25 and a decrease of student members to 6. Meetings were held monthly on Saturdays and, at the request of members, Friday evening meetings had also been held. Accommodation was provided at the University without charge. Miss Dinn would be visiting the branch in February. A youth recorder group in Bristol, run by the City Authorities, fills the needs of students from primary schools. Finances just 'tick over' although they are building up a library of music on the profit made one year.

Newcastle. 30 full members, 1 student member, a slight reduction on last year. Fortnightly meetings are held during autumn, winter and spring. Accommodation is free. Public performances are given. Mrs. McMullen visited the branch last year and is to be asked to come again this. There is a great deal of recorder playing in the area, i.e., Women's Institute meetings and classes. Durham University runs week-end courses. This adversely affects membership of the Society. The branch is in a financially happy position, having a surplus of over £20. Music and a bass recorder have been purchased.

Edinburgh. Approximately 42 members and 2 students. Evening classes provide new members, though some were lost when Glasgow branch opened. Weekly meetings are held; average attendance 20/25. Very successful concerts have been given. Nine members of the branch attended the Roehampton Summer School. Some members would be taking part in the Edinburgh Festival Wakefield Mystery play.

Merseyside. 41 members, a slight increase over last year. Recorder playing is flourishing both inside and outside the Society. Mrs. Lily Taylor holds teaching classes, and the standard of playing in schools has been improving during the last year or two. A small consort of branch members has played in music societies and clubs. As free accommodation was unobtainable for good friends from London who came to play at the Annual Concert, a small financial loss of under £10 resulted. This was offset, however, by the increased interest of the general public resulting therefrom.



Manchester. Has a balance in hand of £11.15. 0. For the sake of economy, a six-monthly programme of music is sent to members. Eleven monthly meetings have been held on Friday evenings. There have been two one-day schools.

London. 253 paid-up members. A branch concert had taken place in April; a special concert had been given in July at Grove House, Roehampton in aid of the building fund. As a result, £33 had been donated to the Froebel Institute. Some members of the Society had participated in performance of "Noyes Fludde" and would be playing again in February when this work is repeated. Junior meetings organised by the branch had attracted about one hundred different children throughout the year with an average attendance of 30/40. The branch experiences great financial difficulties mainly because the two rooms required for meetings cost £10 for a Saturday afternoon. At the recent A.G.M. it had been more or less unanimously agreed that subscriptions should be increased to at least one guinea. The branch needed a rebate of 12/6d per member if it was to function successfully.

Cambridge. Still a small branch with only 24 members, of whom 14 were student members. Both the Chairman and Treasurer were 5/- student members. Eight meetings a term are held, average attendance 10 - 15; expenses are £12 a year. Mr. Hunt visited the branch in February, 1961; Dr. Bergmann would be conducting a meeting in March. During the first four years free accommodation for meetings had been provided and, with no major expenses, it had been possible to acquire a library of music. During the last two years, however, 10/- per meeting had had to be paid for accommodation. The present scale of rebate meant that only £6. 5. 0. was available to meet expenses and the branch had had to rely on donations from members for its existence. It could not continue at the present rate and it was proposed to cut down the number of meetings. None would be held during the summer term.



Dorset. 25 members. Six meetings were held in the year.

Chairman's  
Report on  
Branches

The Chairman's report was discussed.

Financial problems of the branches, and of members, were then discussed, Miss Unwin saying retired members often found it expensive to buy music for the meetings. Miss Sanders wondered whether there should be special fees for old people. Mr. Gray asked whether life membership might be introduced. Miss Dinn felt there would be consternation in the branches if subscriptions were raised. Dr. Bergmann felt much depended on how we put it to members. There might even be a special contribution in exceptional cases. Eventually it was

PROPOSED by Dr. Coles

SECONDED by Miss Murray

THAT this body supports the idea of raising subscriptions to £1. 1. 0. and 10/6d to students, with the proviso just made.

The proposal was carried, three voting against. The Chairman asked delegates to explain to their branches the reasons for the decision to increase subscriptions.

It was felt that if group visits could be arranged when the Musical Directors were to conduct branch meetings, some saving in fares could be achieved. The Secretary should be asked to arrange group tours.

There was some discussion concerning distribution of the Recorder News to Presidents, Vice-Presidents and others. Music Organisers should receive free copies. It was essential that Office Aids should have the names of everyone who ought to receive the News. Branches, including those not present at the meeting, should send to Mr. Kenworthy the names of everyone to whom they would like free copies of the News to be sent.

1963 Concert. The 1963 concert is to be held in Devon.

Next B.D.C. The next Delegates' Conference will take place on 20th January, 1963.

Subscriptions. Mr. Gray advised the Meeting that subscriptions for October must be paid by January 1st. It was agreed, however, that as Glasgow Branch had been inaugurated in March, members' subscriptions could be paid in March, 1963, instead of in January.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 1 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society of Recorder Players held at Waldegrave Hall, 23, Duke Street, London, W. 1. on Saturday, March 17th, 1962, at 4.30 p.m.

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Present: The Chairman took the Chair, and was supported by the Musical Directors and members of the Committee. About 100 members of the Society were present.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from:  
Dr. Dolmetsch, Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, Miss F. Dinn and Mr. E. Clarke.

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

Chairman's Report. The Chairman in his report said that the year had not been a particularly busy one from the Committee's point of view, but that uppermost had been the question of subscriptions. It was also hoped to get more teachers to qualify to teach the recorder. The success of the Summer School was reported on despite the shortage of accommodation. A very successful Conference was held in London in January for propaganda purposes; this was well attended by about 200 teachers.

Financial Report

The Hon. Treasurer said that the year ending 30th September, 1961, had broken several records. Expenditure was the highest ever at £702; receipts £633; the deficit of £69 was also the largest ever. The losses were largely sustained on the Leeds & Liverpool concerts. Though both were well attended, expenses had exceeded income. Subscriptions last year were £557 against £554 in 1961 and income from this source has been going up steadily. Average expenditure per branch member is over 16/-. As regards country members (where the subscription is 7/6d) their share of the expenditure is less than 7/-. A little profit is made on country



members but we make a steady loss on every branch member that we recruit. Apart from London and one or two others, branches are financially sound, with cash balances going up every year. Some branches are very fortunate in getting accommodation for meetings at no cost, or at very little. Premises in London are very expensive. The cash balance in the central funds dropped by £76 during the year ending 30th September, 1961, but we still had about £300 in hand.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was

PROPOSED by Dr. Walter Bergmann

SECONDED by Mr. V.C. Clark

and carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary for their excellent work during the last year.

#### Election of Officers and Committee.

The retiring Musical Director, Dr. Dolmetsch, was re-elected. The Chairman and the other officers of the Society were also re-elected, no other nominations having been received. The following will, therefore, serve for the year 1962/63:

Chairman	Mr. Edgar Hunt.
Musical Directors:	Miss Freda Dinn
	Dr. Carl Dolmetsch
	Dr. Walter Bergmann
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. R. James
Hon. Secretary	Miss Joan Davis
Hon. Membership Secretary	Mr. V. L. Gray

There were eight nominations for the seven places on the Executive Committee and, after a ballot, the following were elected:



Mrs. M. Dolmetsch  
Miss E. Unwin,  
Miss W. Sanders  
Miss E. Downer  
Mr. H. Hersom  
Mr. C. Kenworthy  
Mr. T. Wyatt

Appointment of  
Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Leslie Minchin was not present at the meeting but was re-appointed subject to his own consent. Mr. James thought Mr. Minchin would be willing to serve again and expressed the appreciation of the Society for his services.

Increase in  
Subscriptions.

The Chairman said this matter had been discussed at the Branch Delegates' Conference and that some branches were not in favour of any increase. He reiterated Mr. James' statements about the cost to the Society of each individual member, and said it was desirable to have a workable subscription so that it would not be necessary to have to ask for more in the near future.

After a short discussion it was

PROPOSED by Dr. R. Coles

SECONDED by Miss V. Howard

THAT Branch subscriptions be raised to one guinea a year and Students' subscriptions be raised to 10/6 a year from October 1962; this increase being tied to a revision of the scale of rebates to Branches, Non-branch membership to remain at 7/6d.

This was unanimously agreed.



Amendments to  
Rules.

It was proposed to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Society accordingly, i.e. to substitute in Rule 4 the words "Twenty one shillings" for the words "Fifteen Shillings" immediately following the words "for a member attached to a Branch of the Society"; and the words "ten shillings and sixpence" for the words "five shillings" immediately following the words "full time students may be admitted to membership of the Society for a subscription of".

This was also unanimously agreed.

Recorder Course  
in France.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a Recorder Course was to be held in France at Easter time and that he was to be one of the tutors ~~of the Course~~.

It was PROPOSED by Mrs. Robinson and  
SECONDED by Miss Murray and unanimously  
agreed that the good wishes of the Society should  
go to the Chairman for the success of the Course.

Carl Dolmetich  
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# MINUTES OF SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS' BRANCH DELEGATES' CONFERENCE, 1963

Held on Saturday, January 19th at 7 p.m. at Trinity College of Music, London, W. 1.  
and on Sunday, January 20th at 10 a.m. at Royal Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair      Dr. Bergmann,      Miss Dinn (Sat. only)  
Miss Unwin      Mr. Kenworthy      Miss Downer  
Mr. Hersom      Mr. Wyatt  
Miss Tadman (by invitation)      Miss Davis (Sunday only)

Miss Hunt, Bristol      Mr. Sells, Cambridge (Sat. only)  
Mr. Crispin, Devon      Miss Whitby, Edinburgh  
Miss Murray, London      Mr. Howarth, Manchester (Sat. only)  
Mrs. Edwards, Merseyside      Mr. Whittall, Midlands  
Miss Appleby, Newcastle      Dr. Coles & Miss Williams, Northampton

Apologies      Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, Mr. Gray, Mr. James, Miss Sanders, Miss Davis (Sat.), Miss Dinn (Sunday), and the following branches: Aberdeen, Dorset, Glasgow, and West Riding.

Minutes      The Minutes of the last Conference, having been circulated, were taken as read, but before signing the following amendments were made: the name of the Devon Branch Delegate had been inadvertently omitted and was now inserted, and the Merseyside Delegate said that the report did not really present the position of the branch and she asked for a re-written one to be substituted.

Matters Arising      Children's Meetings: London Branch reported that it was continuing to arrange these during 1962-63; the situation was much the same as the previous year, though they did attract a few more children, and over 50 were at the Christmas meeting. Miss Dinn enquired about the ages of the children, as she felt that it was unrealistic in these days, when children grew up at an early age, to expect juniors and teenagers to mix, and if there was a majority of juniors then the teenagers would stay away. It did appear from the discussion, that this was the case, and that if there were sufficient numbers two groups would seem to be indicated. Miss Whitby confirmed the



Branch  
Reports

view that juniors and teenagers tended not to mix, and said that a younger group might be started with the hope that an older group would eventually emerge, but in fact this hardly ever happened, and the Edinburgh branch has just decided to have a Youth Night within the branch and to invite young people to play with the grown-ups. Dr. Coles said that the Northampton Branch felt very strongly that something should be done for the younger people, so they had formed two committees, one for teenagers and one for juniors. The teenagers committee thought it would be a good thing for the consort to play with them, but the combined effort got nowhere at all. After due consideration he had evolved a syllabus for three elementary tests - or examinations - and sent this to the County Music Department. They were enthusiastic and asked for 69 circulars for schools. The exam fee is 2/6 a time, and having started with £5 capital they now show a considerable profit. Certificates are given to successful candidates, and when Dr. Coles was asked to present the prizes at various schools he had taken the opportunity to tell the parents about recorder work. He said that these certificates did prove an incentive and something to work for, and added that the recognised Trinity College examination fee was quite beyond the pockets of many people.

Branch reports were then given in the following order: Devon, Northampton, Midland, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Bristol, Merseyside, Newcastle, London, and Manchester. (attached separately)

During discussions following reports, particularly regarding membership, Dr. Bergmann said that he had found with the London branch that the great interest was in playing rather more than in attending concerts or in listening to items performed in Branch meetings, though if Dr. Dolmetsch came that was a different matter. Dr. Coles said that in Scottish Dancing Societies, for example, medals were given for competitive performances, and he thought these were an attraction to many people. He queried whether members would be content with only a journal, and whether they would not want - or be pleased to consider - an examination of some sort. He added



He said that one of their members had offered to give some harmony lessons (at a cost of 1/- a head for expenses) and members were very keen about these. They formed a strong group and did homework; the classes were held for half an hour before the ordinary meetings. Miss Whitby said that in Edinburgh they had decided that the attention of the Education Authorities and Training Colleges should be drawn to the existence of the Teachers' Certificate, and also the Roehampton course and the Trinity College diploma, and wondered whether this could best be done from Headquarters, and in a less localised way, by circularisation, for example. Miss Dinn wondered how much of this method was wasted because ours would be just another circular and sometimes busy people were obliged only to leaf through circulars or just consign them to the wastepaper basket, and so often a circular made no impression at all. A more personal approach was much more likely to be recognised. Dr. Bergmann agreed that personal contact was most important, and he wondered whether it would be possible to arrange a course in the North - in other words, take Roehampton to the North - to give an idea of what we aim at. Miss Whitby said that the recorder does not enjoy the musical background in Scotland that it does in England, and that she knew of a case where a trainee teacher took the recorder work and there was no one qualified in College to take it. Mr. Hunt said that our trouble as a Society is that we are really an amateur Society; although a large number of our members are professional musicians, it is in an amateur capacity that they belong to the S.R.P. Miss Dinn said that the recorder had taken the educationists by storm and therefore the whole thing had got rather out of hand. Interest in the recorder has meant an opportunity for anybody and everybody to enjoy the experience of music, and in order to provide this it has got into the hands of people who are more interested in education than in music and she herself was against those who regarded it as an educational frill. Miss Whitby said the situation was not quite the same in Scotland as they are not under the Ministry of Education. Mr. Hunt said that it was recognised that Training College students were in many cases the recorder teachers of the future, and Miss Dinn suggested a course for Training College lecturers, quite apart from Roehampton, and organised courses for teachers as possibilities for consideration.



New Journal

These reports and discussions were followed by Mr. Kenworthy's statement on the new journal to take the place of the Recorder News, which is given in the Recorder News, No. 38, p.2.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Sunday, 20th January.

With further reference to the forthcoming change in the Recorder News, Mr. Kenworthy said that as the new journal would be larger the postage would be 4d, and the increased annual cost per member, as compared with the present News, would be about 2/6 to 3/-. It had to be remembered that hitherto we had benefited by advertisements, and this source of income would no longer come to the Society but go to the publishers. The Society will pay for the four copies sent to each of its members each year, and there will be no flexibility, as in the past; the journal will come out every three months, starting on 1st May, 1963. The guinea Branch Subscription will cover the cost of the journal and a 12/6 rebate per member to the Branch, so that there will be very little margin for central funds. The Hon. Treasurer had said that this would be all right for the time being, but the long-term effect will not be shown until the accounts of the next year are made up and the position will not really be clear until the end of two or three years. One of the things which may happen is that the circularion of this new journal may have some effect on the membership of the Society. An increase in membership now will not greatly affect our financial position so it is a little difficult to see how things will turn out. At the end of two years we may have to examine what we provide for what we receive.

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So far as the journal itself goes, the agreement provides for one member of the Society's Executive Committee on the Editorial Board. An agreement which would work in the future was aimed at, but at the moment the journal was very strongly under the influence of the Society, as there would be not one member on the Editorial Board but two or three. In a sense the journal will be an instrument of the Society; therefore it is an extension of the Society's activities although it is nothing to do with the Society. Because this is so it is good for us to take part in it. Mr. Kenworthy will be the first Editor of the new journal, but will have nothing to do with the secretarial side of it nor distribution. He emphasises that although the new journal will be published outside the Society it really is in the interests of the Society that it should have as big a circulation as possible, partly because of the news of the Society and partly because of the necessity of circulating outside the Society. Success depends upon its being read, and he would like to have people's views on the journal in due course, what it might cover in the future, what impression it makes, adverse criticisms, suggestions for articles or series of articles. The negotiations about the journal had to be done quickly and secretly as there were others interested in producing a commercial magazine for the recorder; others not necessarily with any connection with the Society of Recorder Players and the collaboration with Schotts was obviously much to our advantage. A magazine in competition with the Recorder News could be nothing but detrimental to the Society.



Annual  
Concerts.

It was stated that the Annual Concert for 1963 would be held at Exeter on the 9th March at St. Luke's College theatre, and that the question of the next concert was discussed. The feeling was that it might be held in Northampton or Leicester, and Dr. Coles promised to make enquiries about halls.

End of Branch  
Delegates'  
Conference.

There was some discussion about the date of the Branch Delegates' Conference, some members preferring a different time of the year owing to the present weather conditions causing several absentees this year. It was agreed that January was the right time to hold the conference in view of the financial year and A.G.M. of the Society, and that the date provisionally fixed for 1964 is 25/26th January.

Purchase  
Tax on  
Records

Miss Whitby said that many people felt that it was time that purchase tax should come off recorders and wondered if the Society could do anything about this. It was agreed that the chances of any success in this direction were so remote that it would not be worth while to pursue the matter.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12.45 p.m.

*Edgant Hunt*

18 January 1964



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF  
RECORDER PLAYERS held on Saturday, 16th March, 1963,  
at Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, London, W. 1. at 4.30 p.m.

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Apologies for absence received from Mr. Hunt, Miss Dinn, Mrs. Dolmetsch & Miss Sander.  
Dr. Bergmann proposed that Dr. Dolmetsch should take the Chair and this was agreed.

Minutes  
of last  
Meeting. The Minutes were read and accepted.

Chairman's  
Report. Mr Hunt's report was read in his absence by Mr Wyatt.  
Dr. Bergmann proposed that the Meeting should thank  
the Chairman for all that he had done for the Society  
in the past year and this was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's  
Report Mr James reported that in the year ending September,  
1962, receipts totalled £692, the highest for any  
year so far,; and expenditure £602. Membership  
exceeded 1,000 for the first time. This partly ac-  
counted for the excess of receipts over expenditure;  
and also the absence of a concert which usually meant  
a financial loss; and the fact that during the year  
the Society had to pay for only three copies of the  
"Recorder News" instead of the usual four copies.

In spite of this surplus the subscription was being  
raised to one guinea.

This would be divided as follows:

12/-	=	4/7ths	to Branches in the form of rebates
6/-	=	2/7ths	for the new magazine, to be published quarterly (this includes 1/- for postage)
3/-	=	1/7th	for the expenses of running the Society

It is not expected, therefore, that even with the  
subscription of one guinea there would be much surplus  
in the future. The Society had, however, a balance of  
£400 in hand at the moment, so there should be no need  
to reconsider subscription or rebates to Branches for  
the time being.

Mr James said there were now 14 branches and the  
accounts show that on 30th September, 1962, they held  
balances amounting to £203. This figure had risen  
from only £17 in 1956, an increase of 240%, compared  
with an increase in the balance in the Central Fund  
during the same period of only 67%. This indicates  
that rebates to branches have been generous in the past.



Mr Hersom proposed that the Report should be accepted. It was seconded by Mr Gray and carried unanimously.

Election  
of  
Officers &  
Committee.

Miss Dinn was due to retire and offered herself for re-election.

All present officers and Committee were re-elected unanimously.

Election  
of  
Auditor.

The present Auditor was re-elected unanimously.

Alteration  
to Rules.

Dr. Bergmann proposed that the following alterations to the rules should be accepted. This was seconded by Miss Dinn, and carried unanimously.

- a) To substitute for the existing Rule 4 the following:-

"The subscription shall be twenty-one shillings per annum. This shall entitle a member attached to a branch of the Society to attend all meetings of the branch; and it shall entitle all members to a copy of publications of the Society issued during the period of membership and to such other privileges as may from time to time be determined by the Committee.

For a member of the Society not attached to a branch who was a member of the Society immediately prior to 16th March, 1963, the subscription shall be seven shillings and sixpence per annum for so long as the member continues to renew membership in accordance with these rules, and this subscription shall entitle such a member to a copy of publications of the Society issued during the period of membership and to such other privileges as may from time to time be determined by the Committee.

At the discretion of the Committee of the Society, full time students attached to a branch of the Society may be admitted to membership for a subscription of ten shillings and sixpence per annum.

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



- b) to substitute for the existing Rule 13 the following:-

"Overseas societies of recorder players may be affiliated to the Society without fee. Members of an overseas society visiting the United Kingdom will be welcome at the meetings of any Branch of the Society".

Mr Kenworthy explained that these alterations were made necessary by the higher cost of the new magazine compared with the old "Recorder News". The Society could no longer afford to supply this publication to members who pay only a 7/6 subscription. Present members in this category would be allowed to continue but no new ones could be accepted. The Society could not afford to send so many copies to overseas societies and the re-wording of this clause would allow the Committee to use its discretion in the attitude to be taken towards these societies.

In reply to a question from Dr. Bergmann, Mr. Kenworthy gave the meeting some information about the formation and contents of the new magazine.

Dr Dolmetsch said Mr. Kenworthy was to be congratulated on his part in the inauguration of the new publication.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 5.20 p.m.

*Edgar H. Hunt*

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Society  
of Recorder Players held on Saturday, 21st, March, 1964,  
At Waldegrave Hall, Duke Street, London, W. 1. at 4.30 p.m. 62

Apologies  
of absence.

Apologies of absence were received from  
Mrs. Dolmetsch, Miss Downer, Miss Sanders,  
Mr. Hersom, Miss Imogen Holst, Dr. and Mrs.  
Coles.

Present

Mr Hunt in the Chair  
Dr Bergmann  
Miss Dinn  
Mr Kenworthy  
Mr James  
Mr Gray

Dr Dolmetsch  
Miss Unwin  
Mr Wyatt  
Miss Davis  
Miss Murray  
(in attendance)

and about 100 members of the Society

Minutes of  
Last Meeting

The Secretary read the Minutes of the  
Annual General Meeting held in 1963 and  
these were accepted by the Meeting and  
signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman's  
Report

The Chairman said that the present year,  
up to September, 1963, had seen a re-orienta-  
tion of the Society's activities due partly  
to the advent of the Recorder and Music  
Magazine which had incorporated our Recorder  
News. The new magazine itself had had a  
mixed reception by the branches and had im-  
posed a strain on the Society's finance.  
This strain had not only been the result of  
these changes. It would have been felt in  
any case as a result of the growth of the  
Society, particularly in regard to many at  
a distance from London and without any appre-  
ciable growth in the size of some individual  
branches. The Committee had been facing  
these problems and looking for a solution.  
Branches need to do much more active re-  
cruiting particularly with regard to younger  
players. Mr. Hunt went on to say that  
when the Society was started Carl Dolmetsch  
and he had been in their twenties - and they  
did not plan to take hormones to keep it  
going. But, he stated, we must encourage  
our younger members to take an active part  
in its running.



The Chairman concluded with thanks to the Society's Officers and Committee for their work in the past year.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mr James presented the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account up to 30th September, 1963. He said the outstanding feature was that the Accounts showed an excess of expenditure over income of £56, and there was certain to be an excess this year also. The income from subscriptions was £754, the highest yet recorded, and the rebates to Branches were £378. In the previous year subscriptions were £623 and rebates £274, but a direct comparison was impossible as this year was the first in which the subscription was raised to one guinea. As expected, with the rise in subscription membership dropped by just over 100 to 900, but is rising again this year and already stands at 949.

The item under income of £36 odd for advertisements in the "Recorder News" will disappear in future with the substitution of the new magazine for the News. Rebates, as already stated, had increased, as had most items of expenditure. The increase in stationery and printing is partly accounted for by a large new printing of membership forms, and in postage by the higher cost of posting the new magazine.

The Concert in Exeter had shown a deficit of £27.

**Balance Sheet:** The Central Fund cash balance was £378, compared with £401 on 30th September of the previous year. £75 of this balance represents a special reserve for children's activities.

Subscriptions in advance, at £105, showed an increase on the previous year, mostly due to non-branch members, particularly in the U.S.A.

Branch cash balances totalled £328. There are now 15 branches and all but one or two showed an increase in their cash balances.

Dr. Bergmann proposed the adoption of the Accounts and it was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and carried unanimously.



Election of  
Officers  
and  
Committee

Dr. Bergmann proposed Mr. Hunt as Chairman. This was seconded by Miss Dinn and carried unanimously.

The retiring Musical Director, Dr. Bergmann, was re-elected.

The Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer were all proposed by Dr. Bergmann as before. This was seconded by Miss W. Lewis and carried unanimously.

Committee: Two new nominations were put forward - Miss Beverly Smith and Miss K. Murray. A ballot was taken, and the following members were elected:

Mr. Kenworthy, Miss Unwin, Mr. Wyatt, M Miss Downer, Mrs. Dolmetsch, Mr. Hersom and Miss K. Murray.

Election  
of Hon.  
Auditor

Dr. Bergmann proposed that Mr. Leslie Minchin should be re-elected ad Honorary Auditor; this was seconded by Miss Margaret Murray and carried unanimously.

Future of  
the Society

Mr Hunt spoke on the matters discussed at the Branch Delegates' Conference last January.

It was asked whether representation at the new Conferences would be proportional to the numbers of the Branch. Dr. Bergmann said each branch would have one representative and one vote, but if necessary a special vote could be taken with each representative having one vote for each paid-up member of his branch

It was asked whether it was proposed that the new divided subscription should come into force at the beginning of the next financial year. The Chairman said the revision of the Rules would be put before an Extraordinary General Meeting on June 20th and, if accepted, could come into force for the coming year.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 5.30 p.m.

*Edgar Hunt*  
16 May 1965



Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting held on 20th June, 1964, at 4.30 P.M. at Waldegrave Hall, Duke St. London, W. 1.

Present: Mr. Hunt, in the Chair: all Musical Directors, Officers, Executive Committee, Miss Hastings from Edinburgh Branch; and about 100 members.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Imogen Holst; Miss Joyce Tadman; Messrs. Crispin and Bartlett, Devon Branch; Mr. Whittall, Midlands Branch; and Dr. and Mrs. Coles, Northampton Branch

New  
Draft  
Rules

The Chairman said that suggestions had been received from many members and Branches for amendments to the draft rules. The points particularly mentioned were:

a) Omission of Student members. The Committee had decided to re-instate Student members, and suggested that the following should be added to Rule 4(e)

"For Students undergoing whole-time education the subscription shall be 10/- per annum."

b) The Question of voting at Conferences (Rule 12 (b) (ii))

c) The Statement that Delegates shall not be bound by the views of their Branch members (Rule 12 (b) (iii)). Miss Hastings said that Edinburgh Branch considered this to be unnecessary but the Rule was discussed at length and it was decided not to alter the wording of the draft or to omit the clause.

Rule 14 - Closing down of Branches. The Chairman said this had been included so that Branches could not close down and leave the Society, taking their assets with them. The Committee had, however, decided to accept the views of the branches in this connection to the extent of proposing that Rule 14 (b) should read:

"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."



The Chairman mentioned several other suggestions from members and Branches which the Committee had decided not to adopt, and explained the reasons.

The Chairman then asked for comments and Miss Hastings said she was sorry the Committee had been unable to accept her Branch's suggestions with regard to expulsion of members, cessation of Branches, and the use of the words 'visiting tutors' instead of 'visiting conductors'. The Chairman hoped that the compromise wording on the cessation of Branches would be acceptable to her branch.

Mr. Theo Wyatt proposed the adoption of the new Rules. This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Ingram and carried unanimously.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Society to Mr. Crispin and Mr. Wyatt; and to all members who had sent in suggestions, which had been most helpful to the Committee in reaching its decisions.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 5.30 p.m.

Edgar Hunt  
16 May 1965



## The Society of Recorder Players

Minutes of the Branch Delegates' Conference (Part 1) held at 7 p.m. at Trinity College of Music, London, W. 1. on 18th January, 1964.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair, Dr Dolmetsch, Dr Bergmann Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, Mr James, Mr Gray, Mr. Kenworthy Mr Wyatt, Miss Unwin, Miss Downer, Mr Hersom, Miss Davis.  
Dr. P. Robertson, Aberdeen Branch: Miss Hunt, Bristol: Mr Sells, Cambridge: Mr Crispin, Devon: Miss Murphy, Edinburgh: Miss Wilson, Newcastle: Mrs Pickford, Glasgow: Miss Murray, London: Mr. Alton, Manchester: Mr Jones, Merseyside: Mr. Whittall, Midlands: Dr. Coles & Miss Williams, Northampton: Miss Hargreaves, W. Riding: Miss Tadman, Non-Branch members: Mr. Bonsor.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn, Miss Sanders: and from Dorset and Norfolk Branches.

### Future of the Society

Mr Hunt said that he had sent several letters to Branches and had had many good suggestions in return. He also mentioned that Mr Brian Bonsor had been invited to the conference as an observer although his group had not formed itself into a branch.

Mr Hunt went on to say that, from his letter showing how the Society's income was divided it would seem that the new magazine is the cause of the financial difficulties. He said, however, that there would be some financial problems even without this, and the question of the magazine had only accentuated the position and brought it into focus. Visits of Musical Directors was a particularly difficult question as we now had more branches and some of the newer and smaller ones were at a considerable distance from London.



Mr B. Crispin (Devon) said he had made a draft plan for a new way of financing the Society, and he passed copies to all present. He proposed that the present single-subscription system should be abolished and suggested that Central Funds could be provided from an annual levy per branch member, which could vary from year to year according to estimated requirements. These funds, collected by the branches and sent to headquarters would continue to provide the costs of Directors' visits, the Conference, the Society's annual concert, and central running expenses. The amount of the levy for any year could be decided by the Executive Committee in time for the branches to be notified by the previous September, and would certainly have to be more than is at present retained from HQ. from each member's subscription. Branch funds could be raised by a branch levy per member, which could be fixed at the Branch Annual General Meeting each year. The total subscription per member per annum would therefore be a compound of the two levies. Mr James said he thought this scheme would be very difficult to operate; there would be no difficulty in agreeing the amount that the Central Fund required during the year ahead, but the problem would be that individual branch members would probably have to pay more overall to belong to the Society. Another disadvantage would be that members would never know what the subscription was going to be from year to year. Dr Dolmetsch said the important factor in the scheme was that each Branch could fix the amount which is required for itself.

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Future of the Society (cont.) Miss Murphy said the Edinburgh Branch felt it was time that branches managed their own affairs more and they felt that to pay a per capita fee to the Society would give a greater sense of belonging than being paid a rebate of their subscriptions. She also said that no visit to Edinburgh during the last six years had been a charge on the Society. When the concert was held there it made a profit, and she felt that all branches should be able to take more responsibility for the concert when it was held in their district. The Edinburgh Branch felt that the last thing they wanted was to leave the Society but that they would not mind a subscription rise if the increase was to go to their own Branch funds. Miss Murphy also wondered if the per capita fee to the Central Fund might include something to be used for helping the newer and smaller branches until they get on their feet.

Miss Wilson, the delegate for Newcastle, said her branch wanted to suggest that members paid for the magazine individually; thus there would then be no reason to raise the subscription. The Chairman said that under these circumstances we could no longer use the magazine as the official organ of the Society. Mr. Kenworthy said that if the Society is to get the magazine at a privilege price it must be for all members. Mr. Wyatt said the publishers would not be able to let us have it cheaper than its price to the public unless we could guarantee an economic number.

Dr. Coles knew that a number of his Northampton members did not, in fact, read the magazine, and the Branch felt very strongly that those who did want it would be prepared to pay the full price. The real privilege of belonging to the Society was, they felt, the annual Musical Director's visit - and anything else should go before this.



The Merseyside delegate (Mr. L. C. Jones) stated that the Musical Director's visit costs about £10. for his branch, and he felt the members would be willing to pay for this. If the Branch paid for this visit, would the Central Fund continue to pay the expenses of a delegate to the Conference? He thought his members might be willing to pay for this also for a year or two, to help give the magazine a chance. They would certainly be against a rise in subscription.

The Chairman said it was difficult to think of the problems of the Society as a whole on this basis because of the differences in fares to various branches, so that the membership of more distant branches would have to be much greater to finance a Director's visit: he felt there must be a central fund for such purposes, to which every member subscribes. Mr Jones then suggested the Society might pay fares of over £5.

Manchester, with a membership in the fifties, was in agreement in principle with Merseyside.

Mr. Crispin said that Devon, for example, with its present membership could not afford to pay the Director's fees.

Mr Whittall said that the Midlands Branch would be in favour of paying for the annual visit, and felt this high-lighted the advantages of Mr Crispin's proposal, which meant that each branch could make its own financial arrangements according to local circumstances. His branch would be willing to support a local levy.

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Future  
of the  
Society  
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Mr Bonsor put the case for a group which had decided against joining the Society. The group has 17 or 18 members, paying 15/- a head, most of which is spent on music. If they became a Branch they would have to pay a guinea, out of which they would receive only 12/- per head for their own expenses. Most of his members are not interested in receiving the magazine and when they heard that they might not now get a Director's visit, they felt they would gain nothing by joining the Society. The Manchester delegate, Mr. Alton, said that for some years he had been trying to form a small group of players in N.E. Lancashire but their reaction to joining was similar to Mr. Bonsor's group. Mr. Kenworthy pointed out that the true cost to Mr Bonsor's group of running their own meetings at 15/- a head, having a Musical Director's annual visit, and sending a delegate to the Conference, would be about 35/- per head. Mr. Bonsor said they would not necessarily expect an exclusive visit but would be willing to share one with another local branch.

Dr. Bergmann said we expected a great deal for our 21/-. The question was, did we need a Society? In this connection he said:

1) the esteem of the British "Society of Recorder Players" abroad is enormous. It is unique.

2) the magazine is a great achievement. He felt the Society had a purpose apart from playing the recorder, and he hoped the magazine might help to spread the possibilities of the recorder in secondary schools. He considered (a) the Annual Concert would have to go: it had proved useless as propaganda and had never brought in new members. Musical Directors would be prepared to offer their services as before, but branches must arrange any concert themselves (b) the rebate of 12/- per head, in London at least, is only just enough: and (c) he would like to see the magazine kept.



With regard to Musical Directors' visits to small and uneconomic branches, Dr. Bergmann thought there were three possibilities:-

- 1) they should be financed by the branch.
- 2) someone in the neighbourhood should make the visit (e.g. Mr Bonsor)
- 3) there should be a combined visit.

Branches should also be allowed to raise a levy if they needed more money.

With regard to the Concert, the Chairman said they would honour their pledge to Northampton for 1964, but hold no more thereafter unless they are promoted and financed by the branch instead of by the central funds.

In reply to a question from the Chairman, Mr James said Directors' visits last year cost £53 - but that not all the branches had had one. Mr Hunt suggested we could assume the cost at £10, making the total £140.

Future  
of the  
Society  
(cont)

Dr. Bergmann suggested a rebate of 9/- and 12/- to the central fund. Mr. Wyatt thought this would give the branches less while losing the psychological advantages of Mr Crispin's scheme.

Mr James said last year branches held cash balances totalling £327, which indicated that they were not using all their rebates.

The suggestion was discussed of a central subscription of 12/-, which would pay for the magazine, administration, Musical Directors' visit and delegate to the Conference, and that branches should raise an independent local levy also.

Part 1 of the Meeting ended at 9.30 P.M.

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Minutes of the Branch Delegates' Conference (Part 2)  
held on Sunday, January 19th, 1964, at 10 A.M. at  
Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, London, W. C. 1.

Present: Mr Hunt in the Chair, Miss Dinn, Dr. Bergmann,  
Mrs. M. Dolmetsch, Mr James, Mr Gray, Mr.  
Wyatt, Miss Downer, Miss Sanders, Mr. Kenworthy,  
Mr Hersom, Miss Davis.  
Dr. Robertson, Aberdeen: Miss Hunt, Bristol:  
Miss Wilson, Newcastle: Mrs. Pickford, Glas-  
gow: Miss Murray, London: Mr. Alton, Man-  
chester: Mr Whittall, Midlands: Dr. Coles  
& Miss Williams, Northampton: Miss Murphy,  
Edinburgh, Mr. Crispin, Devon: Mr. Jones,  
Merseyside: Miss Hargreaves, W. Riding:  
Mrs. Darby, Dorset: Miss Tadman, Non-Branch  
members: Mr. Bonsor.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch &  
Miss Unwin: Cambridge and Norfolk Branches.

#### New Magazine

With regard to the new magazine, Dr.  
Bergmann said the question as to whether the  
Society should continue to be associated with  
the magazine was obviously very important.

Mr James said the new magazine is costing  
some £100 a year more than the old Recorder  
News. Dr. Bergmann said he did not fear  
that the magazine without the Society would  
go completely commercial, but felt it would  
create a bad impression to abandon it so  
soon after its inception.

Miss Dinn asked whether the magazine had  
brought many new members to the Society and  
the Secretary said it had not. Mr. Ken-  
worthy said it was not expected that it would.

Miss Dinn said there were other recorder-  
playing groups besides the Society, and could  
not the magazine report their activities also?  
The Chairman said any group could send a re-  
port to the magazine if it wished.

Dr. Bergmann said there are over 200 sub-  
scribers to the magazine in America. Be-  
fore the magazine came into being they would  
have joined the Society in order to get the  
Recorder News.



New  
Magazine

Mr Alton (Manchester) proposed that the Society should preserve its association with the magazine as at present. This was ~~seconded~~ by Mr Crispin and agreed by all the delegates with the exception of Mr Darby (Dorset).

Finance

With regard to finance, it was proposed that the Executive Committee should consider what amount was necessary for the Central Fund, and it was felt this should not be more than 15/-

Mr James said there was enough in reserve to leave the question of subscriptions over until next year.

In conclusion, it was agreed:

- 1) that the A.G.M. Agenda should be sent out in the usual way
- 2) that the Executive Committee should meet and appoint a sub-committee to draw up the new draft constitution.
- 3) that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be called to discuss these questions in time for any changes to come into operation in the coming year.

Mr Kenworthy proposed, and it was agreed, that the Executive Committee should draw up a new draft constitution for consideration by branches.

Visiting  
Conductors

The question of a list of people who could be asked to make pastoral visits being drawn up and available to all branches was raised, and the Meeting was in favour of this suggestion. It was agreed this should be discussed again by the Executive Committee. It was suggested and agreed that all branch delegates should discuss this question with their members and report their findings to the Chairman.

Week-end  
Conference

Miss Dinn proposed that a Conference-cum-Summer School should be organised outside London one week-end.



New  
Branches

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It was reported that a new branch of 21 members had been formed in Norfolk.

Mr Bonsor asked whether some indication could be given of the minimum number which the Society would be prepared to accept for a new branch, and Mr Hunt went on to explain that we could not support a number of small branches far from London. Mr Crispin suggested that this question should be discussed by the Executive Committee but Mr Hunt said that, in fact, each new case was discussed on its own merits.

Any Other  
Business

Both Glasgow and Birmingham branches said they were having difficulty in keeping evening classes for recorder players in their areas.

Mr Bonsor said that in his County there were no non-vocational classes at all, but he had managed to persuade the Authorities to provide a class for recorder playing.

Dr Bergmann said there were troubles over evening classes for the recorder even in London, where some had not sufficient support; others had been closed by the Council even though they were well supported.

Any Other  
Business  
(cont'd)

The Aberdeen delegate asked whether the other Branch Secretaries could publish in their reports in the Magazine what music they were using at their meetings as this would be helpful to his branch which did not always have access to new music. He asked whether it would be possible to have a get-together for Branch Musical Directors

Miss Hargreaves (West Riding) reported that her area is trying out a new programme of peripatetic teachers of all musical instruments, including the recorder.

Miss Wilson (Newcastle) reported that they had had a letter from someone overseas who wanted to communicate with them by tape; they had had their first tape-recording and had sent one in return of a concert given by the Newcastle Branch. This overseas group had the Magazine, and wanted to start a Recorder Society of its own.

Date of  
Next  
Meeting.

The Conference for 1965 was provisionally fixed for 16th and 17th January.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1 p.m.

*Edgar Hunt*  
15 May 1965



MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May, 1965, at the Tavistock Hotel, Woburn Place, W. C. 1.

Present

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Mr. Hunt in the Chair  
Dr. Dolmetsch  
Dr. Bergmann  
Mr. Kenworthy  
Mr. Wyatt  
Mr. Gray (Sunday only)  
Miss Downer

Miss Dinn  
Mr. James  
Miss Unwin  
Mr. Hersom  
Miss Murray  
Miss Wright  
Miss Davis

Dr. Robertson, Aberdeen  
Miss Hunt, Bristol  
Mr. Crispin, Devon  
Mr. Sam Taylor, Dorset  
Miss Murphy, Edinburgh  
Miss Barker, Glasgow  
Miss Griffiths, London  
Mr. Ambler, Manchester

Mr. Horwich, Merseyside  
Miss Clithero, Midlands  
Miss Durham, Newcastle  
Messrs. Skins & Gregson,  
Norfolk  
Dr. and Mrs. Coles,  
Northampton  
Miss Hargreaves, W. Riding

Apologies for absence were received from Cambridge Branch (both days); Mrs. M. Dolmetsch (both days); and Mr. Gray (Saturday).

Saturday 15th, May.

Tributes.

The Chairman said that the Society had lost two friends in Joyce Tadman and Mrs. Ferguson, who was Mrs. Dolmetsch's mother, both of whom had died in the previous year. He also said that he would like to couple their names with that of Elli McMullen who had also died recently

The Meeting stood for a minute's silence in tribute.

Minutes of last Conference

Miss Murray said there seemed to be some omissions from these Minutes which she would like to fill in. The Chairman suggested that confirmation of the Minutes should be suspended until this omitted section had been added. Miss Dinn suggested that the Minutes should be signed with the proviso that anything which had been omitted could be included with the Minutes of the present Meeting.

Dr. Coles proposed that this should be done. This was seconded by Mr. Crispin and carried unanimously. The Minutes were therefore signed as correct.



The omission is inserted herewith.

"Mr. Wyatt said he thought there might be a lot to be said for making the Branch Delegates' Conference the legislative body of the Society instead of the Annual General Meeting.

Mrs. Dolmetsch said she would support this suggestion because the Delegates' Conference is much more representative of the membership of the Society than the A.G.M. has ever been.

Dr. Bergmann said that the danger would be that delegates would come briefed by their Branches, instead of with open minds.

Other suggestions were made for holding the Conference and the A.G.M. on the same day so that delegates could attend the A.G.M.

Various points arising out of Mr. Wyatt's suggestion were discussed. Mr. Wyatt then suggested that nothing should be done at the coming A.G.M. but that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be called to authorise the change in the way of levying subscriptions, and at which a new draft constitution could also be put forward for approval, transferring the powers of the A.G.M. to the Annual Conference.

Dr. Bergmann asked whether future Minutes could be circulated as soon as possible after the Conference, instead of just before the next Conference. The Chairman said this had been agreed at the last Executive Committee Meeting, and would be done after the present meeting and all future meetings.

The Secretary said that a list of visiting conductors had been prepared by the Committee, and that all the people whose names appeared on it had agreed to be included, with the exception of Mr. Herdman. Mr. Layton Ring had yet to reply but it was felt he would have no objection to agreeing.

The Chairman said the list had been prepared on the advice of Branches, and would be revised annually. The Secretary then read the list, which she said was to be circulated to all Branches.

Matters  
Arising

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It was pointed out that three names on this list were of people who were not at present paid up members of the Society. Dr. Bergmann asked whether the Meeting thought that the Society should ask non-members to conduct their meetings. This was discussed, and although it was felt that Branches could ask whom they liked to conduct their own meetings, it was also felt by several members that only the names of members of the Society should appear on the official list of visiting conductors. Dr. Bergmann proposed this; it was seconded by Dr. Dolmetsch and carried by a majority vote.

It was, however, pointed out that it would be difficult to remove the names of the three non-members, at least until the list was reviewed next year. It was therefore decided to leave these names on for the current year, but to remove them next year if the people in question had not in the meantime paid their subscriptions to the Society.

#### Branch Reports

The Chairman welcomed all the Branch Delegates.

Dr. Robertson asked that the Branch reports should be taken as read and handed to the Secretary. Mr. Hunt said that this point had been discussed by the Committee and it had been decided that the reports should be read out to the Meeting, as this was a way of helping Branches to get to know about each other.

The Branch Delegates therefore read their reports.

#### Magazine

The Chairman said that an editor was still needed for the Society's pages in the magazine and asked if delegates would consider this and make suggestions. Dr. Bergmann said he had asked Mr. Charles Chilton but did not know yet whether he would be able to accept.

The Merseyside delegate said his branch felt there was too great an emphasis in the magazine on the recorder in schools, and other delegates agreed with this. Dr. Bergmann said this was perhaps partly his fault, as he felt that it would only pay its way if it was made of interest to schools, which would then buy it. Miss Wright suggested that the magazine might be drawn to the attention of the Music Advisors on local councils, who might then suggest it as a magazine to which schools should subscribe.



Dr. Robertson said he had found some of the articles intended for schools to be of help in teaching adult beginners. He also said he thought that the Society's pages were inadequate as representing the Society. Mr. Hunt said he had done what he could but had received very little support from members.

The Merseyside delegate raised the point that the magazine was not easily available to people other than S. R. P. members, and that two large music shops in Liverpool had not heard of it. Mr. Kenworthy said he would take this matter up but Dr. Bergmann said copies had been sent to the trade when the magazine was first issued, but all had been returned.

Mr. Hunt said he had understood it would be available from station bookstalls but Mr. Kenworthy said W.H. Smith's limited the number of magazines which they would deal in and would only take on a new one if it was obviously commercially attractive. He said that W.H. Smith in Oxford had been approached separately because of the Oxford interest in the last issue, but so far he had not heard from them.

Miss Downer said that the magazine was shown on the bookstall in the Royal Festival Hall but, compared with other publications there, it seemed to her to be too small.

It was suggested that a leaflet publicising the magazine might be sent to music shops which sold records, but Dr. Bergmann said he did not think anyone would read it. Mr. Wyatt pointed out that Schott's were already losing money on the magazine and that any publicity would have to be paid for by them.

Mr. Hunt said that the price of the magazine had just been increased. Mr. James said it was increased to 3/- in February, and that the publishers had indicated that they would have to charge the Society more for their copies. After negotiations with the publishers it had been agreed that the magazine would be made available to the Society at 1/6d which is half the published price. Mr. James felt that this was quite a good bargain but it would upset his budgeting for the 15/- subscription. However, even with this increase and increases in postal charges which would soon come into force, he did not think there would be any need to raise the subscription again yet.



Dr. Robertson asked whether it would be possible to have a list of new publications for the previous three months published in the magazine. Mr. Kenworthy said he would think about this and see if it would be practicable.

Dr. Bergmann said this would mean free advertising for publishers who might then not take advertising space. However, Mr. Kenworthy repeated that he would consider the pros and cons of the suggestion.

New  
Rules

The Chairman said it was intended that the new rules should be printed in full in the August issue of the magazine, when there was less news than usual.

On the question of pastoral visits, the Chairman said they had been in abeyance for a while until the change in the subscription basis and in the method of running the Society had been organised. Now that the Society is able to pay for the magazine, plus the Conference and the pastoral visits, every Branch is once more entitled to one visit a year from a member of the list of visiting conductors. The visit should be arranged through the Secretary. In reply to a question, the Chairman said that any Branch could arrange direct with the person concerned for an unofficial visit, from a person on the list or from anyone else, but an official pastoral visit must be arranged through the Secretary.

Mr. James pointed out that the year during which the Branch could receive a visit began on 1st October

The Chairman asked delegates to emphasise to their members the importance of paying their subscriptions as early in the year as possible, because of the expense of removing their names from the list kept in London for mailing purposes and then reinstating them. The question of a combined subscription for married couples was raised but it was decided that practical considerations made this too difficult, and the suggestion was dropped.

Annual  
Concert at  
Northampton

Dr. Coles said that the concert had made a profit. The Musical Directors all expressed their thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Coles, and Mr. James said the Central Fund had benefitted from the concert by an amount of £19.

The Chairman reminded the Meeting that this was the last concert which would be sponsored officially by the Society, but said that the Musical Directors would always be willing to help any Branch which wanted to sponsor a concert of its own.



Minutes of  
the last  
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The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Society and of an Extraordinary General Meeting. These were accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters  
Arising

Mr. Gray commented on the student membership of the Society which had risen by one-third. This seemed to justify keeping this category of membership in being.

Chairman's  
Report

Mr. Hunt said the year's work had been mainly concerned with the new Rules and marking time until this Conference, when we would be able to see how they worked, what the new shape of the Society is going to mean, and how it will be run in the future. He had already spoken of the magazine and the need for finding an editor for the S.R.P. pages. He said he had also already referred to the loss of Miss Tadman and all that she stood for in the work of the Society. He mentioned that we had had our last concert, and that the new shape of the Society was emerging. The Society was facing the question of how the money should be used and what are the things members would like to pay for and what they must do without. He thought the most important things were the contact between London and the Branches, through pastoral visits and the Annual Conference. He hoped these contacts would continue to keep the Society working as one unit and as a number of separate entities scattered throughout the country. He thought it a pity that we had had to drop the concert, but we had had to face facts. There were fifteen branches, so it would be fifteen years before every branch had had its turn. It was also a question of finance. Most of these concerts had been run at a loss and had not achieved what they had set out to do in the way of propaganda and attracting new members. There were also more public concerts now which included the recorder.

Treasurer's  
Report

Mr. James said that the Accounts for the year to 31st September, 1964, had been included in the February issue of the magazine, and he handed round copies. He said that last year he had pointed out that the year ending 30th September, 1963, was not typical because of the rise in subscription, and this also applies to the year ending 30th September, 1964, which was the first and also the only year in which the subscription stood at a guinea.



The peak year for membership had been the year ending 30th September, 1962, when membership went above a thousand. In the following year, with the increased subscription, membership dropped considerably but in 1963/64 it began to rise again, and the year had ended with 955 members, compared with the peak of 1,006. It did not seem likely, however, that we would reach 955 again in the current year. The new divided subscription did not appear to be as attractive to members as we had hoped. The cash balance in the year 1963/64 was £344 (compared with £378 in 1962/63). Expenditure had been £868 and income was £838. The deficit on the year was therefore about £30 (compared with £56 in the previous year).

Rebates to Branches, which would not occur again, amounted to £415. The cost of the magazine will be a major feature in the future; with the increase in price to the Society to 1/6d and the increase in postage rates, the magazine, including distribution, will cost the Society about £400 a year and will, therefore, be by far the largest item of expenditure. The next largest item is the Annual Conference, which this year will cost over £70 and possibly £80. After this comes Travelling Expenses of Musical Directors, or in the future of people on the list of visiting conductors.

The main item of income is of course subscriptions, although some of the music published by the Society in its early days is still being sold, and the Society receives royalties from this. A cheque for £20 was also expected from the Summer School, which had been mentioned at previous Committee Meetings.

*for the present year*  
Mr. James then mentioned two items of special interest in the accounts under review. One was a donation of £5 from Michael Tippet, and the other £100 left to the Society in the will of Joyce Tadman. In connection with the latter, he mentioned that the Joyce Tadman Fund was still open though he would probably close it in about a month's time; so far about £40 had been contributed.

Mr. James then spoke about how the accounts should be circulated to members in the future. Last year each copy of the magazine sent to a member had included a copy of the accounts. This was a rather expensive item, but as Treasurer he felt that each member was entitled to see a copy. It was, however, for the Conference to decide what the policy for the future should be. Possibly copies could be sent



in bulk to Branch Secretaries for distribution. He also said that now that the Accounts concerned the Central Fund only he could probably have them ready for the November issue.

After discussion, Mr. Horwich (Merseyside) proposed that the Accounts should be sent out to all members with the magazine (in the November issue if possible). This was seconded by Miss Murray and carried unanimously.

Mr. James then said that Branch funds at 30th September, 1964, amounted to £459, compared with £328 at the end of the previous year. Nearly all Branches were holding substantial cash balances.

Dr. Bergmann proposed the adoption of the Accounts. This was seconded by Miss Dinn and carried unanimously.

Election of  
Officers  
and  
Committee.

The Secretary said that no nominations had been received.

The Chairman said the Society could not afford to pay expenses for any Committee member attending meetings in London. Miss Murphy (Edinburgh) asked whether it would be possible to have a Committee member outside London who would not attend meetings but who would receive copies of all minutes and be kept up to date with Committee discussions and decisions. The Chairman thought this was a point which Branches might consider.

Dr. Coles proposed that the present Officers and Committee should be re-elected en bloc for the coming year, and the whole question considered again next year. This was seconded by Mr. Crispin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunt then proposed from the Chair that Miss Wright's name should be added to this proposal as Country Secretary, an office which she had agreed to take over when it was left vacant by Miss Tadman's death. This was also carried unanimously.

Appointment of  
Hon. Auditor.

The appointment of Mr. Minchin was proposed by Dr. Dolmetsch, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and carried unanimously.

Any Other  
Business.

Mr. Gray said there must be a good deal of recorder activity in the country apart from that in Branches, and asked whether Branches could collect information about small groups in their areas which were not connected with the Society. He suggested such news might be of interest in the magazine.



Miss Hargreaves (W. Riding) said many of her members would like to see more in the magazine about other Branches' activities, especially in the summer months when they might be travelling about the country and have the opportunity of visiting another Branch. Mr. Hunt said dates of Branch meetings and any other information would be published in the magazine if it were sent to him, but there would be a time lag before it appeared.

Miss Griffiths (London) asked whether a member of one Branch visiting another would be treated as a member or a visitor. Mr. Hunt said this was a matter for the Branches to decide but he felt sure that any Branch would, as a matter of courtesy, welcome a member from another Branch to any meeting.

The Glasgow delegate said that her Branch Chairman felt that Branch membership should be limited to 30. She said that she would like to report to her Branch that it was the feeling of the Conference that all Branches should recruit as many members as possible, without any limit. The Meeting confirmed that it deprecated any suggestion of a limitation on numbers.

Dr. Bergmann asked the Meeting whether it thought it a good idea to have a printed leaflet called something like "Join the Society of Recorder Players" with a picture of a recorder and information about the Society, for display in libraries, music shops etc. The name and address of the local Branch Secretary would be added to it.

The Chairman said the Society's leaflet would, in any case, have to be brought up to date and Dr. Bergmann's suggestion could be considered at the same time.

Dr. Coles said he would enquire of the printer who printed the leaflets for the Northampton Concert what such a leaflet might cost. It was agreed that the meeting would like in principle to see such a leaflet produced and that Dr. Coles should make the suggested enquiries.

Dr. Bergmann said that Mr. Corcoran would give his services in designing the leaflet, and it was therefore agreed that Dr. Coles and Schotts should work together on this matter.

The Chairman said that the Branches would be told of the outcome of the various enquiries.



Date of Next  
Annual  
Conference

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It was agreed that the next Conference should be held on Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th May, 1966, on the same lines as the present one. It was hoped that the London Branch would be able to arrange a meeting on 14th May to coincide with the Conference.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman and the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 1 p.m.

*Edgar Hunt*  
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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS.

Minutes of ANNUAL CONFERENCE held on Saturday, 14th May and Sunday, 15th May, 1966, at Schott & Co. Ltd., 48, Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1.

The Chairman reported that, owing to an oversight, the statutory notice laid down in the Rules had not been given to all members of the present Conference. He said it had been agreed at the last Executive Committee Meeting that all Country Members should be notified direct, and it was assumed that Branch Members would know of the Conference through their Secretaries. He asked the Conference delegates if they would agree that this was a properly constituted Conference in spite of the proper notice not having been given, and this was unanimously agreed.

Present Mr. Hunt in the Chair Dr. Bergmann  
Mr. Kenworthy Mr. James  
Mr. Gray Mr. Wyatt  
Miss Unwin Mr. Hersom  
Miss Downer (Sat. only) Miss Murray  
Miss Wright Miss Drake (Editor & Dorset Br.)

Dr. Robertson (Aberdeen)  
Miss Hunt (Bristol)  
Mr. Crispin (Devon)  
Mrs. O'Riordan (Edinburgh)  
The Misses Parker (Glasgow)  
Mr. Alton (Manchester)  
Mrs. Taylor (Merseyside)  
Miss Clithero (Midlands) Sunday only.  
Miss Appleby (Newcastle)  
Dr. Coles (Northampton)  
Miss Hargreaves (W. Ridings)  
Mr. Bonsor (Roxburgh)

Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Dinn, Norfolk & Cambridge Branches; Midlands Branch (Saturday only) and Miss Downer (Sunday). 87

The Late Richard Dolmetsch. The Chairman spoke of the death of Richard Dolmetsch and the Conference stood in silence for one minute. It was agreed that the Secretary should send a wreath on behalf of the Society.

Minutes of last Conference. Mr. James said on page 6 in the second paragraph, the two items of special interest mentioned were in the accounts for the current year, i.e., 1964/65, and not in the year under review. It was agreed that this should be altered.

Dr. Robertson said it was his understanding that at the last Conference it had been agreed that arrangements for pastoral visits could be made direct and not through the Secretary, as stated in these Minutes. It was agreed that the wording of the Minute should be altered to read: "Official pastoral visits must be confirmed by the Secretary" instead of "arranged by the Secretary".

With these alterations the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman said the main item which had concerned the Society during the past year was the problem of the magazine. First there had been the question of finding an editor for the Society's pages, as he had only agreed to carry on as editor himself until a permanent editor could be found. Secondly the Society had been faced with a sudden notice from Schott's that the number of issues would be reduced from four to three a year. A number of meetings had taken place between representatives of the Society and representatives of Schott's and these would be reported at length under another heading. In general, however, what had emerged from these discussions



was the suggestion of another publication in place of the fourth issue. The word 'Year-Book' had been used and it was envisaged that this would be something of a more permanent nature than the magazine.

Treasurer's Report. Mr. James said that the accounts for the year ending September 1965 had been circulated with the magazine issued in November 1965. These accounts were for the first year of the new subscription arrangements, i.e., 15/- to the Central Fund and the Branches making their own financial arrangements. The Central Fund appeared to have done very well and there was a surplus of £200. Mr. James said, however, that this was exceptional and unlikely to be repeated. Income for the year had included Miss Tadman's legacy of £100, a profit of £19 from the Northampton concert, the last to be held, and a donation of £5 from Michael Tippett. This year had not, therefore, been a typical one.

Mr. James said it was unlikely that the main items of expenditure would change very much in the current year. The amount of £400 for the magazine, shown in these accounts, is likely to be somewhat larger in future years, if there is a new publication to take the place of the fourth issue. The next largest item is the Delegates' Conference, the cost of which tends to rise year by year. Travelling expenses for pastoral visits were lower than usual in these accounts because, as mentioned at the last Conference, there had been fewer visits than usual while the Society was being re-organised. With the new panel of visiting conductors to draw upon, and with 15 Branches eligible for a visit each year, it was obvious that travelling expenses for visiting conductors will become quite a formidable item. Mr. James did not anticipate any great change in other items of expenditure.

Mr. James said it appeared that for the current year there would be a surplus of only about £20, assuming that there is a publication to take the place of the fourth issue of the magazine. This surplus would, therefore, probably be wiped out altogether in the next year and in the future there would probably be small deficits. He did not think this was a cause for anxiety at present, as the Society had a substantial balance in hand. The total cash in the Banks last year was £519. If membership remained about the same, therefore, he could see no immediate reason to raise the subscription to the Central Fund. Membership had shown a disappointing tendency to drop. For the year to September, 1965, it was 915. For the previous year it was 955 and two years before that it had been just over a thousand. However, for the current year it was already 918, so perhaps the trend was now being reversed. Of last year's membership, 634 were Branch members, 86 students, 195 unattached members. About 20 of the unattached members are paying the full subscription of 15/- and the balance are old members who have a vested right to pay 7/6 a year. These will gradually dwindle away.

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Mr. Gray said some of the drop in membership was accounted for by the loss of about 30 Mexican members.

Mr. James said the Society had members in the U.S.A., South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Turkey, Israel and most European countries.

The Chairman thanked Mr. James for his clear exposition of the accounts and for all his work.

Mr. Wyatt said that it appeared from the accounts that we were earning only 1% on our balance in the bank. Mr. James explained that the balance with the London Trustees Savings Bank was in fact earning 5% but the interest was credited in November whereas our year ended in October. Each year, therefore, it would appear that we were earning much less interest than was in fact the case. Mr. James explained that



the first £50 deposited earned 2½% and the rest, which now amounted to about £380, earned 5%. Some money is also kept in a current account for convenience.

Election of Hon. Auditor. Mr. Minchin was willing to stand for re-election, and was re-elected unanimously.

Election of Officers. Miss Dinn, this year's retiring Musical Director, was re-elected; and no further names having been received the Musical Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Country Secretary were re-elected unanimously.

The Chairman then asked whether the meeting would agree to Mr. Hersom and Mr. Wyatt being elected as new Musical Directors, as according to the Rules the Society could have up to five and at present had only three. Mr. Wyatt said it seemed to him that this proposal was made only to avoid the embarrassment of holding an election for the Committee which might mean that some of the old members were voted off, and this did not seem a proper reason for appointing new Musical Directors.

Mr. Bonsor's name was suggested but he was unwilling to take on any further responsibilities at present. Mr. Wyatt then asked whether in fact the Society needed Musical Directors at all. Now that the Society no longer publishes its own music, and now that the responsibility for pastoral visits is shared among the whole list of visiting conductors, it would seem that the only task left to the Musical Directors is to examine candidates for the Teachers' Test. The Chairman pointed out that this Test is now run by the Company who organise Roehampton Summer School, and not by the Society. Mr. Wyatt said that the present Musical Directors, who were among the founders of the Society, held a special position which no newly-appointed Musical Director could fill. He wondered whether the post of Musical Director might be abolished altogether and the present holders given some other permanent title which no-one else would ever hold.

The meeting seemed to feel that the post of Musical Director should not be abolished, but this question was left to be discussed by Branches before the next Conference. It was also felt that Branches should consider possible candidates for Musical Directors in the future if the post is to be retained. Dr. Bergmann said the present Directors were not getting any younger and the Society should be thinking about who was to run it in the future. 91

Mr. James said that he would like to retire as Treasurer as soon as a successor could be found, but, after some discussion he agreed to withdraw his resignation for the time being.

Election of Committee. Three new names were put forward for the Committee:-

Mr. John Thomson	-	proposed by Dr. Bergmann
		seconded by Miss Davis
Dr. John Allen	-	proposed by Miss J. Enderby
		seconded by Miss R. Griffiths
Miss Frances Barker	-	proposed by Mr. Johnston,
		seconded by <del>Miss</del> <sup>DR.</sup> Ingram.

In connection with the proposal of Mr. Thomson the Chairman read a letter from Mr. Corcoran saying that, owing to the increasing amount of work with which he was becoming concerned at Schott's, he was unable to continue as Editor of "The Recorder and Music Magazine". The Chairman suggested that Mr. Thomson should take over the post and this had been agreed.

The Chairman said he welcomed the change and asked whether the Society should convey its acceptance of the the appointment of Mr. Thomson to Schott's via Mr. Hersom and this was agreed.

Dr. Robertson asked whether the Society should have a rule that some members of the Committee retired annually and were not



elegible for re-election for a certain length of time. This would help to bring in new blood.

Mr. Bonsor asked whether it would be possible to hold at least some of the meetings away from London. Mr. James said this would be very expensive if the Society were expected to pay travelling expenses. He also said he could see no point in holding a meeting outside London, which was the easiest place for all to reach. Mr. Bonsor said he accepted this point but he still felt the Society was run too much from London.

Mrs. O'Riordan said she had been instructed by her Branch to urge the election of Miss Parker to represent Scotland on the Committee. Miss Parker said she was willing to pay her own travelling expenses to Committee Meetings in London.

A ballot was then held and the following members were elected: Miss Barker, Miss Downer, Mr. Hersom, Mr. Kenworthy, Miss Murray, Miss Unwin and Mr. Wyatt.

Branch Reports. The delegates read reports from their respective Branches and the Country Secretary reported on the unattached members.

Magazine (new proposals) Mr. Wyatt reported to the meeting that Schott's, as delegates would already know, had decided to publish only three issues of the magazine a year. This decision was taken without any consultation with the Society. The Society has an agreement with the Managing Director of Schott's which provides for the publication of four issues of the magazine a year, and the Society therefore sent a deputation to see Mr. Makings, the Managing Director. He apologised for having broken the agreement and explained that this was due not only to financial considerations but to the strain which editing the magazine imposed on Mr. Corcoran, on top of all his work for Schott's. Mr. Makings offered, however, to pay for the printing of a special publication to take the place of the fourth issue and used the expression "Year book". It was agreed in principle that the editorial matter in this publication would be provided by the Society and this would involve no demands on Mr. Corcoran. This suggestion was discussed by the Executive Committee and it was decided that a year book might be of use. The deputation therefore had a further discussion with Mr. Makings on points of more detail, and he then proposed to pay for the printing and paper costs of a volume which would cost 3/- on the assumption that a thousand copies would be produced. This he would be willing to sell to the Society for 1/6 a copy. Mr. Makings has now agreed to give the Society details of the kind of publication he can produce for 3/-, and the Society has agreed to give Schott's some idea of what it thinks the year book should contain. The Executive Committee felt that there might be scope for items of more permanent interest than could be included in the magazine, as well as some articles too long for inclusion.

Mr. Wyatt went on to say, however, that only the day before a new editor, Mr. John Thomson, had been appointed by Schott's to edit the magazine and this would seem to put an entirely new complexion on the discussions. The decision to discontinue the fourth issue had been taken, according to Mr. Makings, to a large extent to relieve the pressure on Mr. Corcoran, but this question would no longer arise. It seemed to him, therefore, that the way might be open for the Society to try to persuade Mr. Makings to revert to the fourth issue and drop the idea of a year book. His personal opinion was the Mr. Makings might not be difficult to persuade.

Mr. Kenworthy said he thought the new editor would prefer to edit a quarterly publication rather than one which came out three times a year, and that he would therefore be prepared to support any request from the Society to restore the fourth issue.



The Chairman said that owing to the time factor we might have to have only three issues for this year, ~~with~~ a year book instead of a fourth issue, and then revert to quarterly publication from next year. He said the Society should also decide on the most suitable times, from its point of view, for the magazine to appear.

It was reported that so far no information had been received from Mr. Makings as to what kind of publication could be produced for 3/-.

It was suggested that the Society might revert to publishing a piece of music yearly instead of a year book but the Chairman said he thought this would be difficult now that so much more music for the recorder is available.

Mr. Kenworthy suggested that if the special publication was to be for one year only it might be better to have a supplement to one of the other issues of the magazine rather than a year book.

The Chairman asked the delegates if they would agree to leave this matter in the hands of the sub-Committee who have already held the discussions with Mr. Makings and it was agreed that this should be done.

Mr. Wyatt asked whether there was any real feeling among the Branch members about the discontinuance of the fourth issue and Mr. Crispin said his members felt cheated.

The general feeling of the delegates was that their members were displeased at the decision to discontinue the fourth issue, and the way in which it had been taken, and that the resumption of the fourth issue would be much more preferable than a publication of the type suggested by Mr. Makings.

New Editor for the Society's pages. The Chairman said the meeting was happy to welcome Miss Kathleen Drake, who had agreed to take on this task.

Miss Drake asked if she could reproduce the Branch reports given at the Conference, with suitable editing, as Branch news in the next magazine.

In this connection, Mr. James said the Society's pages had been criticised as being too parochial. He felt this would appear so to an outsider but it is to a certain extent inevitable. Miss Drake said she thought members found it very interesting to read of the activities of other Branches.

Dr. Bergmann said Mr. Corcoran had frequently been surprised that the Society did not wish to avail itself of all its four allotted pages. He thought we should always make an effort to fill all the pages.

Mr. Kenworthy said the Society's pages contained reports on what the Branches are doing but it would be more interesting to read about what they are thinking. Mr. Herson said that as the next issue will appear in July and there will not be another until November Branches should include notice of their activities for the autumn. He also asked that members should sometimes write to him in connection with the pages on the recorder in schools, for which he is responsible. He said that he had to rely largely on what he read in press cuttings for his information about school activities, and he would appreciate any information from teachers about their own work with the recorder, with photographs. Even if he did not always use the information in the magazine it would help him to keep in touch.

Mr. Gray asked whether articles could be put into the magazine which would be of interest to children. It was felt, however, that the items were aimed at the teachers, who should make the information interesting to children. Dr. Bergmann said



that special items for children had been considered but it had been decided that they would not serve much purpose as it was only through teachers that the magazine was likely to reach the children.

Dr. Robertson said that Aberdeen Branch had asked him to say that their members would like more, not less, parochial gossip in the Society's pages.

Mr. Ponsor said his members (Roxburgh Branch) had said that they found the magazine interesting but asked that the articles should not be too erudite.

It was suggested that too much space was devoted to the recorder in school in the magazine but Dr. Bergmann said that this should help to increase the circulation so that more articles of other kinds could eventually be produced. Mr. Kenworthy said that in fact the schools section seemed to have had no noticeable effect on the circulation.

Mr. Ponsor asked whether members could send their copies of the magazine to local schools when they had finished with them.

Dr. Bergmann asked whether the magazine could be advertised in one of the music papers in Germany, where many people spoke English but Mr. Kenworthy felt that very little would be offered to such readers. Mr. Hersom said he felt it was more important to try to get hold of the thousands of recorder players in this country who did not belong to the Society, and this was the general feeling of the meeting.

Mrs. Taylor (Merseyside Branch) asked whether copies of the magazine could be sent to Bangor and other Welsh Universities, in the hope of arousing some interest in Wales where there was as yet no branch. She suggested getting in touch with Mr. Iwan Rees-Davies.

The Chairman thanked Miss Drake for taking on the editorship and said everyone wished her well.

Publicity for the Society. A draft leaflet prepared by Mr. Hersom was passed round the meeting.

The Chairman suggested that the leaflet should say that the magazine was distributed regularly instead of specifying the number of issues. It was agreed that this paragraph should be more vague though no actual wording was decided.

It was agreed that Miss Wrigh's address should be given instead of Mr. Gray's.

It was suggested that the word 'Honorary' should be omitted from each title of an official and the general heading should be 'Honorary Officials of the Society'.

It was suggested that the name and address of the Branch Secretary in the district in which the leaflet is to be distributed should be added.

The Chairman said he thought the leaflet should be printed with all the general information and local branches could add what information they wished. A space should be left for this purpose.

It was finally agreed by the meeting that the Committee should finalise the wording of the leaflet and that it should then be printed and distributed to branches.

Recorder Teaching in schools and training colleges. The delegates reported on various efforts being made in different parts of the country to hold courses for teachers of the recorder and so improve the standard of teaching in schools.



Mrs. O'Riordan said that she had found a teachers' training college in Edinburgh where the recorder was being taught to students by people who know nothing about it. Mr. Bonsor said that the system of compulsory teaching of the recorder in this particular college had done the instrument very great harm.

Dr. Bergmann suggested that Mr. Bonsor should write an article for the magazine about the teaching of the recorder which has in practice the opposite effect from that which is intended.

Mr. Bonsor said that he had not been able to get his local authority to accept the recorder as a suitable instrument for the Higher Level examination. It was felt among delegates that the use of the recorder in primary schools has not been good for its reputation as a serious instrument.

Mrs. O'Riordan asked whether Mr. Bonsor could go to the training colleges and present the recorder to students as a musical instrument. Mr. Bonsor said this would be difficult to arrange and added that his own Inspector was shocked at much that was going on. The Education Authorities had no jurisdiction over training colleges.

Miss Hargreaves said that in the West Riding they had four full-time peripatetic recorder teachers but even so they were able to teach regularly at only a very small number of the schools. They give concerts to schools where they do not teach and are also giving courses to teachers, but they have not enough time to do all that should be done. The West Riding is trying to increase its quota of recorder teachers all the time.

Mr. Crispin said every training college should have a recorder expert.

Mrs. Taylor (Merseyside) asked whether a report of this Annual Conference could be sent to one of the better daily newspapers. She suggested the report could say that the Society deplores the low standard of recorder teaching in schools, and that particular mention should be made about the attitude of training colleges.

It was agreed that this should be done and the publications mentioned were "The Times Educational Supplement" and "The Guardian".

It was suggested that Christopher Grier, a free-lance journalist, should be asked to write an article about the Society.

It was suggested that Mr. Bonsor should write the newspaper report on the Conference. Mr. Bonsor said he thought it should come from the Executive Committee of the Society, and suggested Mr. Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt said he was not sure whether this report would be a good thing and he wondered whether the standard of recorder playing in schools was in fact the concern of the Society. He said it was not possible to make a living playing the instrument and therefore music colleges did not train recorder players. He did not think it was within the powers of a small society such as ours to alter the education system of the country.

Mrs. O'Riordan said she strongly agreed with this and said the country depended on children being properly taught in school.

Mr. Wyatt said he felt the Society should concern itself more with the adult amateur recorder player rather than with school children. Miss Murray said she did not think the status of the recorder depended on how it was taught to children but on the standard of professional performances and on its general acceptance by professional musicians and audiences as a serious instrument.

It was finally agreed that Mr. Bonsor should write an account of the Conference and should send it to Miss Davis who would send it as an official report from the Society to the Times Educational Supplement.



Mr. Bonsor did not think much purpose would be served by writing to Education Authorities.

Miss Griffiths (London) suggested that a copy of the report could appear in the next issue of the magazine and Mr. Bonsor said it could perhaps be augmented for this purpose.

Any Other Business. It was suggested that a list of all members might be published occasionally but Mr. Hunt said there were objections to this, chiefly that it might be used for publicity purposes and not necessarily in the best interests of the Society. The list would have to be changed frequently. Mr. James said a list of unattached members might be interesting, so that they could get in touch with each other, and Dr. Robertson pointed out that the names of Branch Secretaries and lists of meetings were published in "The Recorder News". It was therefore agreed that for the time being nothing should be done about publishing a list of members.

Mrs. O'Riordan asked what any delegate knew about groups in universities who played together but who did not join the Society. Mrs. Taylor said that in Liverpool University there were many players, but since so many other instruments were played the University had no interest in recorders. It was reported that this was true of Exeter and Manchester.

In reply to a question from Mr. Bonsor the Secretary said the list of visiting conductors was due for review at the next Executive Committee and she admitted that there were a few people on this list who did not belong to the Society.

Date of the Next Conference. It was agreed this would be on the Saturday of the London Branch meeting in May 1967, and on the following Sunday. The dates would be fixed shortly and all Branch Secretaries informed.

Mr. Crispin (Devon) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Officers and Committee.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Schott and Co. Ltd. for their hospitality.

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*Edgar Hunt*  
*6 May 1967*



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH DELEGATES' CONFERENCE HELD ON 6th AND 7th MAY, 1967, AT SCHOTT & CO. LTD., 48, Gt. MARLBOROUGH STREET, LONDON, W.1.

Present: Mr. Hunt in the Chair. Miss Dinn (Sunday only)  
Dr. Dolmetsch (Saturday only) Dr. Bergmann (Saturday only)  
Mr. Gray, Miss Wright (Sunday only), Mr. James, Miss Barker,  
Mr. Kenworthy (Saturday only) Mr. Wyatt, Miss Unwin,  
Mr. Hersom, Miss Downer, Miss Murray, Miss Davis, Mr. Thomson  
(Sunday only).

Aberdeen Branch (Mr. Howie and Miss Philip)  
Bristol " (Miss Hunt)  
Devon " (Mr. Crispin)  
Dorset " (Miss Drake)  
Edinburgh " (Mrs. O'Riordan)  
Glasgow " (Miss Barker)  
London " (Miss Murray)  
Manchester " (Mr. Alton)  
Merseyside " (Mrs. Taylor)  
Midlands " (Mr. Brown)  
Northampton " (Dr. Coles, Sunday only)  
Roxburgh " (Mr. & Mrs. Bonsor)  
W. Riding " (Mrs. Hird)

Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn, Dr. Coles, Miss Wright and Newcastle Branch (Saturday) and from Drs. Dolmetsch & Bergmann, Newcastle Branch and Mr. Kenworthy (Sunday).

Minutes of the last Conference. These had been circulated with the Agenda. Miss Barker pointed out that on P.3 she had been seconded by Dr. and not Miss Ingram, and Mr. Bonsor requested that in the first line of para. 3 on P.7 the words 'local authority' should read 'Association of Organisers of Music in Scotland'. With these amendments the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising Miss Downer asked whether the report mentioned on P.7 had been published in the "Times Educational Supplement" or "The Guardian". The Secretary said copies had been sent but they had not been published or even acknowledged. Miss Downer asked whether a report on the current Conference could be published; Mr. Alton thought that Manchester Branch might be able to arrange for it to appear in "The Guardian" and said he would see what could be done about this.

The general standard of recorder teaching in schools was discussed.

Mrs. Taylor said that some of her Merseyside Branch members could not understand why the Branch received pastoral visits from conductors other than the Musical Directors, and she asked whether a list of visiting conductors could be published in the "Recorder News". The Chairman said this matter had been discussed in Committee and it had been decided that it would not be politic to publish such a list since it might give rise to questions as to why some names were on it and some not. Mr. Crispin said Branch Secretaries should explain the situation to their Branches, and Mr. James pointed out that the panel of visiting conductors is referred to in the new Rules.

Chairman's Report. Mr. Hunt said that the Committee Meetings in the past year had been largely taken up with discussions about the magazine. He would, however, leave this question over until the following day, when Mr. John Thomson had been invited to attend.



He said that the Society had heard only a short time ago of Mr. Thomson's resignation as Editor but he also said he understood that Mr. Thomson would be willing to carry on as the editor of the Society's pages. On this subject, Mr. Crispin said the Society's section of the magazine had become smaller since the first three editions and its position gradually relegated from the centre to almost the end of the magazine. Dr. Bergmann said that Mr. Makings complained that the Society did not produce enough suitable material to fill four pages.

Mr. Hunt said Mr. Thomson should now be able to make the Society's pages more interesting, and the presentation of Branch news was discussed.

Mr. Kenworthy said he had found as editor that it was difficult to sustain the interest of Branch news after the first few editions, as it became too repetitive, and Mr. Crispin asked whether Branch news should appear at all.

Dr. Bergmann said he thought Branch news was essential but asked whether information could be given about activities within the area of a Branch even though itself unconnected with S.R.P. Mr. Crispin asked whether the Branch news could be summarised. Mr. Hunt said he had thought of featuring Branch news more prominently in some issues than in others, and said the August issue would contain as much as possible of news about coming activities. It was then agreed that the question of the magazine should be left over until Sunday.

Mr. Hunt said that the question of the recently disbanded Cambridge Branch had not yet been concluded.

Treasurer's  
Report.

Mr. James said the Accounts to 30th September, 1966, had been circulated in the November magazine. Financially this had been a good year as there were only three issues of the magazine to pay for: consequently there was a carry forward of £136. Added to the carry forward from the previous year this made a very healthy cash balance. There would in future be four issues a year again, and if this had been the case last year the surplus would have been no more than about £30.

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Other items of expenditure remained much the same as previously. The Annual Conference had cost £76, as compared with £70 for the previous year, and travelling expenses of visiting conductors was up slightly.

Receipts were £605 from subscriptions, compared with £599 the year before. The cash balance at the end of the year stood at £667. For the current year the situation was much the same as at the same time in the previous year, but there would be an extra issue of the magazine so that we should about break even, or have a small surplus.

Membership for the year ending 30th September, 1966, was 926, compared with 915 the year before and 955 the year before that. There was still a special balance of about £75 held by the Society to be applied in connection with recorder playing by children - the balance of the Children's Society.

Mr. Gray said the 926 members consisted of 669 Branch Members, 90 paying 10/-, and 167 Country Members ~~paying 7/6d.~~ In the current year membership to date was 850. At the Conference



last year he had mentioned a figure of 918, which meant a drop of 68 members. The 850 members consisted of 66 Students, 610 Branch Members, 146 Country Members paying 7/6d. and 28 paying 15/-. Branch membership is therefore down on the whole, although Aberdeen, Midlands, Devon and Dorset were up.

Mr. Gray said that in 1961/62 there were 1,004 Members, with 671 Branch Members. In 1962/63 there were 606 Branch Members. In the following year this became 670. In 1964/65 the figure was 649 and in the next year 669. Now it is only 610. He felt there should be a recruitment drive and a look into the question of why membership was dropping.

Dr. Dolmetsch asked whether there could be some provision for affiliation to the Society of consorts. Mr. Wyatt asked what the Society could offer in this connection, and Dr. Dolmetsch suggested group tuition. Mr. Howie said that if the financial loss to the Society would not be too great it might be of some benefit to establish relations with good recorder players. Mrs. O'Riordan asked whether Dr. Dolmetsch might be able to run a master class, say on BBC2. Dr. Dolmetsch said there was a prejudice against the recorder and suggested that members might write asking for more recorder music on the radio and television.

Dr. Bergmann said some good players would not join the Society unless it could offer them more. He suggested they might be encouraged to give concerts which the Society would support only if they were members. Mr. Wyatt said he did not think it important whether players actually joined the Society, or just came to its meetings as visitors. He pointed out that Branch membership was in fact higher than in 1962/63 although it had fluctuated in between. Dr. Bergmann said that if the Society had more members and therefore more money it could do more for the recorder.

Mr. Kenworthy said on our present figures we can just about pay our way, and it was unrealistic to think of ever being able to build up a large sum for research. He thought increasing the membership must be sought for its own sake. Dr. Bergmann asked why the Society could not perhaps sponsor a concert by some visiting recorder player. Miss Barker supported this suggestion.

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Mr. Howie said it should be our aim to have the recorder accepted like any other musical instrument and we should beware of equating the recorder-playing population with S.R.P.

Dr. Dolmetsch proposed that Mr. James should be congratulated on his work on the Accounts.

#### Election of Officers and Committee.

The Secretary reported that no new nominations had been received.

Mr. Crispin proposed that Dr. Bergmann, this year's retiring Musical Director, and all the present Officers and Committee be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mrs. O'Riordan and carried unanimously.

The question of electing another Musical Director was then discussed. Mr. Hersom proposed that Mr. Bonsor should be elected and Mr. Crispin seconded this. Mr. Bonsor agreed to stand and was elected unanimously.



Election of new Auditor. Mr. Minchin's re-election was proposed by Dr. Bergmann, seconded by Mr. Wyatt and carried unanimously. Mr. Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Minchin for his great help to the Society.

Branch Reports. Branch reports were given by the Delegates.

Magazine. Mr. Hunt officially reported to the meeting that Mr. Thomson had resigned from the editorship of the magazine following a disagreement with the Managing Director of Schotts, but he had agreed to carry on editing the Society's pages.

Mr. Thomson said he had found it impossible to carry on under the existing Management, but, so far as he knew, the journal would continue to appear under Mr. Corcoran's editorship. He said that it appeared increasingly clear to him that the kind of journal which would do justice both to the recorder movement generally and to the Society could not be produced in the frame-work of the present management of Schotts. He felt that for the time being we must carry on helping to produce as good a publication as possible through Schotts, and try to keep the standard of the S.R.P. pages as high as possible. He congratulated the Branch Secretaries on the reports received for the current issue.

In reply to a question from Mr. Bonsor, Mr. Thomson said there had been no further suggestion of producing less than four issues annually.

In answer to Miss Murray, Mr. Thomson said Mr. Corcoran's position would be a difficult one, and it was not easy to produce a good magazine unless one was well acquainted with the subject. He felt, however, that this was a matter better discussed in Committee. Mr. Hunt proposed that Mr. Thomson should be co-opted to the Committee, and this was agreed.

Mr. Bonsor asked whether any pressure could be brought to bear on Mr. Thomson to reverse his decision. Mr. Thomson said he had not taken this decision without a great deal of thought, and he felt no purpose would be served by his carrying on under the present Management.

Mr. Hunt reported that the Secretary had written to Mr. Makings, and read his reply, in which he asked for the Society's opinion as to whether the present arrangement had so far been successful. Mr. Hunt suggested that future dealings with Mr. Makings should be left to the Committee.

Mrs. O'Riordan asked about the cost of producing a publication on the lines of the old "Recorder News". Mr. James said this had cost between £50 and £75 and would be more expensive now, so that we had a good bargain in the price we paid for the "Recorder and Music Magazine". Mr. Thomson said he thought it would be a retrogressive step to go back to an internal news-sheet and away from the international outlook of the magazine, which had only been printed for four years and was still developing. Miss Wright added that the magazine had a great appeal for overseas members which a purely internal publication would lack.

Mr. Howie asked whether there was any point in trying to threaten Schotts. Mr. Hunt said that if Schotts lost the Society's support for the magazine they would lose the sales to the members, or at least most of them. Miss Downer said the Committee had felt Schotts would also lose prestige.



Mr. Howie thought that Schotts was a commercial enterprise and most of its profits depended on selling music and instruments, not on the magazine. Therefore, might it not be worth the expense of producing it? Mr. Crispin said the magazine was a good advertising medium for Schotts, and Mr. Hunt mentioned that certain safeguards had been laid down to prevent its becoming merely a house-organ. In this connection he said the Editorial Board, which had been appointed to prevent this, was very seldom asked to meet, and this was a point which would have to be brought up with Schotts. Mr. Thomson asked that the Committee should be given authority to deal with the question as diplomatically as possible and report back to the delegates. This was agreed.

Advertising.

Mr. Hunt mentioned the question of advertising the Society, so as to bring in new members. Mr. Thomson said he was willing to help on this and suggested that he and Mr. Hunt should have a meeting to discuss it, and possibly produce a brochure about the Society which could be used in Branches and also be introduced into Schools, etc.

Miss Dinn said she was surprised when adjudicating at music festivals to find how many people had not heard about the Society. She asked whether the Federation of Music Festivals could be asked to insert a small advertisement in local syllabuses. Mr. Hunt said this might prove too expensive but promised to consider it in connection with a general budget of expenditure on advertising.

Miss Dinn also suggested advertising through the Schools Music Association, and Mrs. Taylor mentioned the Music Teacher's Association.

Mr. Bonsor asked whether local newspapers would be prepared to take reports of recorder events, saying that his own did so.

Mrs. Taylor said her local newspapers had carried good reports of Dr. Dolmetsch's recitals, and the Society had been mentioned.

Miss Wright asked if the brochure and other information could be introduced into training colleges, but several delegates thought this might be a waste of time in view of the prejudiced attitude towards the recorder.

Reports of  
Conference.

Mr. Bonsor again brought up the question of sending reports about the Conference to newspapers, particularly last year's resolution deploring the low standard of teaching the recorder. He asked whether the Meeting thought any statement of the Society's views on the standard of teaching, and perhaps the attitude of the training colleges, should be sent to any paper this year.

Mr. James reminded the Meeting that a report was sent to the "Times Educational Supplement" last year and turned down.

It was suggested that a report might be sent to newspapers about the time of the Haslemere Festival, when recorders were topical.

Mrs. Taylor proposed that a report similar to last year's should be sent to journals and it was generally agreed that it should not go to the general Press. Mr. Hersom proposed that it should be sent to musical journals and Dr. Coles seconded this. The journals suggested were "Music Making", "The Music Teacher", "Music in Education", "The Musical Times" "Music" and "Musical Opinion".

Mr. Bonsor was thanked for the work he had done in preparing last year's report.



Any Other  
Business.

Miss Dinn said that many changes were taking place in musical experience in education and she felt the Society's time to intervene would come in a few years' time. She said that the Inspectors of Schools were in favour of the recorder as a musical instrument, not only as an aid to education.

Mrs. O'Riordan said that she felt sure that with the coming increase in leisure time more people would want to make music themselves. There must therefore be a good supply of competent teachers from whom such people could learn.

Miss Dinn spoke about the new Music Centres which many local authorities are now setting up, where any child, not only the most talented, could learn to play an instrument. She also said there was a move to recommend a graduate examination for students studying only instrumental music, apart from the piano.

Delegates spoke of Music Centres which they knew about in Liverpool, Kent and Boston.

Mr. Crispin said the University of Exeter was appointing a new Music Professor. They will be linked with Dartington Hall. In their finals one of the papers provides for the student to put on his own concert and this can include recorder performances. Students may, therefore, be writing an exercise including the recorder, which may actually be performed.

Date of Next  
Conference.

It was agreed to fix this to coincide with the London Branch May Meeting in 1968. (now fixed for 4th and 5th May).

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Mr. Crispin proposed a vote of thanks to those who had looked after members at the Conference, including Miss Seelig, and to all officers of the Society for their work.

The Conference ended at 1 p.m.

*Edgar Hunt*  
*4 May 1968*



The Society of Recorder Players

MINUTES of Annual Conference held on May 4th and 5th, 1968, at 48  
Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1.

Present      Saturday

Mr. Hunt in the Chair  
Mr. Alton, Manchester  
Miss Appleby, Newcastle  
The Misses Barker, Glasgow & Edinburgh  
Mr. & Mrs. Bonsor, Roxburghshire  
Dr. Coles, Northampton  
Mr. Cooknall, Midlands  
Mr. Crispin, Devon  
Miss Davis  
Dr. Dolmetsch  
Miss Downer  
Mr. Gray  
Mr. Hersom  
Mrs. Hird, W. Riding  
Miss Hunt, Bristol  
Mr. James  
Miss Murray, London  
Dr. Robertson, Aberdeen  
Miss Unwin  
Mr. Wyatt

Sunday

Mr. Hunt in the Chair  
Mr. Alton, Manchester  
Miss Appleby, Newcastle  
The Misses Barker, Glasgow & Edinburgh  
Mr. & Mrs. Bonsor, Roxburghshire  
Mr. Cooknall, Midlands  
Mr. Crispin, Devon  
Miss Davis  
Miss Dinn  
Dr. Dolmetsch  
Miss Downer  
Mr. Hersom  
Mrs. Hird, W. Riding  
Miss Hunt, Bristol  
Mr. James  
Mr. Kenworthy  
Miss Melville, ex Cambridge  
Miss Murray, London  
Dr. Robertson, Aberdeen  
Miss Unwin  
Miss Wright, Country & Overseas  
Mr. Wyatt

Apologies	Dr. Bergmann
for	Dorset, Merseyside and Norfolk Branches
Absence.	Miss Dinn, Saturday
	Miss Wright "
	Mr. Kenworthy "
	Dr. Coles, Sunday
	Mr. Gray "



Minutes of  
last  
Conference.

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters  
Arising

Mr. Bonsor was asked whether any report of the 1967 Conference had been published and he replied that one had appeared in 'Music in Education'.

Magazine Mr. Hunt reported that Mr. Thomson had given up the editorship of the magazine and with it the editorship of the Society's pages. Names suggested for a successor in editing the Society's pages were: Sam Taylor, Margaret Donnington, Elizabeth Rees, Ronald Skins and Dr. Robertson. It was agreed that all these people should be approached. Mr. Hunt and Miss Dinn were asked to see Mr. Makings and discuss with him the whole question of the magazine and the Society, including:

- a) Distribution and whether the terms to bookshops and music shops could be improved.
- b) Changing the dates of publication to one month later in each case, i.e. to appear in March, June, September and December.

Mr. James moved that the name 'Recorder News' should be dropped from the heading of the Society's pages, which should be headed "The Society of Recorder Players" followed by the names of the Officers of the Society. The Meeting agreed to this by a majority, Dr. Robertson and Mr. Wyatt opposing.

Publicity

Norwich Branch had produced a poster advertising their Branch and the Society. Mr. Hersom proposed that a small sub-committee should be formed to use this as the basis for preparing a poster for use by all Branches. Miss Dinn seconded this suggestion which was carried unanimously. The Executive Committee, at its next meeting, would decide on the composition of this sub-committee.

Mr. Bonsor said he might be able to get printing done locally at cheap rates and it was suggested that 250/500 copies might be produced.

Election of  
Officers and  
Committee.

This year's retiring Musical Director was Dr. Dolmetsch and he and all the other Officers and Committee Members were willing to stand again. Re-election en bloc was proposed by Mr. Crispin and seconded by Dr. Coles. This was carried unanimously. The Honorary Auditor was also re-elected. Mr. Hunt mentioned that the time would come when he would feel that he might wish to retire from Chairmanship of the Society and suggested that new members should be encouraged to take the place of those who had been running the Society from its beginning.

Finance.

The only special points made by the Treasurer were:-

- a) The funds remaining in the Cambridge Branch when it had had to close down had been handed over to the Central Fund, which would also receive the value of the bass recorder belonging to Cambridge, which it was hoped to sell for £15 at the Roehampton Summer School.



- b) Miss Dinn had agreed that the balance of £75.13.3. remaining in the old Children's Society fund should be handed over to the Central Fund, since there seemed no likelihood of its being used for its original purpose.

The drop in membership was discussed and Mr. Gray gave some interesting figures of membership since 1949/50:-

1949/50	528	1958/59	833
1950/51	597	1959/60	877
1951/52	647	1960/61	886
1952/53	667	1961/62	1000
1953/54	683	1962/63	900
1954/55	665	1963/64	955
1955/56	678	1964/65	914
1956/57	761	1965/66	928
1957/58	835	1966/67	867
		1967/68	835

Mr. Gray said he would have thought the magazine would be an attraction for greater membership, but Mr. Bonsor said of his 19 members only 3 had said they would buy the magazine if it was not included in their S.R.P. subscription. Mr. Alton (Manchester) and Dr. Coles (Northampton) confirmed that the attitude of their members was similar.

Any Other  
Business.

Mr. Bonsor made some suggestions for a more regional organisation of the Society, which might help to save expense. Several branches near to each other, e.g. in the North, Scotland, the Midlands, the South-West, could meet together to discuss local problems, and perhaps a representative from one or more of these groups could attend a Committee Meeting and then report back to the local group. He also made the suggestion that a Branch Delegates Conference might be held outside London, with another Branch providing hospitality. Mr. James said this would inevitably lead to increased expense and raising the subscription to the Central Fund.

Date of  
next  
Conference.

It was agreed to fix this to coincide with the London Branch May Meeting in 1969.

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Mr. Crispin proposed a vote of thanks to those who had looked after members at the Conference, including Miss Seelig, and to all Officers of the Society for their work.

The Conference ended at 1 p.m.

*Edgar Hunt*  
10.5.69



SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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MINUTES OF BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE held on 10th & 11th MAY, 1969, at Schott & Co., 48 Great Marlborough Street, W.1.

PRESENT: Mrs Imrie (Aberdeen)  
Miss E. Hunt (Bristol)  
Mr. B. Crispin (Devon)  
Miss K. Drake (Dorset)  
Mr. E. Gillett (Edinburgh)  
Mr. Greaves (Hull)  
Miss K. Murray (London)  
Mr. Atton (Manchester)  
Mr. P. Clark (Midlands)  
Miss Jordan (Newcastle)  
Dr. Coles (Northampton);  
Mr. B. Bonsor (Roxburgh)  
Mrs. Hird (West Riding)  
Miss Wright (Country & Overseas)

Mr. E. Hunt  
Miss F. Dinn  
Miss J. Davis Sec  
Mr. H. Hersom  
Mr. James  
Mr. S. Taylor  
Miss E. Unwin  
Mr. T.E. Wyatt

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Norfolk Branch, Dr. Dolmetsch, Dr. Bergmann, Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Gray and Miss Barker (Glasgow).

2. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

The Minutes had been circulated and, with the addition of the Branch Reports, were signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Magazine. Mr. Hunt said the Society were not in a position to influence distribution and suggested that Branches might make some local arrangement, e.g. with a station bookstall. He also reported that he had persuaded Mr. Makins to agree to a better discount for shops abroad and that he himself was in touch with certain shops abroad where he knew recorders were sold.

Removal of "Recorder News" from Society's pages. Mr. Hunt said that he had realised that if the words "Recorder News" were dropped from the magazine this would mean that anybody else could start a magazine under that title. The Society had therefore kept the title although the pages in the magazine were no longer headed "Recorder News".



Publicity. Mr. Wyatt showed a poster, 500 copies of which had been printed in Roxburgh. The meeting approved this and Mr. Wyatt suggested each Branch should take what copies it needed.

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Mr. Sam Taylor had taken on the editorship of the Society's pages in the magazine, starting with the January issue in the current year. He also said the Committee had met three times since the last Conference and had been particularly concerned about the need to increase membership. They were also faced with the resignations of Mr. James, as Treasurer, and Mr. Gray, as Membership Secretary, and the necessity for finding replacements. Nominations had been received for both offices and because of the timing of material for the next "Recorder Magazine" these names had already been inserted in the list of the Society's officers. The magazine had not yet, however, gone to press so a last minute change could probably be made.

In the Minutes of the last Conference it had been reported that the Cambridge Branch had finally closed down and its assets had been disposed of. The Chairman welcomed two delegates to this Conference from Hull where a new Branch was due to start in October.

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership for the year to 30th September 1968 was 841 (including 83 students and 171 Country Members), the lowest figure since 833 in 1958/59. Ever since 1961/62 there had been a steady fall in membership.

Income and expenditure during the past year had been within £5 of that for the year before and there was a surplus at the end of the year of just over £8. The main variations from the previous year were a fall of £16 from subscriptions, a fall of £30 in the cost of the magazine, due partly to falling membership and partly to a credit against the cost of the December issue for all copies returned over the past four issues. Fares for visiting conductors were up by £52, due largely to the fact that Miss Donnington had claimed in the one year for two visits to Scotland. The cost of the Delegates Conference was £12 down and the final cash balance was £713 against £708 at the end of the previous year. Assets of the Cambridge Branch transferred to the Central Fund amounted to £9.4.11 cash and £15 for a bass recorder. The £20 loan to the Dolmetsch Foundation had been repaid. It had also been decided at an Executive Committee Meeting that the balance held for some 10 years in a special reserve for encouraging recorder playing among children (the balance of the old Junior Section) should be transferred to the Central Fund.

Mr. James said that this was the last report he would present and it was the twentieth time that he had made this report. A formal vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. James for all the work he had done for the Society, and this was coupled with a similar vote of thanks to Mr. Gray.



Mrs. Hird raised the question of a special subscription for married couples. It was agreed that this was something on which the Society as such should not take any action but individual Branches could make special arrangements if they so wished.

The cost of pastoral visits was discussed. The Chairman said that it was the policy of the Society to encourage Branches to arrange their visits so that one visiting conductor could take in several Branches in one trip and so save fares. This was one of the purposes of the list of visiting conductors and he thought it should be emphasised once again to the Branches. He suggested that Branches should be circulated once again on this subject and the Secretary should be informed of any proposed official visit.

It was agreed that the Committee should revise the list of visiting conductors and branches should be circulated as suggested by Mr. Hunt.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

The Chairman said that in a letter Dr. Bergmann had said that he would be willing to retire as a Musical Director in favour of someone younger, and Mr. Hunt said that he himself felt that he would soon be thinking about retiring as Chairman. In view of the two resignations, from Mr. James and Mr. Gray, which were already facing the Society, however, he was willing to carry on for a while longer and felt sure that the meeting would wish Dr. Bergmann to continue as a Musical Director also.

Miss Unwin said she would like to retire from the Committee although she was willing to look after the list of members at Office Aids on behalf of the Society as long as she was needed. Mr. Taylor said that the Society appreciated all that she had done for it and he personally would be grateful if she could continue to work with Office Aids until a replacement could be found. Miss Unwin agreed to this and the Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Society.

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Musical Directors: Mr. Hersom proposed that Mr. Paul Clark should be elected as an additional Musical Director. Mr. Taylor seconded.

Miss Dinn was due to retire by rotation and was re-nominated from the Chair.

The re-election of the four existing Musical Directors - Mr. Bonsor, Miss Dinn, Dr. Dolmetsch and Dr. Bergmann - and the election of Mr. Clark was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously.

Chairman: The re-election of Mr. Hunt was proposed and agreed unanimously.

Membership Secretary: Miss Lorna Hill had been nominated by the Committee to replace Mr. Gray. Agreed unanimously.



Treasurer: Mr. L. Rouse Jones had been nominated by the Committee in place of Mr. James. Agreed unanimously.

Mr. Hunt proposed that Mr. Sam Taylor should be elected to the Committee. Miss Dinn seconded. Agreed unanimously.

Auditor: Mr. Hersom proposed the re-election of Mr. Minchin. Seconded by Mr. Wyatt and agreed unanimously.

The re-election of the remaining Committee members was proposed from the Chair and agreed unanimously.

#### 7. BRANCH REPORTS

~~Copies of these are attached.~~

##### Hull

Mr. Greaves reported on the new Branch to be opened in Hull in October. He said there was a good deal of interest in the recorder in Hull and the group was already holding meetings. They had begun with 14 and had risen to about 36 - half adults and half children. They had three teachers who conducted the meetings regularly. It seemed to be a flourishing group which by October would have been in existence for a year. The Chairman thanked Mr. Greaves and said they looked forward to the formation of a successful Branch in Hull.

#### 8. MAGAZINE

Mr. Taylor made his report as Editor of the Society's pages. He made suggestions for increasing the interest of Branch reports.

Publicity It was agreed that 500 more copies of the poster would be needed. 127

Mr. James asked about the results of the new leaflet. Mr. Orton said he had distributed about 50 with no noticeable effect on membership. Mr. Crispin said membership was bound up with what the Society had to offer. At the moment this was only Branch meetings and he felt the expense of a leaflet could only be justified if the Society could offer something more. Mr. Crispin's memorandum on this subject was then discussed.

Mr. Rouse Jones said he felt the Branch meetings were the essential part of the Society and if the leaflet attracted members to them it was serving its purpose. A central Society was necessary but the Branch meetings were what really mattered. Mr. Clark said that many good recorder players did not belong to the Society and the Branch meetings had nothing to offer them. Miss Dinn agreed and said that members as they became better players often outgrew the Society. She thought the ultimate aim of all good players was to play one to a part and said she would like the Society to be able to offer them facilities for this.

Mr. Clark suggested a national rally in London with all Branches playing together and each Branch playing a prepared item.



Mr. Bonsor asked if it would be possible to have a playing register of small groups in all Branches.

Mr. Crispin said he would like to see the status of the Society raised to that of say the English ~~Country Song and Dance~~ Society, which was asked for reports by the L.E.A. onclasses.

Dr. Coles suggested a national consort festival organised by the S.R.P., citing the analogy of brass bands.

Mr. Clark asked if the Society could not do something to promote visits by leading players to places other than London. Mr. Orton said Frans Brueggen had visited Manchester and David Munro was going to play there. He said the Brueggen concert, though much appreciated, had not brought any new members. Mr. Rouse Jones asked whether concert such as this outside London might not be sponsored by the Society and also whether the Society could not help to organise master classes by such players in the remoter parts of the country.

Mr. Hunt then read a letter from Dr. Bergmann.

Mr. Hunt proposed that a working party, as suggested by Mr. Crispin, should be set up to study Mr. Crispin's and Dr. Bergmann's suggestions. The following members were proposed for this party:-

Mr. Wyatt  
Mr. Crispin  
Mr. Clark  
Dr. Coles  
Mr. Taylor

It was agreed that this working party, under Mr. ~~Wyatt's~~ <sup>Dr. Coles'</sup> chairmanship, should study Mr. Crispin's document and Dr. Bergmann's letter and submit a report on the future of the Society to the Committee by 1st February 1970; this report could then be discussed at the Conference in 1970.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE

The Chairman said that it was felt that the Conference needed more time and should take the whole of a Saturday afternoon and evening and the Sunday morning. London Branch would be sorry not to be able to welcome the delegates to one of their meetings but he felt this extra time was important. It was agreed that the 1970 Conference should be held on Saturday 9th May from 2.30 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday 10th May from 10.30 a.m. to 1.0 p.m., probably at Schotts. It was also agreed that the Branch Reports should be duplicated and circulated before the Conference.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Executive Committee and to the members of the London Branch who had given hospitality to delegates.

*Edgar Hunt*  
9. May 70



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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held on SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th MAY 1970  
at Schott & Co., 48 Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1.

PRESENT:

Committee: Mr. E. Hunt (in the Chair)  
Dr. Dolmetsch (Saturday only)  
Miss F. Dinn (Saturday afternoon only)  
Dr. W. Bergmann  
Mr. B. Bonsor  
Mr. P. Clark  
Miss L. Hill  
Miss F. Barker  
Mrs. E. Cobb  
Miss K. Murray  
Dr. S. Taylor  
Mr. L. Rouse-Jones  
Mr. T.E. Wyatt  
Miss J. Davis (Secretary)

Branches: Bristol - Miss E. Hunt  
Devon - Mr. B. Crispin  
Dorset - Miss K. Drake  
Edinburgh - Miss Murphy  
Glasgow - The Misses Barker  
London - Dr. J. Allen  
Manchester - Mr. Yates  
Midlands - Mr. P. Clark  
Newcastle - Miss Appleby  
Northampton - Dr. P. Robertson  
Roxburgh - Mr. & Mrs. B. Bonsor  
West Riding - Mrs. Hird  
Lincoln (prospective) - Mr. & Mrs. Colin Hand

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Aberdeen Branch,  
Norfolk Branch, Miss M. Wright, Mr. H. Hersom and Mr. C. Kenworthy.

2. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

Mr. Wyatt pointed out that he was not Chairman of the Working  
Party, as reported in the Minutes. With this amendment the  
minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Dr. Dolmetsch asked if the fall in membership had  
continued. Miss Hill said that it had risen slightly  
during the current year.



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4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Hunt said much of the Committee's time during the year had been taken up with discussing the Report of the Working Party on the Future of the Society. He suggested the meeting should take this item after the Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's Reports, leaving Branch Reports to a later part of the Agenda. The meeting agreed to this.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rouse-Jones said subscriptions had risen a little with the slight rise in membership. The Society's funds now amounted to £623 and Mr. Rouse-Jones said the Committee had considered the best way to invest it. It seemed that any income from such investments would be subject to tax although we had not yet received any assessment. Various suggestions were made but it was left to the Committee to make the final decision about the investment of the funds. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his Report and the work he had done during the year.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Miss Hill said that membership had increased slightly during the year, to approximately 850. There had been about 134 deletions and 157 new members. The Chairman thanked the Membership Secretary for her Report and for the work which she had done during the year.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE 132

Chairman: Miss Dinn proposed that Mr. Hunt be re-elected. Seconded by Miss Murphy and carried unanimously. Mr. Hunt said he felt he would have to retire soon but he was willing to accept the position for another year.

Musical Directors: Dr. Bergmann and Mr. Bonsor retired in rotation. Mr. Hunt proposed their re-election. Seconded by Dr. Coles and carried unanimously.

Secretary, Treasurer & Committee. Mr. Kenworthy had declined to stand again for the Committee. Dr. Sam Taylor was proposed for the vacant place by Dr. Coles and seconded by Miss Davis. Carried unanimously. Mr. Crispin proposed the re-election of the Secretary, the Treasurer and all other Committee members en bloc. Seconded by Miss Dinn, and carried unanimously.

Miss Murphy asked how long Committee members served and after resignation when would they be eligible for re-election. The Chairman said there were no rules on this subject.

Miss Davis stated that she was willing to act as Secretary for another year but wished to retire at the Conference in 1971.

Honorary Auditor. Mr. Rouse-Jones said Mr. Minchin did not wish to stand again. Mr. Ingram was proposed as Auditor by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Wyatt and his election was carried unanimously.



The Chairman said he felt some recognition should be made of the services rendered to the Society by Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Minchin. It was agreed that the Committee should decide what form the presentation should take, and that the value should be about 5 guineas each.

8. BRANCH REPORTS

Mr. Hunt asked if, in view of the length of the meeting, the Branch Reports could be taken as read. The meeting agreed and copies of the reports were handed to the Secretary.

9. MAGAZINE

Dr. Taylor said the Branch news was becoming more varied and interesting. He also said photographs could now be produced in the S.R.P. pages and that he would like reports of local activities outside the Society.

10. WORKING PARTY'S REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY AND PUBLICITY

Dr. Dolmetsch raised the question of advertising in other publications than the Recorder Magazine. Mr. Wyatt said the Working Party had been fairly unanimous in thinking that national advertising was ineffective in the light of such experience as we had had. A suggestion was, however, made of inserting a series of advertisements in the "Music Teacher" to coincide with a series of articles on the recorder written by Miss Dinn. The meeting felt that this might be an interesting experiment.

An unsolicited mention of the Society had appeared in a recent issue of the "Sunday Times" Colour Supplement and the Secretary said this had led to about 50 general enquiries about recorders, but none about the Society.

Mr. Colin Hand asked whether some advertising could be directed to children in Secondary Schools, but Miss Dinn said children seldom carried over an interest in the recorder into their after-school life. Mr. Crispin felt there were other ways of making membership of the Society attractive and he cited the case of his weekend course at Halsway Manor where members paid less than non-members. Dr. Dolmetsch said one function of the Society should be for recorder players to meet each other and form groups for playing, and he mentioned the membership list issued by the Dolmetsch Foundation. Mr. Wyatt said the London Branch had decided to issue a list of Branch Members, giving names, addresses and instruments played.

Improvement of Present Activities (Section 9)

Dr. Coles said the Working Party had felt that for the Society to expand it needed more Branches and therefore the minimum number necessary to form a Branch should be re-considered. He also suggested, as an experiment, that some Branch member should try to set up another branch, with the initiative coming from the Society and not, as in the past, from the potential new branch.



It was felt that there might be financial difficulties if all branches, however small, could send a member to the Annual Conference and be entitled to an annual visit. Mr. Bonsor suggested the possibility of a regional organisation with one member attending the Conference representing several branches in the same region. The minimum number of members for a branch was discussed and 12 was felt to be a suitable figure.

Mr. Bonsor moved the adoption of 9(a) and (b) but not (c).

Dr. Coles then proposed that Paragraphs 1 to 4 and Paragraphs 6 to 10 of the Report should be adopted, with 9(c) being deleted and the words "or 15" being omitted from 9(a).

Mr. Bonsor seconded and this was agreed by the meeting.

The setting up of a sub-committee to help new branches and give advice on the formation of branches was discussed. Miss Murray proposed that such a sub-committee should be set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Wyatt. Seconded by Mrs. Hird and agreed unanimously. Mr. Wyatt was asked to consider the question of the possible new branch at Nuneaton.

#### Paragraph 12 - L.S.R.P.

Dr. Coles said the object of this was to encourage the type of leadership needed in branches. Dr. Taylor thought many teachers would welcome an examination of this sort. Mr. Hunt said to pay examiners, if they were members of the Society, would contravene the Society's rules. Dr. Coles drew the attention of the meeting to Paragraph 17. Mr. Bonsor said he was totally opposed to the use of the letters L.S.R.P., or any letters. Mr. Wyatt said he did not think the Society could provide the necessary teaching to train recorder players up to the suggested L.S.R.P. standard.

#### Paragraph 13 - C.S.R.P.

The meeting felt that this was a more practical and useful suggestion but did not like the letters. Mr. Bonsor proposed that Paragraph 13 should be accepted without the use of the letters C.S.R.P. Mr. Rouse-Jones seconded but no vote was taken on the motion. Mr. Rouse-Jones gave a word of warning about incurring too much expense which the Society might not be able to afford. Mr. Wyatt proposed that another Working Party should be set up to consider the question of the examination in terms of money and man hours, and possibilities of co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Trinity College, etc. Mr. Coles seconded and this was agreed. Mr. Wyatt proposed that Dr. Coles should be Chairman of this Working Party. Seconded by Mr. Clark and agreed. Dr. Coles was asked to co-opt members to the Working Party as necessary.

It was agreed that the Working Party's Terms of Reference should be:

"To examine the possibility of instituting an examination system on the lines set out in the Report. To examine the possibilities of co-operation with teaching bodies and to prepare a report for the next Conference in which a scheme of this sort would be costed in terms of money and man hours."

The relevant part of the report under discussion was Paragraphs 12 to 17.

Mr. Hunt suggested a preliminary report might be prepared for the Committee by 1st January 1971.



Paragraph 18 - Weekend Training Courses

Mr. Bonsor asked whether a little more could be done at Roehampton in the way of a Conductors' class. Mr. Hunt said they had something of this sort in mind.

Paragraph 21

Mr. Wyatt spoke again about the London Branch Membership List and asked if the meeting thought such a list might be useful for the whole Society. Dr. Coles proposed that a membership list for the Society on the lines of the proposed London Branch list should be drawn up. Seconded by Dr. Robertson. Agreed. A form would be sent to each member, to be sent in with the subscription, giving the necessary details.

Paragraphs 22 & 23 - Competitive Festival

The possibilities of such a Festival were discussed and of the best site. It was generally felt that Birmingham would be a good place to hold it. Mr. Hunt proposed that Mr. Clark and branches the idea of a national get-together of players be agreed. Mr. Clark in Birmingham. Seconded by Miss Murray. An idea to the Executive agreed to report on the feasibility. He would consider a date in June 1971. Committee at their next meeting.

Dr. Bergmann spoke about the possibility of a solo competition or a concert given by the best players in the country and it was agreed that he should prepare a report for the Committee on this subject. Mr. Bonsor said he was interested in the suggestion made at the last Conference of a concert or Master Class given by, say, Frans Brueggen and sponsored by the Society. Mr. Wyatt asked about the economics of a Master Class and Dr. Bergmann said that the two Frans Brueggen Master Classes which he knew about had broken even. It was suggested that S.R.P. members might be given a discount on their fee for such a Master Class. Dr. Bergmann spoke of the possibility of arranging a Master Class with Frans Brueggen in Edinburgh and he was asked to investigate this for further discussion by the Executive Committee. Mr. Bonsor asked, if this idea fell through, would the Society be prepared to underwrite an attempt by the Scottish Branches to organise a Master Class by someone else, e.g. Dr. Dolmetsch. No ruling was given on this point.

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Dr. Coles then reverted to the question of advertisements and proposed that a series of advertisements should be inserted in the "Music Teacher" at the same time as Miss Dinn's series of articles on the recorder. This was seconded by Mr. Crispin and agreed with some reservations as to the cost. Mr. Wyatt then proposed that Dr. Coles should ask Mr. Dalziel of the Northampton Branch to organise the advertising and should be allowed to spend up to £25. Seconded by Mr. Clark and agreed.

11. Miss Hill asked about the position of members who had paid their subscriptions in advance. Mr. Crispin suggested that when their subscriptions ran out they should be advised of their rights. Dr. Taylor proposed that the Rules should be amended by the deletion of Clause 4(d), so that the present 4(e) became 4(d), but that Miss Wright should be allowed to use her discretion in the matter of subscriptions paid in advance. Seconded by Miss Hill. This was passed by the meeting with Mr. Wyatt opposing.



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12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Bergmann asked whether the Society sent anyone to the Standing Conference for Amateur Music. The Secretary said that Miss Dinn attended this Conference, though not as a representative of the Society.

It was agreed that the Secretary should bring this Conference to the notice of the Chairman and other Musical Directors.

13. DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE

This would be held on 15th and 16th May 1971, and the arrangements would be the same as the 1970 Conference.

Mr. Crispin proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee, to Schotts for their hospitality and to the members of the London Branch who had provided accommodation for delegates. This was passed by the meeting.

*Edgar Hunt*

15-5-71



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 studios etc.; and the examiners would not feel quite so generous about giving their services, especially as there might be 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 L.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.

(continued)



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 indicate the continuation of the Society's Teachers' Test, and 2) that one 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 ~~E~~ Chairman S.R.P.



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS  
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To all Secretaries of branches:

Dear

You will get with this letter the agenda of the Conference of Branch Representatives in London on January 18 and 19, 1964. The exchange of ideas at this conference will, I believe, be of great importance for the future of our Society.

My earlier letter on the financial structure of our Society was intended to put members in the picture as to some of the problems which face us. I expect you will have had a chance to discuss them now, and I hope that your representatives will bring your ideas and suggestions to the Conference.

Among the possibilities which can be foreseen are the following:

(1) we could raise subscriptions to cover all our needs!

(2) we might witness the break up of the S.R.P. through branches leaving because they think they are not getting enough out of the Society. (before being a party to such a policy just reflect on the great prestige the S.R.P. has earned for the recorder movement in Great Britain. The achievements of the S.R.P. and what it stands for are the envy and admiration of many recorder players abroad)

(3) we could withdraw from the Recorder & Music Magazine and manage with a duplicated news sheet for members. (Having lent our cooperation to the start of the Magazine we are free to do this if we wish: but remember that the presence of the S.R.P. has given an independent and non-commercial colour to the Magazine which might soon disappear)

(4) It might be possible for the London Branch to retain the present pattern, while we work out a new pattern for the branches - London might retain the Magazine while the branches withdraw from it and concentrate on playing meetings and more personal activities, such as directors' visits, etc.

I hope you may have other practical suggestions to offer, and that you will come with an open mind prepared to discuss these proposals and help to find a solution.

I am taking on the editorship of the Society's pages in the Magazine for the time being to relieve Mr Kenworthy of this part of his work. So please send me your branch news by the end of the month and keep me posted of any changes. I should like particularly to have up-to-date news of branch officers and particularly information about your Presidents and Vice-presidents. I should like to be able to write about those who take such an interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

Rose Cottage  
Bois lane  
Chesham Bois  
Bucks

9 November 63

*Edgar Hunt*



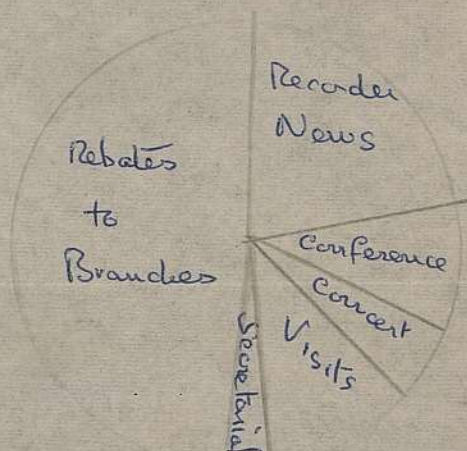
### To Secretaries of Branches.

As noted at our last Branch Conference, a fresh pattern for allocating the finances of the Society has been forced on us through the coming of the new "Recorder and Music Magazine", the cost and distribution of which will, in a full year, absorb about half the Society's income from subscriptions.

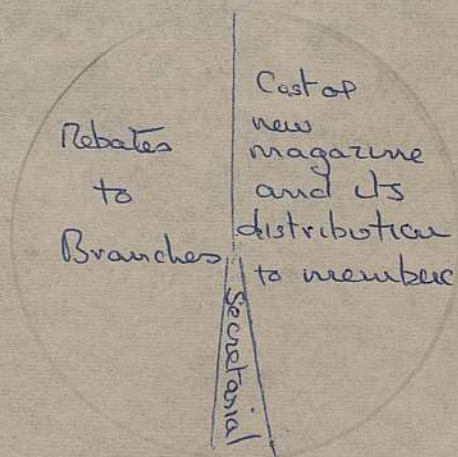
Not to have accepted the challenge of the new magazine, and not to have welcomed it would have been a short-sighted policy, shutting the door on the future progress of the recorder movement in relation to our Society. But with its acceptance we must prepare ourselves for some far-reaching changes in the Society's financial arrangements.

The following notes have therefore been prepared to help you to assess the situation in order to explain it to your members.

Until last May the Society's income was divided roughly as follows:



If the rebates to branches were to remain at the present scale, the pattern, taking into account the cost of the new magazine and its distribution to members, would become:



leaving nothing to pay for the Visits of Musical Directors to branches, the Branch Conference, concerts, etc. If these are to be regarded as an essential part of the Society's activities, we should have had, either to ask the branches to assume greater financial responsibility for them, or raise the subscription still further (which we think would be disastrous)



The full impact of these changes will not be felt this year, as the change did not occur until May. At the moment the full impact is cushioned by the Society's reserves; but the whole question will have to be faced and fully discussed at the next Branch Conference. It is hoped that all Branches may be represented by their Secretaries or by fully-briefed members at this conference.

Up to now the Society has been made up of Branch Members (21/-), Non-branch (Country 7/6) members and Students (10/6). Non-branch members will probably tend to disappear. They paid, and continue to pay, 7/6 per annum, for which they received "The Recorder News" and had the right to attend the Society's General Meetings and Concerts. But, as most of these members lived abroad or at a distance from places where the Society's concerts might be held, nearly half their subscriptions went to swell the general funds of the Society and indirectly to help the Branches. These country members now get a better bargain, as their 7/6 is less than the subscription rate for the Magazine; but in fairness to the publishers we have agreed not to accept any more members at this old rate. In future any country member will pay the same rate as Branch members.

At our next conference we shall have to plan the Society's new look. The Central Committee feels that we must go all out to gain new members and to form new branches; for in that way the Society can best further the Recorder Movement as a whole. The branches, for their part, should be prepared to assume greater financial responsibility. They should, for instance, be prepared to finance the visits of Musical Directors, the Conference, and other things which are of direct benefit and interest to them. We feel that it would probably be better for each branch to decide what visits etc. it can and wishes to afford, than for the rebates to be so reduced that all branches suffer, but only a few benefit. This is a suggestion for you to discuss in your branch.

At the last A.G.M. the rule about Student members was changed so that such students must be attached to a branch. Students are a "loss" unless they contribute to a branch's activities by their musical abilities and by the expectation that they will eventually become full members. Branches must therefore look carefully into their student membership. We need students who will carry on the work of the Society in the future; but we cannot afford to take on the lone "country" student.

We are sending this letter out now with these suggestions, so that branches can find time to consider them in committee and at branch A.G.M.'s in order to brief their representatives fully before the January Conference. Until these points are settled it is inadvisable to arrange further Visits of Musical Directors, etc.

(signed) Edgar Hunt.



At the last Executive Committee Meeting of the Society of Recorder Players it was agreed:

- 1) That the financial arrangements applying to the new magazine make it necessary to define strictly the entitlement of members to copies.
- 2) That members joining for the first time after May 1st whose first subscription carries them to September in the following year will not receive the May issue. They will receive the August issue if they join before August 1st, and to ensure that they do so, their subscriptions should reach London before August 1st.
- 3) That it is not our wish to withhold the November issue from those who have not renewed their subscription by November 1st, but who are confidently expected to do so; but that we wish to impress on branches that it would be costly to send out copies if the subscription is not subsequently paid.

We therefore need to know during October (and as early as possible) of any members who have actually resigned or for any reason are not expected to continue as members. They will be deleted immediately and restored only if they subsequently renew.

The magazine will be sent to all others on the assumption that they will remain members. If they do not, it may be necessary to make the cost of sending the November issue a charge against the branch funds rather than the central funds.

In any event, members who have not renewed will be deleted before the February issue is sent out.

We leave branches to make their own arrangements for the collection of subscriptions, we appreciate the amount of work involved, and the above procedure is suggested so as not to make the task greater by insisting on having all renewals in before November 1st.

C. Kenworthy,  
Editor.



Copy of letter from Mr. C.A. Cork, Secretary, Trinity College of  
25 July 1963 Music

Dear Mr. Hunt

I have had a further talk with the Principal who agrees with me that there appears to be no reason why the Board of the College should not agree to some form of collaboration between the SRP and TCL and I offer the following memorandum as a means of getting something started, bearing in mind that any points made are suggestions only and that they will need approval of the Board. I would suggest a meeting in the near future consisting of yourself as Chairman of the SRP and other representatives as desired, the Principal and myself. At this meeting I suggest that the following points should receive attention.

1. Places of examination. This could conveniently coincide with the centres at which the College at present holds diploma examinations. You will find a list of these on the enclosed entry form.
2. Frequency of examination. Depending upon the number of entries which might be made, this could take place yearly or in July and December, or three times a year to coincide with the present diploma examinations.
3. Discussion and agreement would be necessary by SRP and TCL over set pieces, ear tests and sight-reading, the allocation of marks and the percentage needed to pass. As you will know the pass mark for local examinations of the College is 65 and for diploma examinations 70. It would be necessary to define the Test as either being an advanced kind of local examination or a junior kind of Diploma.
4. A syllabus of the theoretical paper should be defined. Papers could be set and marked as under the present College system if desired. The examiner who sets the paper should mark the results and could be selected by SRP.
5. I would agree with the suggestion that one of the two examiners for the practical examination should be nominated by SRP and the other by TCL. The remuneration for the examiners would have to be fixed and, therefore, the question of examination fee.
6. It would appear that the best time to hold the practical examination would be in the College diploma weeks either once, twice or three times yearly as mentioned above. The paperwork could coincide with the date of the College diploma examinations or with the dates of the local theory examinations in June and December. What I have chiefly in mind here is the desirability of using the same hall for the normal College candidates and for the extra entries from the SRP. This would reduce further cost of hiring another hall separately.
7. Entry for examinations could be made through the College (i.e. the local centres) in the normal way. A specially designed entry form could be used and regulations could be those at present used by the SRP, together with such regulations of the College as would clearly apply and be desirable. The College could be responsible for all administrative and routine clerical work and for the payment of fees to examiners.
8. The wording to appear on syllabuses and certificates should be considered and whether candidates were taking the SRP Teachers' Test in association with TCL or some other wording, or whether the candidate has passed the requirements of the joint examining bodies of SRP and TCL.
9. In any lists published by the SRP mention could be made of the existence of the College graded examinations in solo and ensemble recorder playing for those interested in furthering the work in schools. Also that the diploma examination would then be a further stepping stone from the SRP Test. Of mutual benefit would be the mention in the College syllabuses relating to recorder of the existence of the SRP and of the association, if possible, between the SRP and TCL.

These are all suggestions hastily jotted down, but I feel they would prove a useful basis for discussion at future meetings.



# SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE HELD AT 48 GREAT MARLBOROUGH STREET  
LONDON W1 ON SATURDAY 15th MAY 1971 and SUNDAY 16th MAY 1971

Present: Mr. E. Hunt (Chairman)  
Mr. B. Bonsor  
Mr. P. Clark  
Mrs. E. Cobb (Saturday only)  
Dr. R. Coles  
Miss J Davis  
Dr. C. Dolmetsch  
Mr. H. Hersom  
Miss L Hill  
Miss K. Murray  
Mr. L. Rouse-Jones  
Dr. S. Taylor  
Mr. T.E. Wyatt  
Mr. R.A. Bruce

## Branch Delegates:

Bath	Mr. Jerrome
Bristol	Miss Hunt
Devon	Mr. Crispin
Dorset	Miss Drake
Edinburgh	Mrs. O'Riordan
London	Mrs. Halliwell
Manchester	Mr. Howarth
Midlands	Mr. Cookwell
Newcastle	Mr. Duncan-Jones
Northampton	Dr. Coles
Roxburgh	Mrs. Bonsor
West Riding	Miss Ryall-Wilson

## Branches in formation:

Teeside	Mr. Haigh
Leicester	Mr. and Mrs. Emery (Saturday only)

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Dinn, Miss Barker, Norfolk Branch, Glasgow Branch, Dr. Bergmann and Nuneaton Branch.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These had been circulated. It was pointed out that Dr. Coles' name had been omitted from the list of those present. With this addition the Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No.5. Dr. Coles asked about the liability of the Society to tax on investment income. Mr. Rouse-Jones said that a member of the Society who had been connected with the Inland Revenue for many years had assured him that we would be liable to Corporation Tax only, although the amount involved would not be large. The liability was on income from royalties and from investments. Dr. Dolmetsch asked whether this tax might be levied retrospectively but the



Treasurer said so far he had heard nothing official

Para.21. - Membership List. Miss Murray and Mr. Wyatt had been authorised by the Committee to produce this at a cost not exceeding £60, if possible in time to go out with the June magazine. It was agreed that 1,300 copies should be produced so that there would be enough to send to prospective members and that it could be made available to non-members at a cost of 25p. It was also agreed that the question would be reviewed again after a year.

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Hunt explained why the last issue of the magazine had been late in getting to members. After discussion it was resolved that the Executive Committee should enquire into what steps need to be taken to improve the regularity of distribution and to carry out those steps.

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer announced a surplus of about £59. There was discussion of the fact that the total cost of visits by conductors had fallen, and delegates were reminded that legitimate expenses should be claimed. The adoption of the accounts was moved by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Crispin and agreed unanimously.

#### 6. ELECTIONS

##### Chairman

Mr. Edgar Hunt was proposed by Dr. Dolmetsch, seconded by Mrs. Cobb and elected unanimously. Mr. Hunt gave notice that he would retire the following year and would not accept nomination again.

##### Retiring Musical Director

The Chairman proposed Dr Dolmetsch's re-election, and this was agreed unanimously.

##### Secretary

Mr. Russell Bruce was proposed by Dr. Bergmann and elected unanimously. Mr. Hunt proposed and Dr. Dolmetsch seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Joan Davis for her work as secretary for the past 10 years. At the suggestion of the Edinburgh delegate it was agreed that the Society's appreciation should be marked by a gift to Miss Davis, the form and amount to be decided by the Executive Committee

##### Treasurer

Mr. Ingram was proposed by Mr. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. Rouse-Jones and elected unanimously.

##### Auditor

No nominations had been received. It was proposed by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Crispin at the suggestion of Mr. Rouse-Jones and agreed that this matter should be left to Committee.

##### Committee

Mr. Michael Arno was proposed by Miss Murray and seconded by Dr. Bergmann. A vote was taken and this made 8 nominations for 7 places. The previous Committee was re-elected.

#### 7. PUBLICITY

From an advertisement in "Music Teacher" Dr. Coles reported 11



enquiries and 1 new member. It was agreed that this did not justify the cost. Dr. Coles received the meeting's approval to seek advice (gratis) of a Public Relations firm with whom he had contacts. Suggestions for publicity included public concerts, articles in local papers, local radio and approaches to local authorities.

#### 8. MAGAZINE

Partly covered in Item 4. It was agreed that Branch Treasurer's name would be shown if any Branch wished it. Branches in formation would be shown separately.

#### 9. PROPOSED FESTIVAL

Mr. Clark said the only suitable place in Birmingham was not free on the one day in 1972 (25 March) which had seemed suitable and suggested it was postponed to 1973. The meeting agreed, however, that 11 March 1972 or 17 June 1972 might be suitable if the hall was available. Mr. Clark explained for the benefit of branches the general ideas discussed in the Committee for the Festival which included: playing all together, concert items for branches, a competition with prizes of £20, £10, £5 and an adjudication of the stature of, for example, Ivor Keyes, Professor at Birmingham. The cost was estimated at about £150 and it was hoped to recoup some of this in entrance fees for the competition and payment from everyone attending. It was agreed that this should be 50p. per head, including programme, children still at school 25p. The question of whether SRP members should pay at all was discussed inconclusively. Mr. Clark said he hoped to have an announcement in the September magazine and would let Branch Secretaries know as soon as the date was fixed.

#### 10. PROPOSED CERTIFICATE

The Chairman said a draft was under consideration but would not be ready until a future Conference.

#### 11. NEW BRANCHES

Branch reports were read and the following points emerged from discussion.

- (a) Dr. Dolmetsch asked to be associated with West Riding tribute to the retiring Secretary Mrs. Hard.
- (b) Mr. Peter Haigh said that the Middlesborough branch should be renamed Teeside. They had held a meeting, visited by Dr. Bergmann, with about 50 people attending, and hoped to form a branch in October.
- (c) The possibility of a branch in Leicester had not materialised.
- (d) There is the possibility of a branch in Wolverhampton.
- (e) Nothing more had been heard from Hull.
- (f) Enquiries had also been received from Worcester and Thornton Cleveley, near Blackpool.
- (g) Mr. Hersom said he hoped to form a mid-Hertfordshire branch.
- (h) Mr. Wyatt felt enquiries should perhaps be directed now to the Secretary rather than to him. It was agreed that he and Mr. Bruce should work out the best way of dealing with these enquiries.



12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Affiliation. There was much discussion on this topic, some proposals and amendments, but no vote. In general the proposals of Dr. Cole's sub-committee were approved and the Executive Committee was requested to submit the necessary change to the rules to next year's conference.

Votes of thanks (proposed by Mr. Crispin, seconded by Miss Drake)

To Messrs Schotts for their hospitality  
To the London members who had provided accommodation for delegates  
To the Officers for their efforts during the past 12 months.

NEXT CONFERENCE

The dates for the next Conference were fixed as 6th and 7th May 1972.

*Edgar Mund*  
6 May 1972



Minute of Branch Delegates Conference held at 48 Great Marlborough Street London W.1. on Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May, 1972.

Preser:

Mr E. Hunt (Retiring Chairman)  
 Mr T.E. Wyatt (Chairman)  
 Miss F. Barker (Also representing Glasgow)  
 Dr W. Bergmann  
 Mr B. Bonsor  
 Mr R.A. Bruce (Secretary)  
 Mr P. Clark  
 Mrs E Cobb  
 Dr R.B. Coles  
 Dr C. Dolmetsch  
 Miss L. Hill  
 Mr A.J. Ingram  
 Miss K. Murray  
 Dr S. Taylor  
 Miss Wright.

Branch Delegates:

Aberdeen	Mrs Imrie
Bristol	Miss Hunt
Cambridge	Dr Little
Devon	Mr Crispin
Dorset	Miss Drake
Leicester	Mr & Mrs Emery
London	Dr Allen
Manchester	Mr Hurst
Mid-Herts	Mr Fraser-Hook
Midlands	Mr Cooknell
Newcastle	Miss Jordan
Northampton	Mr Dalziel
Roxburgh	Mrs Bonsor
Teeside	Mr Haigh
West Riding	Mr Corbishley.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn, Mr Hersom, Bath, Edinburgh, Nuneaton and Wolverhampton Branches. The Ireland and Norfolk branches did not send delegates.

2. Minutes of last meeting

These had been circulated. The Secretary apologised to Mr Cooknell for having mis-spelt his name. With the agreement of all present Mr Hunt signed the minutes as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Minute No. 3 - Membership List: Mr Wyatt reported that arrangements for the printing of a simple membership list were well advanced, and circulated examples of printing format. He advised that the cost (£84) would be higher than originally anticipated. The meeting agreed that the printing should proceed with all speed. Mr Wyatt agreed to supervise printing and despatch which will, it is hoped, be with the June 1972 issue of the magazine.

Minute No. 8 - Magazine: Delegates again showed concern at the lateness of some of the issues, particularly the March 1972 number. Mr Hunt explained that delays initially caused by the power strike were aggravated by problems at the printers connected with the cover plate. Dr Allen reported that despatching delays at Office Aids had now been eliminated.

Mr Hunt described the events at the end of 1971 and subsequently which had threatened a radical change to the magazine and the removal of the word 'Recorder' from its title. Representations to Schotts from the Executive Committee had successfully prevented

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this from happening, and S.R.P. had now received assurances from Schotts that the 'status quo' would be maintained.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

Mr Hunt gave a brief review of the year, highlighting the solution of problems relating to the magazine - reported above - and the attempted solution by the Executive Committee of problems of finance. Mr Hunt went on to say that now the new Treasurer and Secretary were firmly established in office, he felt that the time had come for him to vacate, not without regrets, the Chair which he had held for so long.

At this point in the proceedings Dr Carl Dolmetsch, on behalf of the many members who had contributed, presented to Mr Hunt a cheque and a finely bound copy of the *Méthode Raisonnée* by M. Bordet, maître de flute traversière, printed in Paris in about 1750. Dr Dolmetsch praised Edgar Hunt's dedicated work on behalf of the recorder and Recorder Players, and in particular his more than 25 years as Chairman of the Society. Mr Hunt, in accepting the presents, thanked the many friends who had contributed.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report.

Mr Ingram explained that he was presenting the accounts for the year to 30th Sept., 1971, a year for which he had been auditor. On Oct. 1st, 1971 he had relinquished the post of auditor and assumed that of treasurer, in accordance with his election at the 1971 Delegate Conference. In presenting the accounts Mr Ingram underlined the fact that there had been a deficit of £243 for the year which had been met from the Society's reserves. It was on the basis of this, and the forecast of an even larger deficit in the current year, which would necessitate his speaking to a proposal later in the conference to increase the subscription. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Miss Murray, seconded by Miss Barker and carried unanimously.

#### 6. Secretary's Report

Mr Bruce reported that despite the year being one of financial struggle it had seen encouraging growth both in individual membership numbers and in the formation of branches. Correspondence had shown an increase in volume of more than 20% over the previous twelve months.

With regard to the mooted changes to the Magazine - reported in section 3, above - the Society had received several explanatory letters from the editor, Mr Thomson, who felt that a broadening of content would benefit the Society. The Executive Committee, through the Secretary, had invited Mr Thomson to attend the present conference as an observer. Mr Thomson had regretfully declined because of commitments to the Aldeburgh Festival.

Miss Joan Davis had written to thank the Society for the present sent to her at the decision of the 1971 conference to mark her retirement after 10 years as Secretary.

Mr Bruce concluded by saying how much he had enjoyed his first year as Secretary.

#### 7. Change to rules: re Musical Directors.

The proposal from the Executive Committee that the limitation, in the rules of the Society, on the number of Musical Directors should be removed, was discussed. It was agreed unanimously that the words "and not more than five" be deleted from Rule 7(a). The proposal was seconded by Messrs Haigh and Coles.

#### 8. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor.

Chairman - on the retirement from the chair of Mr Edgar Hunt, the nomination from the Executive Committee of Mr Theo Wyatt was seconded by Mr Crispin and agreed unanimously.

Mr Wyatt now assumed the Chair.

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- Other Officer - The re-election of the Secretary, Membership Secretary, Country Secretary and Treasurer was proposed by Dr Coles, seconded by Mr Crispin and carried unanimously.
- Committee - With the exception of Mr Wyatt, now elected chairman, the committee was offering itself for re-election. One nomination had been received from the Northampton Branch. The election of this nominee, Mr Gordon Dalziel, together with the six members up for re-election ( Miss Barker, Miss Cobb, Miss Murray, Messrs Coles, Hersom and Taylor) was proposed by Dr Dolmetsch, seconded by Mr Hunt and carried unanimously. The Conference also confirmed the co-option of Dr Allen for his invaluable help with the distribution of the Magazine.
- Auditor - Mr Michael Arno had kindly agreed to carry out the office of Hon. Auditor. His election was proposed by Miss Murray, seconded by Miss Drake and carried unanimously

#### 9. Election of Musical Directors

The change to the rules reported in section 7 above, removed the restriction in numbers. The effect of this change was discussed and the question of further elections in the future was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr Paul Clark was this year's retiring Musical Director. His re-election was proposed by Miss Murray and seconded by Mrs Imrie and agreed unanimously.

A proposal from the Executive Committee that Mr Edgar Hunt be now elected a Musical Director was seconded by Mr Crispin and agreed unanimously.

#### 10. Festival to be held on June 17th, 1972

Mr Clark presented the details of the programme for the day. There was considerable discussion, including a written contribution from the Edinburgh Branch. The intention to charge 50p for the day (30p for children) was defended on the grounds that the perilous state of the Society's finances made it imperative that the inevitable deficit on the festival should be kept to an absolute minimum. It was estimated that even with the proposed charges the loss would be at least £50. Mr Clark pointed out that the Festival was an entirely new departure for the Society, from which it was hoped much would be learned. The Conference thanked the Midlands Branch for their work in organising the Festival.

#### 11. Proposed Certificate of S.R.P.

A paper about the certificate had been circulated beforehand and was discussed in detail. Written contributions from the Edinburgh Branch and from Miss Dinn were read. Dr Coles pointed out that the idea of the certificate had been discussed and accepted at previous conferences. The proposal by Mr Haigh " that in principle this Conference accepts the format of the proposals for the certificate and the administration of the examination, and leaves the implementation to the Certificate sub-committee, trusting that comments emerging from the discussion will be taken into account and that the final details will be ratified by the Executive Committee", was seconded by Miss Drake and carried.

#### 12. Changes to rules re Affiliations

The proposed change was discussed and the wording amended in a number of minor details. It was proposed by the Executive Committee seconded by Dr Coles and carried unanimously that the rules of the Society be changed to incorporate a new paragraph, to be numbered 17 and headed "Affiliation to Branches of the Society

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of Recorder Players". The present rule 17 would become rule No. 18. The agreed wording of the new paragraph is as follows:

"Recorder groups in schools, Colleges of Education and other institutions may affiliate themselves to branches where the Branch Committee is willing to accept affiliation. These bodies will pay a basic fee of two subscriptions, with an additional sum to be determined by the Branch to which the body is affiliated. The value of two full subscriptions will be sent to the Membership Secretary of the Society in London for retention by the Central Committee. The remainder will be retained by the Branch.

"Affiliated bodies will receive:-

1. Opportunities to attend Branch meetings in numbers to be agreed with the Committee of the branch concerned
2. The leader, secretary or person who registered the affiliated body will receive two copies of the Magazine.
3. Affiliated bodies will be able to arrange the occasional visit of a conductor from the Society's panel to the school or institution, to conduct a meeting there. Travelling expenses will be paid by the institution concerned, "

### 13. Changes to rules re Subscription

The Treasurer, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the proposal for doubling the present subscription to the Central Fund of the Society. Mr Ingram compared the income and expenditure figures for the year to Sept 30th, 1971 with those for the previous year, and showed that the Magazine price increase in March 1971 and the continually rising cost of postage and distribution had been the main cause of the deficit of £243 for the year to 30th September, 1971. He proceeded to forecast a loss of £415 for the current year, and informed delegates that this would more than absorb the Society's reserves and would necessitate the raising of a loan to enable the Society to continue operating. He concluded that only by doubling the subscription ( to £1.50 for ordinary membership and £1 for students) could the forecast debt be paid off, the reserves slowly be rebuilt, and the need for further rise in subscription be delayed for a few years. 161

There was much discussion of the situation and many suggestions were put forward. The following four proposals were voted on as shown:

- a) A proposal from the chair that the Society should cease to take the Magazine for its members was defeated by a large majority.
- b) A proposal from the chair that Branches should be given the option of taking responsibility forthwith for the distribution of the Magazine was defeated by a large majority.
- c) A proposal from Mr Dalziel, seconded by Mr Bruce, "that the Executive Committee should try to negotiate with Schotts before the next delegate conference a system whereby Branches could make annually guaranteed bulk purchases of the Magazine through the Central Committee, who would place the complete order with Schotts, provided that a continuation of the concessionary price and the continued inclusion of Recorder News is assured", was carried by a large majority.
- d) A proposal from the Executive Committee "that, with effect from 1st October, 1972, Rule 4(a) be amended so as to read...'Subject to the provisions of Para.(d) the subscription to the Central Fund of the Society shall be £1.50 per annum'

and

Rule 4(b) be amended so as to read.....' For students undergoing wholetime education the subscription shall be £1.00 per annum'", was carried by 28 votes For to 2 votes against, after being seconded by Dr Coles.



Mr Wyatt then observed that in order to put into effect proposal (c) above, the branches should let the Membership Secretary know before the end of December how many copies of the Magazine they would be able to guarantee.

14. Pastoral Visits & Revision of Conductor's List.

Most branches take advantage of the annual pastoral visit and there was general appreciation shown of the scheme. The Secretary informed the Conference that Mr Gordon Dalziel's name had recently been added to the Conductor's List. Branches were asked to submit the names and particulars of possible further additions to the list for consideration by the Executive Committee.

15. New Branches

The Secretary reported that during the year the number of branches had increased from 17 to 23, the six new branches being: Teeside, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Mid-Herts, Ireland, and the reformed Cambridge Branch. In addition there are branches in the throes of formation in Somerset, Warwick, and Belfast.

The Secretary pointed out that the increase in the number of the branches made it desirable to choose more local names for them. He suggested that, for example, the Midlands branch should consider changing its name to Birmingham and the Ireland branch to Dublin. No news had been received during the year from Hull, Lincs or Worcester, or from Wolverhampton since June, 1971. Hampshire have postponed their formation for the time being.

Dr Dolmetsch reported that he believed there was a real prospect of a branch soon in Lincoln and Miss Hill told of a group active in Brighton.

16. Any other business.

a) The Treasurer reminded delegates of Rule 13(a) which requires all branches to send copies of their audited accounts to the Society's Treasurer each year. He asked for copies as soon as possible.

b) The Membership Secretary reminded delegates that in order to save postage, no acknowledgements of communications from branches are normally sent out.

c) Votes of thanks were proposed and carried to Messrs Schotts for their generous provision of accommodation for the Conference, and to Miss Murray and her helpers - Miss Seelig and Miss Hill - for the excellent buffet supper on Saturday evening.

17. Date of next Meeting

The dates for the next Delegate Conference were agreed as APRIL 7th and 8th, 1973.

The Chairman then declared the 1972 Conference concluded.

*J. E. Wyatt*

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Minutes of Branch Delegates Conference held at 48 Gt. Marlborough Street, London, W.1., on Saturday, 7th April and Sunday, 8th April, 1973.

Present: Mr. T.E. Wyatt (Chairman)  
Miss F. Barker (also representing Glasgow)  
Dr. W. Bergmann  
Mr. B. Bonsor  
Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary)  
Mrs. E. Cobb  
Dr. R.B. Coles  
Mr. G. Dalziel (also representing Northampton)  
Dr. C. Dolmetsch (Sunday only)  
Mr. H. Hersom  
Miss L. Hill  
Mr. E. Hunt (Sunday only)  
Mr. A.J. Ingram  
Miss K. Murray  
Dr. S. Taylor  
Miss M. Wright

BRANCH DELEGATES:

Aberdeen	Mrs. K.M. Imrie
Birmingham	Mr. D.A. Cooknell
Bristol	Miss E. Hunt (Sunday only)
Cambridge	Dr. R. Little
Devon	Mr. B. Crispin
Dorset	Miss K. Drake
Edinburgh	Miss M. Whitby
London	Dr. J. Allen
Manchester	Mr. W. Hurst
Mid-Herts	Mr. B. Fraser-Hook
Roxburgh	Mrs. M. Bonsor
Teesside	Mr. P. Haigh
Warwick	Mr. T. Radford (Sunday only)

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Dinn and from the Ireland, Leicester, South Somerset and West Riding Branches. Apologies for absence on the Saturday were received from Dr. Dolmetsch, Miss Hunt and Mr. Hunt.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

These had been circulated. With the approval of all present, Mr. Wyatt signed the Minutes as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

*Enquiry* Affiliation: Mr. Crispin announced that the Devon Branch had had one application. Dr. Coles said that Northampton had possibilities of two groups affiliating.

4. Chairman's Report:

On membership, Mr. Wyatt noted that there had been only a small drop in numbers as a result of doubling the central subscription. He remarked that, although the Society's financial affairs looked brighter, we still owed an enormous debt of gratitude to our Treasurer, Mr. Ingram, for bailing us out with a substantial interest free loan. There was unanimous concurrence with this expression, together with the general concern that the loan should be repaid as soon as possible.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Paul Clark, who said that pressure of work and personal reasons, resulted in his feeling that he could not, at the moment, fulfil



adequately his post of Musical Director. Mr Wyatt had written in reply that the Society valued Mr. Clark's efforts and suggested that a year's respite, rather than resignation, would be a more acceptable solution. Mr. Clark had agreed to this suggestion. The Conference sends its best wishes to Mr. Clark and hopes that he will feel able to resume his duties in the future.

Mr. Wyatt informed Delegates that after the December 1972 edition of the Recorder and Music Magazine the Editor had received instructions from Schotts, the publishers, that reviews adverse to Schotts would not in future be allowed. Mr. Wyatt had met Mr. Makings of Schotts but the outcome of the discussions had not been entirely satisfactory. It was suggested that reviewers should refrain from making commercial judgements on the music and confine themselves to artistic matters. It was agreed that the situation should be watched carefully.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram explained the accounts for the year to 30th September, 1972 and highlighted the large deficit. He foresaw that the current year would result in a surplus of possibly £270 which would serve to pay off debts and start to rebuild the reserves. He estimated that by September 1974 the surplus would have fallen to £70, so that unless there was a change to the way in which the Society's affairs were run it would be necessary at the next A.G.M. to ask for a further increase in subscription to Central funds, possibly to £2.

The adoption of the accounts was moved and seconded by Drs. Coles and Bergmann and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ingram once again reminded branches that according to the rules a copy of branch accounts should be sent to the central treasurer each year.

On the matter of Royalties Dr. Bergmann suggested that branches should promote at their meetings the sale of music published by the S.R.P. and so earn more royalties for the Society.

#### 6. Secretary's Report

Mr. Bruce reported the formation during the year of the South-Somerset and Warwick branches, but noted that as yet one had not been formed in Belfast.

Some foreign correspondence had been received, some of which had been passed on to Miss Wright. It was suggested that the Musical Directors might be able to help in this regard. The Cambridge branch commented that they were encouraging, for example, the visits to their meetings of American academics on sabbatical leave. It was suggested that the American Recorder Society might agree to insert a list of S.R.P. branch addresses in their journal.

#### 7. Election of Officers and Committee

Miss Dinn retires as a Musical Director and wrote to say that she did not wish to be re-elected. Her resignation was received with expressions of regret and thanks for her magnificent work for the Society. Mr. Herison proposed and Mrs. Inrie seconded that some branches would like to contribute to a presentation to Miss Dinn. The proposal to set up a fund was carried by a large majority, and Dr. Coles offered to organise it.

A proposal from Mr. Crispin that the officers and committee be re-elected en bloc was seconded by Mr. Haigh and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Arno for auditing the accounts was proposed by Dr. Coles, seconded by Miss Drake and carried unanimously.

#### 8. Proposals for possible changes to magazine distribution

Notes had been circulated.

It was proposed by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mrs. Bonsor and carried un-



animously that:

The branches which are prepared to arrange local distribution of the Magazine shall inform the Secretary by the end of June 1973 whether they wish to opt to do this, and the Executive Committee shall endeavour to make suitable arrangements with the publishers for the year commencing 1st Oct. 1973. It is understood that any branch so opting may determine the number of copies required.

#### 9. Changes to Rules arising from Item 8

The following changes to the rules were agreed with one abstention after being proposed and seconded by Dr. Coles and Mr. Fraser-Hook:

Delete rules 4(a) and (d) and substitute for 4(a):

Members shall pay a subscription to the Central Fund of an amount to be determined by the Annual Conference of the Society.

Delete rule rule 5(a) and renumber 5(b) and 5(c) as 5(a) and 5(b) respectively.

Rule 11(c) replace the words "members of the Society" by "Branch Secretaries".

The following subscriptions were agreed unanimously:

For those branches not willing to undertake local distribution the annual subscription to central funds, which will include the magazine will be £1.50 (students £1)

For those branches undertaking local distribution the annual subscription to central funds will be 70p. (students 40p). In addition there will be a charge of 50p per year each for those numbers of its members who take the magazine.

#### 10. Festival to be held in 1974

Dr. Coles and Mr. Dalziel gave a report of the preparations to date. The following points were discussed and resolved:-

- a) It was agreed that 11.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. was more convenient than 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- b) The Northampton Branch will offer accommodation to those who need it overnight.
- c) The financial backing was discussed. It was suggested that branches could help by buying blocks of tickets in advance. It was also agreed that the wealthier branches should be prepared jointly to underwrite a possible loss of up to £50.
- d) The likely entry charge is 70p. for adults and 40p. for students.
- e) The suggestion that the Annual Delegates Conference should be in Northampton on the day following the Festival was agreed by a large majority.

#### 11. Certificate of S.R.P.

Dr. Coles reported that great interest was being shown in the certificate; about 20 candidates have so far been put forward by County and Borough Music Advisers, who are very enthusiastic.

It was agreed that a suitable fee for re-entry to the examination is £3.00.

It was agreed that all courses put forward as complying with item 3 of the list of submissions should be approved by the Executive Committee.

#### 12. Illness of the President of the S.R.P.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Britten expressing our condolences and wishes that he will soon get well.



### 13. Birmingham Branch

Mr. Cooknell announced that the Midlands Branch had resumed its original name and would be henceforth known as the Birmingham Branch.

14. A suggestion that, for all members, the magazine year should be deemed to start in March was not accepted.

15. The Membership Secretary agreed to distribute a proforma for membership lists to all Branch Secretaries and Treasurers.

16. Dr. Dolmetsch put forward the idea that Summer Schools were ideal places for recruiting new members and suggested that supplies of publicity leaflets be sent to the organisers.

17. Mr. Wyatt proposed that the Society should publish music cheaply, mainly from manuscript and primarily for the use of members. He believed that minimum quantities of 100 off-set litho sheets would cost about 1p. per sheet.

The quality should be the minimum practicable to keep costs down and copyright should remain with the arranger. Profit margins should be minimal.

There was general agreement with the proposals and Mr. Haigh suggested that the Executive Committee should discuss it in detail and arrange for a trial.

Dr. Bergmann spoke out against the proposal, considering it to be a stab in the back for music publishers.

Dr. Dolmetsch advocated caution to ensure that standards were maintained.

### 18. Membership List

A reprint, with re-arrangement, corrections, additions and telephone numbers, would cost around £100. It was agreed that the list was useful and that a reprint should be done if and when the money was available.

19. The Conference passed a vote of thanks to Miss Murray for providing an excellent buffet, and to Miss Drake for assisting her.

20. A vote of thanks was agreed to Schotts for the use of the premises.

### 21. Next Meeting

This will be on the Sunday following the Festival in 1974 at Northampton.

*J E Lelyatt*  
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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of Branch Delegates Conference held at Raeburn School, Northampton, on Sunday, 23rd June, 1974.

Present:

Mr. T.E. Wyatt (Chairman)  
Miss F. Barker (also representing Glasgow)  
Dr. W. Bergmann  
Mr. B. Bonsor  
Mr. R.A. Bruce (Secretary)  
Mrs. E. Cobb  
Mr. P. Clark  
Dr. R.B. Coles  
Mr. G. Dalziel (also representing Northampton)  
Mr. H. Hersom  
Miss L. Hill  
Mr. A.J. Ingram  
Miss K. Murray (also representing London)  
Dr. S. Taylor

Branch Delegates:

Aberdeen	Miss S. Wright
Birmingham	Mr. D. Cooknell
Bristol	Miss E. Hunt
Cambridge	Mr. J. Massy
Leicester	Mr. & Mrs. Emery
Mid-Herts	Mr. B. Fraser-Hook
Norfolk	Mrs. M.C. Smith
Nuneaton	Miss <del>Mrs.</del> J. Ward
Roxburgh	Mrs. M. Bonsor
West Riding	Mr. R. Corbishley

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Dolmetsch and Mr. Hunt and from Devon, Dorset, Edinburgh, South Somerset, Teeside and Warwick.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Corrections: Page 1, para 3, line 2. For 'one application' read 'one enquiry'.  
Page 2, line 11, for 'entirely satisfactory' read 'entirely unsatisfactory'.

When these corrections had been inserted, the Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record, all present being in agreement.

3. Matters arising

- (1) Mr. Ingram had been repaid and was again thanked for having made the interest free loan.



(2) Mr. Paul Clark now feels able to resume his duties of Musical Director.

(3) The CSRP is gaining in popularity. At present there are six candidates and one hundred enquiries. Most activity is in the Northampton area where 44 teachers in 5 courses are working for it. It is felt that CSRP will lead to an improvement in the standard of recorder teaching. There have been a number of people who have paid 25p to have their old teachers' certificate converted into CSRP.

(4) On the subject of SRP publishing music, there had been much talk but no action.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Wyatt announced that Mr. Thomson would soon be replaced by Mr. Hunt as editor of Recorder and Music Magazine. Mr. Massey asked that we should record our appreciation of Mr. Thomson's efforts on our behalf and that of the recorder. Mr. Wyatt agreed to write to Mr. Thomson. Mr. Wyatt gave details of the new edition of the members' list which is now being prepared. Mr. W. England has agreed to send copies of the SRP publicity leaflet to as many courses as he hears about.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram presented the accounts to 30th September, 1973 and was able to report that the deficit of the previous year had been offset by a substantial surplus this year. Mr. Ingram estimated that 1973/74 should show a surplus of £130 and that the surplus for 1974/75 might be around £60. He therefore recommends no increase in subscription for the present, although he feels that it may be necessary at the next AGM to raise the subscription to at least £2 for a full 'magazine' member. A motion that the subscription remain unchanged for the present was put by Dr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Dalziel and carried unanimously. Dr. Coles moved the adoption of the accounts, this was seconded by Mrs. Cobb and carried unanimously.

#### 6. Secretary's Report

During the year two new branches, Guildford and Cumbria, had been formed and one, Wolverhampton, had been disbanded, although it now seems likely that it will be restarted in October 1974 by Mr. Reynolds. Branches are being formed in North Berkshire and in South Bedfordshire.

Mr. Bruce's letter in the American Recorder Magazine has led to several people making contact when visiting Britain and to an exchange of letters with Mr. Bill Leatham, the secretary of the American Recorder Society. They hope to bring a large party of recorder players to Britain in 1975.

#### 7. Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman proposed that all Officers and Committee and the retiring Musical Director be re-elected. This proposal was carried unanimously.

#### 8. Resolutions

No resolutions had been received.



9. Report on Branch matters

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Two-thirds of the Branches had sent in reports of their activities during the year. These had been collated by Mr. Bruce and he presented a resume of the more interesting points. Mr. Bruce also gave a brief account of the activities of the SRP Executive Committee

10. Any Other Business

(1) Mr. Wyatt informed the meeting that Evelyn Nallen, the winner of the previous day's festival competition, is an ex-pupil of Mrs. Cobb and is the young recorder player whose photograph appeared in one of the first issues of the Recorder and Music Magazine.

(2) Mrs. Cobb reported that she had been invited to take a group of young recorder players to Yugoslavia to take part in the Joy of Europe Festival 1974. All present agreed that SRP Branches should be asked to contribute towards the expenses. Mr. Bruce was asked to send out a circular letter.

(3) It was agreed by all that the 1974 festival had been a great success and was just right in form and content. It was agreed that festivals should be held at two yearly intervals and Mr. Wyatt offered to ask the London Branch if it will organise one in London in 1976. Mr. Bonsor suggested that in alternate years a festival primarily for northern members might be held in Scotland.

11. Date of next Meeting

This will be decided by the Executive Committee and may depend on whether or not a festival is held in 1975.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the school for the use of its premises and to the Northampton members who had provided much excellent hospitality.

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SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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Minutes of Branch Delegates Conference held at Galashiels Academy on Sunday, June 23rd 1975.

PRESENT: Mr T E Wyatt (Chairman)  
Dr W Bergmann  
Mr B Bonsor  
Mr R A Preece (Secretary  
Mr P Clark (also representing Birmingham)  
Dr R B Coles (also representing Beds. and N. Herts)  
Mr G Dalziel  
Mr H Hersom (Treasurer)  
Mr A J Ingram (also representing London)  
Miss K Murray (also representing the Magazine)  
Dr S Taylor

BRANCH DELEGATES:	Aberdeen	Miss S Wright
	Cambridge	Miss Martin
	Cumbria	Mr M Baxter
	Devon	Mr B Crispin
	Edinburgh	Miss S Howie
	Glasgow	Mr J Semple
	Manchester	Mr R Touchin
	Mid-Herts	Mr B Fraser-Hook
	Newcastle	Miss S Appleby
	Northants	Mr A Mansen
	Roxburgh	Mrs M Bonsor
	West Riding	Mr R Corbishley

Apologies: were received from Mrs Cobb, Miss Hill, Dr Dolmetsch, Mr Hunt and the Norfolk Branch.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were signed, after two minor corrections, by the Chairman as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 10.1 It was pointed out that Miss Nallen's photograph appeared on the cover of the first copy of the Recorder and Music Magazine.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Wyatt welcomed delegates to Galashiels and thanked Mr & Mrs Bonsor and the Roxburgh Branch for arranging the festival and conference. Making reference to the death of Miss Barker, shortly after last year's conference Mr Wyatt told the conference that he had written to Miss Barker's sister offering the SRP's condolences. Mr Wyatt reported on a meeting he had with Mr Makins of Schott's at which he had been told that although the magazine costs 42½ pence to print (SRP pays 12½ pence per copy) Mr Makins had given an undertaking not to raise the price until the spring of 1977 at the earliest.

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Mr Wyatt will write to Schotts expressing our gratitude.

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The lists of members had been issued, but had cost, with distribution, £225 despite no charges for the typing and duplicating, which had been done voluntarily by friends of Miss Hill. Mr Wyatt announced that owing to the effects of an accident Miss Hill wished to resign from the post of Membership Secretary. The Chairman will write to Miss Hill to express SRP's thanks for her excellent work as Membership Secretary.

It was agreed that the Exec-Comm. should decide on an Honorarium for Miss Hill. Dr John Allen, a co-opted member of the Executive Committee, has declared himself willing to take on the job of Membership Secretary.

Mr Wyatt led a discussion about the question of "pastoral" visits to Ireland, the expense of which are much greater than visits within the U.K. There had been some difficulty on a recent visit, because the conductor invited had asked for a fee. It was pointed out that the SRP rules do not permit a member of the Society to receive payment from Central or Branch funds other than for expenses. While there was discussion about changing the rules, it was finally agreed that to do so was neither practical nor desirable. It was resolved that in future conductors should be required to conform to the rules and neither ask for nor receive fees, as distinct from expenses.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Ingram presented, with apologies for typing errors, the accounts for the year ending 30th September 1974. He pointed out that although the membership continues to rise gradually the turnover each year is relatively large. It would be of more help to the Society's finances if the rise in membership were to come about by an increase in the size of existing branches, rather than by the formation of new branches. We should aim to discover why members leave the Society and how recruitment can be stepped up.

Mr Ingram reviewed the current year and forecast a modest surplus. The promised stabilisation of the cost of the magazine means that it is not necessary to ask this A.G.M. to approve an increase in the subscription rates to Central Funds this year, but a rise next year seems inevitable.

The meeting accepted the accounts and thanked Mr Ingram for his efforts.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Bruce reported the successful formation of the Beds. and North Herts. Branch.

A new list of conductors has been compiled and would be issued soon. It includes the Society's Musical Directors as well as the

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names of several people who have recently accepted the Committee's invitation to make themselves available for "pastoral" visits to Branch meetings.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

There having been no nominations sent in by Branches Mr Wyatt proposed from the chair that the retiring Musical Director, the Officers and Committee all be re-elected. The proposal was passed unanimously, as was a further proposal from the chair that Dr John Allen be elected as Membership Secretary.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1975-76

The proposal by Mr Dalziel, seconded by Mr Fraser-Hook, that the subscriptions to Central Funds remain unchanged was carried unanimously.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Only one resolution had been received. This was from the Cambridge Branch and reads as follows:-

Cambridge Branch, believing that the acquiring of musical feeling and the ability to produce good tone are the most important objectives of recorder tuition, suggests that the Society of Recorder Players should sponsor the publication of a recorder tutor for young beginners using principles similar to those of the Suzuki violin method.

The Cambridge representative spoke to the resolution explaining the background to it.

There was much discussion, the main body of opinion being that the Society should not sponsor a tutor and that the Suzuki method was not relevant. The majority not being prepared to accept the resolution, Mr Clark proposed an amendment to the effect that the meeting takes note of the problem, believes that the CSRP examination will help matters, is aware that research is going on and will urge the publication of research findings in the Recorder and Music Magazine. The amendment was accepted by a large majority.

10. Written Branch Reports were passed to Dr Taylor who will extract material for publication in the Society's pages of the Magazine.

11. C.S.R.P.

Dr Coles reported briefly on the progress of CSRP during the year. He reminded delegates and particularly Musical Directors and others running courses and summer schools, that the numbers of clientele for such events could perhaps be increased if approval of the course as fulfilling some of the CSRP requirements

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were obtained from the CSRP sub-committee.

12. It was agreed that the next Annual Conference would be held in London, on May 23rd 1976, following the Recorder Festival at Morley College on Sat. May 22nd 1976.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Bonsor and the Roxburgh Branch for the excellent arrangements in Galashiels.

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Minutes of Branch Delegates Conference held in the Music Room of Messrs Schotts, London, on Sunday May 23rd 1976.

Present:

Mr T E Wyatt	(Chairman)
Dr J Allen	
Dr W Bergmann	
Mr B Bonsor	
Mr R A Bruce	(Secretary)
Mr P Clark	(Also representing Birmingham)
Mr G Dalziel	
Dr C Dolmetsch	
Mr H Hersom	
Mr E Hunt	
Mr A J Ingram	(Treasurer)
Miss K Murray	(Also representing London)
Dr S Taylor	(Also representing Northampton)
Miss M Wright	

Branch Delegates:

Aberdeen	Miss S Wright
Bath	Mr E Jerrome
Peds. & N. Herts.	Mr R Smith
Bristol	Miss E Hunt
Cambridge	Mr J Massey
Devon	Mr B Crispin
Glasgow	Mr J Semple
Guildford	Mrs H Pollock
Ireland	Dr H Corran
Leicester	Mr & Mrs Emery
Manchester	Mr R Touchin
Mid-Herts.	Mr B Fraser-Hook
Norfolk	Mrs Cavalier-Smith & Mr Skins
Nuneaton	Miss J Ward
Roxburgh	Mrs M Bonsor
S. Somerset	Mrs C Greenhill
(Cleveland) Teeside	Mr P Haigh
Warwick	Mrs M Ellis
W. Riding	Mr R Corbishley

1. Apologies - were received from Mrs Cobb, Dr Coles and the Edinburgh Branch.
2. Minutes of the last meeting - were signed by the chairman as a true record after the addition of Miss Hunt's name to the list of Branch Delegates.

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3. Matters Arising

- 4(a) Mr Wyatt had received a letter from Miss Hill thanking the Society for the Honorarium and reporting that she was now recovering from the effects of her accident.
- (b) Since Dr Corran was present, representing Ireland, Mr Wyatt expanded on the minute referring to the problems associated with the cost of pastoral visits to the Irish Branch.

4. Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Mr Wyatt commented that although we had had a quiet year, with only one Executive Committee meeting, the Society is active and thriving.
- 4.2 Mr Makins of Schotts had informed the Society that in order to reduce the large financial loss on the Magazine the price to the Society would be doubled, to 25p per copy, in December 1976. This is still half the counter price. Mr Makins had asked the SRP view about reducing the size (and hence the loss) of the magazine by restricting advertising to Schotts. The Executive Committee had discussed this, but had reported back to Mr Makins that we were very much against it happening. Mr Makins accepted the SRP view and agreed not to change the policy on advertisements.
- 4.3 The Chairman called for a discussion of correspondence between Mr Hand and the Teeside Branch relating to the unauthorised copying of published music. Mr Haigh explained in detail the sequence of events which had led to an unfortunate misunderstanding between him and Mr Hand, and emphasised that it was neither the policy nor the practice of the Teeside Branch to photocopy published music. Mr Wyatt thanked Mr Haigh and endorsed the SRP view that the law of copyright must be upheld.
- 4.4 Mr Wyatt concluded his remarks by referring to a letter from Mr Touchin which had asked the Executive Committee to consider changes to the committee structure. He was happy to report that the Executive Committee had discussed the letter and supported in principle the resolution of the Manchester Branch (see below)

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr Ingram noted that only a few branches sent him their annual financial reports and reminded delegates that the SRP rules required this information to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer.

Mr Ingram then presented the accounts for the year to

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30 September 1975 and summarised by saying that the total surplus was £345, including a profit of £105 on the Galashiels festival. He forecasted that the surplus for the current year would be reduced to about £40, not including the profit likely to result from the London festival. He therefore regretted that in view of the small size of the surplus and the known increase in magazine costs for December 1976 he would have to recommend an increase in subscription to central funds for 1976/77 (see later minutes). The accounts were accepted unanimously following proposal by Messrs. Touchin and Crispin.

6. Secretary's Report

Mr Bruce had very little to report. There had been no new branches, but an enquiry from Brighton. Mr Bruce stated his intention not to stand for re-election as Hon. Secretary at next year's delegate conference.

7. Resolutions

The following resolution was proposed by the Manchester Branch, and spoken to by Mr Touchin who explained that the intention was to avert the possible stagnation of the Society by setting a limit to the length of time for which a committee member might serve. It was not intended that this rule should apply to Officers or Muscial Directors.

Resolution: That two members of the Committee shall retire annually by rotation and shall not be eligible for re-election to the Committee for a period of one year thereafter though they may be elected to any vacant office subject to rule 10(b).

The Committee may create new offices for any specific purpose judged to be desirable or necessary to further the aims of the Society and may co-opt any member to act in that capacity in accordance with rule 10(d). The creation of such office shall be approved by the next Annual Conference and elections to that office shall then be carried out in accordance with the Rules.

After discussion the following ammendment was proposed by Mr Dalziel, seconded by Mr Crispin and carried unanimously: bearing in mind the feeling of the meeting the Executive Committee is asked to redraft the rules to take into account the Manchester resolution. Notice of the wording of the ammended rules should be sent to branches two months in advance of the next delegates conference, at which they would be adopted.

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## 8. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor

### 8.1 Auditor

Mr Arno had indicated that pressure of work would necessitate his retiring as Hon. Auditor. It was proposed by Mr Haigh, seconded by Mr Jerrome and carried that the Executive Committee be asked to find an Hon. Auditor.

### 8.2 Musical Directors

This year Messrs. Clark and Hunt retire by rotation and are available for re-election. It was proposed from the chair and carried unanimously that they both be re-elected.

### 8.2 Officers

All the officers being willing to stand and there being no nominations it was proposed by Mr Jerrome, seconded by Mr Haigh and carried unanimously that all the officers be re-elected.

### 8.3 Committee

Mr Dalziel announced that he would not be willing to stand for re-election. All present thanked him for his valuable service on the Executive Committee. Mr Ross Winters and Mr Colin Touchin had been nominated and Mrs Cobb, Miss Murray, Dr Coles and Mr Herson were willing to stand for re-election. Mr Hunt proposed, Mr Haigh seconded and it was carried unanimously that the six aforementioned be elected to the Executive Committee.

### 8.4 Change to Rules

In relation to committee membership and in order to stimulate the election of new people to the committee the Executive Committee proposed, through the Chair, that rule 8G of the Society's rules be amended to include the following sentence: Any member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to recover his reasonable travelling expenses for attendance at committee meetings. The proposal was carried unanimously.

## 9. Subscriptions for 1976/77

Messrs. Schotts had informed the Society that as from December 1976 it would be necessary for them to double (to 25p per copy) the price at which they supply Recorder and Music to SRP members. The meeting accepted the reasons for the increase.

Mr Ingram reminded the meeting that the present subscriptions for Central Funds had been held constant for four years and had enabled the Society to achieve a reasonable financial reserve.



Only an increase in subscriptions could now, in the face of the increase in magazine cost, enable that reserve to be preserved. Mr Ingram proposed the following subscriptions to Central Fund for 1976/77.

(a) Branch in which all members have the magazine sent individually by post:-

Full member £2.50

Student member £1.50

(b) Branch which receives bulk supplies of the magazine for those of its members who wish to pay for it:

Full member taking magazine £2.00

Full member not taking magazine 80p

Student member taking magazine £1.50

Student member not taking magazine 50p

Mr Crispin proposed, Mr Corbishley seconded and it was carried unanimously that the proposed new subscription rates be accepted.

On behalf of the meeting Mr Haigh thanked Mr Ingram for his careful preparation and presentation of details.

#### 10. Branch Reports

Mr Bruce suggested that although the annual branch reports were essential for the SRP pages in the magazine they did not in general require discussion at the Delegates Conference. It was generally agreed that this was the case and that therefore no formal presentation was necessary. Mr Haigh asked that any information useful to other branches should be communicated to the meeting, particularly with regard to successful music used at branch meetings. Mr Clark announced that the membership of the Birmingham Branch continued to increase and found that recruitment notices left behind at public concerts had brought in several new members (there had been nine enquiries following one concert) and were good publicity for SRP.

Messrs. Bonsor and Dolmetsch expressed concern that they had found, when visiting branches, that there was an increasing reluctance, presumably because of the reluctance of publishers to supply music on sale or return, for branches to provide music. Mr Wyatt suggested that Branches might come to an arrangement with, say, Schotts for music to be supplied on sale or return.

#### 11. CSRP

Dr Coles had written a letter giving the present position, and Drs Bergmann and Taylor spoke of relevance of CSRP to the needs of SRP. Several branches acknowledged that their knowledge

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of and involvement in CSRP was slight and Miss Wright suggested that a short article should appear in the magazine. The meeting thanked the Sub. committee for its work and agreed with Dr Coles statement that some changes now would be of benefit. A proposal by Dr Bergmann, seconded by Miss Ward, that Dr Coles be asked to make such revisions as are necessary was carried unanimously.

12. Distribution of SRP Balance Sheet *Control Ltd Annual Account*

*account* The meeting adopted unanimously a suggestion From Mr Ingram that, to save money, each branch should be sent two copies of the ~~balance sheet~~, and a note should appear in the appropriate issue of the Magazine inviting SRP members who wished for an individual copy to write to the Society for one, sending a stamped addressed envelope.

13. Any other business

SRP Festival

The meeting thanked the London Branch for organising the previous day's excellent festival at Morley College.

It seemed that there were still problems with holding a festival in Manchester. For 1977 the offer of the West Riding Branch to hold a festival in Bradford was accepted.

For 1978 the offer of the Bath Branch to hold a festival in the West Country was provisionally accepted.

Standing Conference *Music in Schools Conference*

Mr Herson gave an account of the arrangements for SRP to organise the ~~Standing Conference on Amateur Music~~ in 1977. It will be held at the Phillipa Fawcett College in Streatham probably on May 21st 1977. The Executive Committee has appointed a sub-committee, chaired by Mr Herson to organise the Conference.

Emblem of SRP

Mr Bonsor asked that the Executive Committee look into the possibility of holding a competition for the design of an emblem for the SRP.

Change of Name

Mr Haigh asked that the Teeside Branch be known in future as the Cleveland Branch.

14. Date and place of next year's meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Conference for 1977 should be in Bradford, following the SRP Festival.

*J. E. Hylatt 12/6/77*



SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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Minutes of Branch Delegates Conference held at the  
Technical College, Bradford, on Sunday, 12th June, 1977.

Present: Mr T E Wyatt (Chairman)  
Dr. W Bergmann  
Mr B Bonsor (also representing Roxburgh)  
Dr C Dolmetsch  
Mr H Herson  
Mr R A Bruce (Secretary)  
Mr A J Ingram (Treasurer)  
Dr S Taylor (also representing  
Mr C Touchin Northampton)

Branch Delegates

Aberdeen	Miss S Wright
Beds & N Herts	Mr R Smith
Birmingham	Mrs van der Molen
Bradford	Mr R Corbishley
Bristol	Miss E Hunt
Cambridge	Mr J Massey
London	Miss K Murray
	Miss E Church
Manchester	Mr R Touchin
Mid-Herts	Mr B Fraser-Hook
Nuneaton	Miss J Ward
Oxford	Mr J Potts

1. Apologies were received from Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Coles, Miss Wright (Country and Overseas Members), and the Edinburgh, Newcastle, Glasgow and Warwick Branches. *Devon Bath*

2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendments had been made:

Item 12: Title should read "Distribution of SRP Central Fund Annual Accounts"; and in the third line "balance sheet" should read "accounts".

3. Matters Arising

Item 8.1. The Chairman reported the resignation of Mr. Michael Arno and that Mr. Robert Harrison had agreed to stand for nomination.

Item 13. Mr. Herson suggested that "Standing Conference" should read "Music in Schools Conference". He reported that 100 people had attended the Conference and that it had been a financial success.

SRP Emblem. The Chairman said no action had been taken during the year. Dr. Dolmetsch suggested that Sheila Godwin, who had designed an emblem for the Dolmetsch Foundation, might be asked to assist.

4. Amendments to Rules 10 and 11, as agreed at 1976 Conference

Rule 10(d) had been amended in accordance with the decision taken in 1976. With regard to the payment of expenses of Committee members attending the Annual Conference, the Committee was instructed to bring forward a draft rule for consideration at the 1978 Conference.

Mr. Massey pointed out that "Executive Committee" was not defined



in the Rules. There were also two Rule 12s and no Rule 11. In Rule 13(c) there should be a space between "any" and "body". In Rule 16 "Societies" should be added to the title. The Chairman suggested the deletion of "Executive" in Rule 8(f) and that the Committee should in future be referred to as "The Committee".

Mr. Corbishley raised the question of the expenses of conductors attending the Festival, which he had assumed would be met by the Society. The Chairman suggested that any conductors attending the Festival who were members of the Committee might claim their expenses from the Festival Account.

Mr. Hersom proposed and Mr. Roy Touchin seconded a motion that the amendments to the Rules be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

#### 5. Chairman's Report

Mr. Wyatt welcomed the representative from the Oxford Branch.

He reported that Sir Michael Tippett had agreed to stand for election as President of the Society in place of the late Lord Britten.

The new membership list was now four months' overdue. (It was agreed that a further reminder, setting a deadline, be sent to the Bath, Dorset and Cleveland Branches). An estimate of £275 had been received for 2,000 copies of the list of 1,300 members which would be on a smaller sized paper, and the Chairman asked the Conference for acceptance of the estimate.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Corbishley and the West Riding Branch for a most enjoyable Festival and for their excellent organisation.

No firm promise had been received regarding the venue of the 1978 Festival; a provisional offer had been made by Bath but this had not yet been confirmed.

The Chairman reminded delegates that the London Branch Library was available to all branches subject to payment of postage. He was revising the list of music available which would be sent to all Branches.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ingram presented the accounts for the year to 30 September 1976. He reminded delegates that it had been agreed last year as an economy measure to discontinue the practice of sending copies of the accounts to recipients of the Magazine. He thanked Mr. Dalziel for duplicating the accounts.

Mr. Ingram explained that "CSRP" under the Income column referred to the Certificate of Recorder Players.

The item of £405.05 for Magazine copies under the Expenditure column related to old-style branches who pay for their magazines in a lump sum. £157.34 for "printing, postage and stationery" included postage on bulk parcels to new-style branches.

Mr. Ingram agreed to look into the possibility of depositing surpluses in a bank deposit account rather than in building societies.

With regard to payment of Corporation Tax, Mr. Ingram said he had been advised that the Society did not rank as a charity and was therefore liable to payment of the tax. It was agreed that the aims of the Society should be looked at.



It was agreed that the surplus of £280.89 was satisfactory and that the accounts should be adopted.

## 7. Elections

The following elections were made:

President:	Sir Michael Tippett
Musical Director:	Mr Herbert Hersom
Auditor:	Mr Robert Harrison
Secretary:	Miss Edna Church

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Russell Bruce who had given five years' excellent service to the Society as Secretary.

The Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary were re-elected.

Mrs. Cobb and Miss Murray were due to retire from the Committee as the longest-serving members, and a third vacancy was created by the elevation of Mr Hersom to Musical Director. Delegates agreed that the Committee should remain at six members, that the three sitting members should be re-elected en bloc and a poll taken for the three vacancies. Miss Paula Campbell, Mrs Nancy Winkelmann and Mr Jim Massey were elected to fill the vacancies.

## 8. Subscription for 1977/8

The Treasurer said the Society was benefitting in 1976/7 from the subscription increase agreed at the 1976 Conference. Nevertheless the Society was faced with the cost of the new membership list, which he had estimated at £450; on that basis he had estimated a slight loss in the current year. But it now appeared that the cost of the new membership list would be lower than his estimate and he was now allowing £300 plus £50 for distribution costs. On this basis there was likely to be a profit of £50 in the current year. At the current subscription rate, there was likely to be a surplus in 1977/8. He proposed therefore that the subscription should not be increased and this was carried unanimously.

## 9. Making SRP more effective

The Chairman suggested that Dr Taylor should write an article for the Magazine aimed at increasing membership of the Society. Mr C Touchin thought the Society should advertise nationally in magazines such as Music in Education, but the Chairman said this had already been done without result.

The following suggestions for increasing membership by making branch meetings more attractive, and for greater communication between Branches were put forward by delegates:

- (i) joint meetings of branches
- (ii) display of leaflets and posters in music shops, colleges, etc.
- (iii) efforts to recruit more members should be made at summer and weekend schools
- (iv) branch meetings should divide into groups
- (v) lectures and demonstrations



- (vi) concerts to be given by Branches to other local musical societies
- (vii) greater use should be made by branches of the Magazine's free pages
- (viii) It was agreed that the idea of records and tapes was worth pursuing, but that the financial implications would have to be fully considered. The Chairman agreed to discuss further with Mr Touchin and, if it were agreed to pursue any of these proposals, they should be referred to the Committee for further consideration.

It was agreed that any Branch having suggestions for making meetings more attractive should write up their ideas and circulate to other Branches.

The Chairman said the Open University were doing a course on Music, which included tuition in recorder playing (Course OU A.241). Branch Secretaries might contact local OU organiser and suggest that A.241 students be made aware of the SRP.

#### 10. Future Festivals

It was agreed that the general policy should be to aim at an annual Festival. Assuming the 1978 Festival were held at Bath, the following provisional programme was agreed:

1979	Manchester
1980	Herts and Cambridge
1981	Edinburgh
1982	London

#### 11. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Society should pay for the Conference lunch.

Date of next Committee meeting. 16th October 1977 at 10.30 a.m. at Dr. Bergmann's house - 28 Belsize Square, London N.W.3.

#### 12. Date of next Conference

It was agreed that this should be immediately following next year's Festival.

*L. Elyatt Chairman*

*21/5/78*



# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of Annual Conference held on Sunday 21 May 1978

at Culverhay School Rush Hill Bath.

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Present:	Mr. T. Wyatt	Chairman
	Mr. B. Bonsor	
	Mr. H. Hersom	
	Dr. S. Taylor	
	Mr. C. Touchin	
	Mr. E. Hunt	
	Mrs. P. Campbell	
	Mrs. N. Winkelmann	
	Miss M. Wright	
	Mr. A. Ingram	Treasurer
	Mr. W. England	Treasurer elect
	Miss E. M. Church	Secretary

## Branch Delegates

Aberdeen	Miss S. Wright
Bath	Mr. G. Dalziel
	Mr. E. G. Jerrome
Beds & N. Herts	Mr. S. Smith
Birmingham	Mrs. J. van der Molen
Bristol	Miss E. Hunt
Cambridge	Mr. J. Massey
Devon	Mr. B. Crispin
Glasgow	Mr. J. B. Pettinger
Leicester	Mr. & Mrs. Emery
Manchester	Miss B. Newton
Mid Herts	Mrs. M. Tinsley
Northampton	Mr. D. Pugh
Roxburgh	Mrs. M. Bonsor
S. Somerset	Mr. S. Russell
Warwick	Mrs. M. Ellis
W. Riding	Mr. R. Corbishley

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Carl Dolmetsch, Dr. Allen, Dr. Bergmann, Mr. R. Winters, and the London, Oxford, Nuneaton, Norfolk, Guildford, Newcastle and Edinburgh branches.
2. Minutes of the last Conference were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the addition of "Devon" to the list of branches which had sent apologies for absence.
3. Matters arising  
The Chairman asked if branches had anything to report with regard to their efforts to make the SRP more effective (Item 9). Miss Newton said that the Manchester branch had given a concert which was well attended and which was to be repeated. Mr. Hunt suggested that branches send in a report for the Magazine independent of their annual report. Dr. Taylor agreed.
4. Amendment to Rules  
The Chairman referred to Item 4 of the Minutes of the 1977 Conference. He proposed that the payment of expenses to Committee members attending



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the Annual Conference could be met by the addition of "and Annual Conferences" at the end of Rule 8(f). Conference agreed to the amendment and that it should have immediate effect. Conference also agreed that delegates attending the Conference who were unavoidably accommodated in bed and breakfast accommodation should be reimbursed

5. Officers' reports

i. The Chairman in his report made the following points:-

a. The Committee had twice discussed the question of an SRP emblem. The idea of a competition had been dropped and a small sub-committee chaired by Herbert Hersom had been appointed which was considering a design based on the Mid-Herts branch emblem which was shown to delegates.

b. A sub-committee to consider sponsorship of a gramophone record or cassette had been appointed and had made two reports. Its conclusion was that a record for sale only within the Society, which would sell probably no more than 250 copies, could not be made at an attractive price. The sub-committee had pointed out, however, that a number of commercially made records of recorder consort music were now available, and that there might well be scope for reaching agreement with their publishers for distribution of these through branches at discount prices.

Delegates thought distribution would be much too complicated. Records could not always be distributed at branch meetings and the final cost to members might <sup>be</sup> just as high as buying from a shop. It was decided not to proceed with the idea.

Mr. Touchin was assembling a list of available records and tapes which would be published in the Magazine.

c. Copies of a revised London Branch Library catalogue were available.

d. A new branch in Cork had been approved by the Committee. Branches so far away were expensive to service, but it was in his view central to the concept of the Society that remote branches who had the greatest need of contact with the rest of the movement should be subsidised by those nearer the centre. Cork's admission to the Society was ratified by Conference.

e. Revision of the panel of conductors would be discussed at the next Committee meeting and he would welcome suggestions for additions. He hoped some Irish names would be added to the list.

ii. Membership Secretary's report

Dr. Allen had reported that there had been an increase in membership in the current year of 3 over the total of 1298 in the previous year.

iii. Treasurer's report

Mr. Ingram asked that cheques should be made out to the Society of Recorder Players and not personally to officials. Some cheques were over six months old when sent to the Treasurer and had to be returned; he asked that cheques should not be submitted which were more than three months old.

In the accounts for the year to 30.9.77. he had expected a surplus of £30, but in fact the figure was £477 owing to a number of favourable factors. For the current year he estimated a surplus of about £300 after allowing 10% for inflation and £400 for a new members' list. This did not include any surplus on the Festival. He was not therefore recommending any increase in subscriptions for the year commencing October 1978.



Mr. Ingram said that he had approached Inland Revenue for an informal discussion of the Society's position on charity exemption. He had received a formal reply stating that exemption was not due because the Society's aims were not charitable at law. The Committee had agreed that an approach should be made to the Charity Commissioners for advice.

The accounts were adopted by Conference. Mr. Crispin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ingram for the excellent service he had given the Society in his years as Treasurer.

#### iv. Branch Review Editor's Report

Dr. Taylor reminded branch representatives that the deadlines for reports were 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October and he appealed to secretaries to adhere to these dates. Spotlights on individual branches would continue and he asked for reports of particularly interesting activities by branches.

Mr. Hunt said that branch news was exceeding the official four pages in the Magazine and he asked for reports to be as succinct as possible - not generally more than 200 words. He would welcome more photographs provided they were black and white.

#### 6. Elections

Dr. Dolmetsch retired as Musical Director and was re-appointed. Mr. W. England was appointed Treasurer.

Mr. R. Harrison was re-appointed as Auditor.

The Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Country Secretary were re-appointed.

Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Massey, Mr. Touchin, Mrs. Winkelmann and Mr. Winters were re-appointed and Mr. Lyndon Hilling was appointed to the Committee.

#### 7. Making SRP more effective

Mr. Hersom said that the Mid-Herts branch had advertised in the local paper. Sometimes free publicity was offered by the local press. Miss S. Wright said that the Aberdeen branch submitted a list of branch activities to the local Information Office, University Common Rooms, etc.

#### 8. Resolutions

Mr. Touchin proposed that every <sup>member</sup> should be encouraged to bring in at least one new member over the coming year. Mr. Hersom thought more new branches were needed since members were disenchanted with large branches. Mr. Massey said that the Cambridge branch had affiliated to a music centre. Membership had grown and meetings which took place weekly during term time were now divided into three groups. Dr. Taylor suggested that small recorder groups might visit schools and colleges. Affiliation of school recorder groups to the Society was provided for in the Rules; what was needed was someone in the branch with sufficient initiative.

#### 9. Future Festivals

The Chairman reminded Conference that the following provisional programme had been agreed at the 1977 Conference:-

1979 - Manchester; 1980 - Herts and Cambridge; 1981 - Edinburgh;  
1982 - London.

Miss Newton said that Manchester were prepared to organise the Festival in 1979 although there were difficulties owing to a clash of dates.

Mr. Hersom said that although Cambridge would be a popular venue, accommodation there would not be available until late June or early July; he was therefore looking into the possibility of holding the Festival in Stevenage. It was agreed that the two branches would discuss this further.



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Mr. Ingram said that he had approached the Charity Commission for an exemption from the Society's rules on charity exemption. He had received a letter from the Charity Commission stating that exemption was not available because the Society's aims were not charitable. The Committee had agreed that an approach should be made to the Charity Commission.

10. Any other business

The Chairman offered thanks and congratulations to the Bath and Bristol branches for organising such an excellent Festival, with especial thanks to Stella Worrall who had acted as Festival Secretary.

11. Date of next Conference

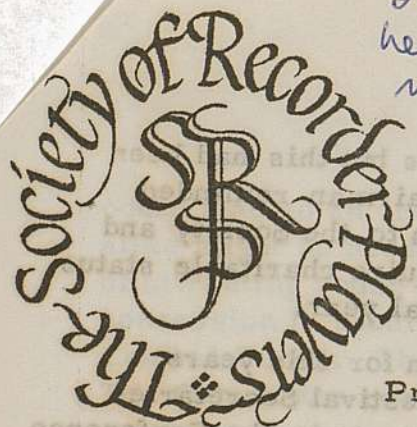
It was agreed that it should be held immediately after the 1979 Festival in Manchester.

J. Ellyatt

Chairman

20/9/79





I have sent copies to all committee members named  
herein and to all Branch Secs. listed in the new  
members list. Will bring spare copies on Sunday  
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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Minutes of Annual Conference

Sunday 20 May 1979

University of Salford Manchester

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### Present:

Mr T Wyatt

Chairman

Mr E Hunt

Mr H Hersom

Dr W Bergmann

Dr S Taylor

Mr L Hilling

Mr C Touchin

Mr J Massy

Mrs P Campbell

Mrs N Winkelmann

Mr P Clark

Miss M Wright

Mr W England

Miss E Church

Treasurer

Secretary

### Branch Delegates

Aberdeen

Miss S Wright

Beds & N Herts

Mr R Smith

Birmingham

Mrs J van der Molen

Bristol

Miss E Hunt

Cambridge

Mrs A Martin

Dorset

Mrs B Harrison

Edinburgh

Mr T Inglis

Essex

Mrs I Burroughs

Glasgow

Mr J Pettinger

Leicester

Mr R Highcock

Manchester

Miss B Newton

Mid-Herts

Mrs D Reddaway

Milton Keynes

Mrs P Coombes

Newcastle upon Tyne

Mr J Hawkes

West Riding

Mr R Corbishley

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Dolmetsch, Dr Allen, Mr Bonsor Mr Winters and the Devon, London, Cumbria and Roxburgh Branches.
2. Minutes of the last Conference were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. Chairmans Report The Chairman made the following points:
  - (i) A Society emblem had been chosen. T-shirts, head scarves and car stickers had been on sale at the Festival, and it was proposed to incorporate the emblem in Society letterheadings etc. The Chairman circulated copies to the delegates and asked them to consider ways in which branches might make use of it.
  - (ii) Work was going on on the revision of the Rules for submission to the Charity Commissioners so that the Society could claim charitable status. Revised Rules would be presented to the next Conference.
  - (iii) Dr Allen had reported an increase in membership in the current year of 60 excluding the new branches being formed in West Dorset and Darlington.



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There had been a decline in membership in existing branches but this had been compensated for by the formation of new branches. The Chairman reminded branches that they were required to submit audited accounts to the Society and that compliance would be essential if the Society were to acquire charitable status. Only 13 branches had furnished accounts for the last financial year.

(iv) Manchester had received requests for accommodation for this year's Festival at the eleventh hour. Branches were asked to let Festival Secretaries know in ample time (a) whether they would be sending a delegate to the Conference and (b) whether he would require accommodation.

(v) At present the price paid by the Society for "Recorder & Music" covered only 50% of printing costs, and Schotts had found it necessary to increase the cover price of the magazine to 75p. and to ask the Society to pay 50p. per copy as from the September 1979 issue. This meant that subscriptions would have to be increased, but it was proposed to introduce a household membership

(vi) A quotation of £350 had been received for printing 2000 copies of a membership list similar to the 1977 list. The Committee had decided however that the list should be classified both alphabetically and by regions. The cost would therefore be somewhat greater.

4. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported a surplus of £1022 for the financial year 1977/78. The Society paid for 1000 copies of the Magazine but this appeared to be less than the number of members taking it and he was looking into this discrepancy. Many conductors did not claim expenses, but he appealed nevertheless to Branches to use discretion in inviting conductors in order to reduce the cost to the Society. From each member's subscription the Society was left with about 80p. to cover the membership<sup>list</sup> (which for 1979 would cost about 20p. per member per year) and the cost of pastoral visits, Conference and administration. Provincial branches were in effect subsidised by the Country & Overseas members, the London Branch and the generosity of conductors. The accounts were adopted by Conference.

For 1978/79 the Treasurer estimated a small increase in subscription income and from other routine sources. On the other hand there was likely to be an increase in Conference expenses, conductors' visits, Committee members' expenses etc. The Committee had also agreed to allow the Hire Library to draw up to £120 from Central Funds to meet its initial expenses. The reprint of the membership list and its distribution was likely to cost around £500. Overall he expected a deficit of £600, which could however be met from reserves. He was worried that in some new-style branches very few members took the Magazine. The cost of distribution was 50p for each parcel plus postage. The operation was uneconomic unless 30 members of a branch took the Magazine; the average was in fact only 18. He appealed to delegates from new-style branches to encourage their members to subscribe to the Magazine.

For 1979/80 he thought it would be possible to absorb increased costs without further increasing the subscription.

The Branch Review Editor said that it was disturbing that in some branches few members thought the magazine worth taking. More articles and letters from members would help to make the magazine more attractive.

5. Subscriptions Birmingham branch proposed that subscriptions for retired persons be set at the same level as those for students. The Treasurer, while having no statistics of retired persons among the membership, thought that a reduction in their subscription would lead to a material loss of income which



could lead to an increase in subscription for all members. Students and pensioners alike might be needy, but students were a special case because of the desirability of attracting young players. He suggested that if there were pressure for such a concession it should be given at branch level so as not to constitute a drain on Central Funds. The resolution was defeated.

The Committee recommended and Conference approved the following subscription rates for the year ending 30 September 1980:-

	Full mem- ber with magazine	Full mem- ber w/o magazine	Student with magazine	Student without magazine	Household member- ship
Old style branch	3.50		2.50		4.50
New style branch	3.00	80p	2.50	50p	

5. Membership List Mr. Massy suggested that the expense of printing a national list could be avoided if branches produced their own lists and sent them to the national officers. Miss Wright pointed out that COS members required the list in its present form. Several delegates thought that a small number of copies would be sufficient for each branch; if the list in its present form were required only for COS members it might be possible to duplicate it and thus save money. It was agreed that the matter should be reconsidered at next years Conference, and that delegates would consult their branch members to see what value they placed on a national list and would examine the feasibility of producing individual branch lists.

#### 6. Elections

Mr. P Clark and Mr E Hunt were re-appointed as Musical Directors.

The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary and COS Secretary were re-appointed.

Mr Massy, Dr Taylor, Mrs Winkelmann, Mrs Campbell and Mr Hilling were re-appointed as Committee members.

The Committee proposed Miss Evelyn Nallen and Mr Philip Thorby to replace Mr Winters and Mr Touchin who were retiring by rotation. Miss Nallen and Mr Thorby were elected unanimously. The Chairman thanked Mr Winters and Mr. Touchin for their services.

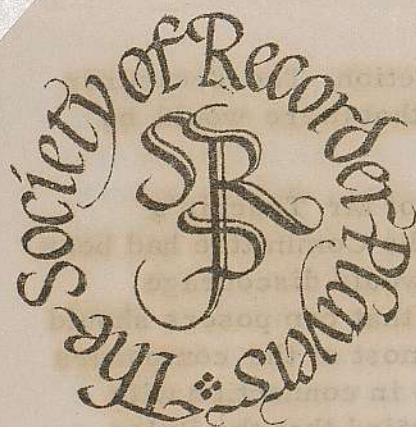
7. Hire Library Mr Touchin said that the sub-committee were inviting more compositions for recorder orchestra. It was proposed to charge £2 p.a. to cover running expenses, plus a hire charge and a performance fee for composers and arrangers. He circulated details of the scheme. He hoped that it would be possible to interest local education authorities in the facilities. He looked forward ultimately to the establishment of a National Youth Recorder Orchestra. The Chairman and Mrs Winkelmann reported on the success of the London experiment.

8. Festivals The 1980 Festival would be held in Cambridge. Cambridge branch were asked to submit a draft budget by January 1980. A float for initial expenses would be made available if required. Edinburgh were willing in principle to stage the 1981 Festival, probably in early June. The Mid-Herts Branch were willing in principle to organise the 1982 Festival, probably in Stevenage.

9. Any other business Mr Touchin said the cost of prizes was a heavy burden on a Festival budget and suggested that Branches should seek sponsors. The prizes for the 1979 Festival had been met by the shops or private members of the Manchester branch.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Manchester branch for the excellent organisation of the Festival.





# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

## Minutes of Annual Conference

Sunday 18 May 1980

Homerton College Cambridge

Mr T Wyatt	Chairman
Mr E Hunt	
Mr H Hersom	
Dr W Bergmann	
Dr S Taylor	
Mr P Clark	
Mr I Hilling	
Miss E Nallen	
Mr B Bonsor	
Mr P Thorby	
Mr J Massy	
Miss M Wright	COS Secretary
Dr J Allen	Membership Secretary
Mr W England	Treasurer
Miss E Church	Secretary

### Branch Delegates

Aberdeen	Miss S Wright
Bath	Mr G Dalziel
Beds & N Herts	Mr H Smith
Birmingham	Mr J Rowley
Bristol	Miss E Hunt
Cambridge	Mrs C Gibbons
Cleveland	Mr B Knox
Darlington	Miss S Foxall
Dorset	Mrs B Harrison
Edinburgh	Mrs N O'Riordan
Glasgow	Mr B Pettinger
Leicester	Miss J Finns
Manchester	Miss B Newton
Mid-Herts	Mrs M Tinsley
Milton Keynes	Miss B Hogg
Norfolk	Mr D Smith
Northampton	Dr R Coles
Roxburgh	Mrs M Bonsor
West Dorset	Mrs C Greenhill
West Riding	Mr R Corbishley

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Dolmetsch, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Winkelmann and the Devon, Sheffield, Oxford, Essex and Warwick Branches.
2. The Minutes of the last Conference were signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the insertion of "and Beds and N Herts" after "Mid-Herts" in the final sentence of Section 8.
3. Matters arising
  - (a) Membership lists Some delegates said that one or two copies would be sufficient for their branches and that they would prefer the list to be arranged geographically. The Chairman undertook that the Committee would consider the



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arrangement of the list and the cheapest method of production. The Treasurer said that his estimates had been based on the assumption that there would be no new issue in 1981.

X (b) Hire library The Chairman reminded delegates of Mr Touchin's paper which had been circulated at the last Conference. The Committee had been worried by the high charges proposed which they thought would discourage branches. They had also been concerned by the proposal that composers should receive a royalty each time their music was used; since most of the composers were members of the Society this might create difficulties in connection with the Society's application for charitable status bearing in mind that the Rules purported to prohibit members receiving payment for their services. The Committee had therefore decided to leave Mr Touchin to run the hire library independently of the Society. The recorder orchestra movement meanwhile was making progress and a successful weekend had been held recently at Hitchin.

#### 4. Future Festivals

Mrs O'Riordan said that May 23 1981 had been chosen for the Festival in Edinburgh. This was a Bank Holiday Saturday, but it was thought that many visitors might wish to combine a visit to the Festival with a holiday in Scotland. The venue would be George Watson's College which had excellent facilities. The Branch were asked to submit a draft budget and were reminded that the Society would make an advance to meet initial expenses. The Society would also underwrite any loss on the Festival and conversely would take any profit. Leicester offered to hold the Festival in 1983. The future Festival programme is thus:-

1982	Mid-Herts and Beds & N Herts
1983	Leicester
1984	Milton Keynes

#### 5. Officers' Reports

(a) The Chairman reported that the Society was in a healthy position with new branches at High Wycombe, Sheffield and Lincoln. An inaugural meeting of a branch in South Wales would be held in June in Cardiff and there was a possibility of a branch in Hereford. It had been necessary to write a stern letter to Branches about the cost of pastoral visits. The Irish branch had said that they were willing to contribute £50 from their own funds towards the cost of this year's pastoral visit and this offer was gratefully noted.

It had been thought that Schotts were going to discontinue publication of the Magazine, but there had been a change of control and this threat had been lifted. Several delegates complained about the late delivery of the March magazine and about poor packaging; Dr Allen undertook to speak to Office Aids. Mr Hunt said the magazine was now being printed in Amersham and he hoped for improvement in meeting the publishing dates.

It was not proposed to produce a new letter heading until the Society had been registered as a charity. Several delegates said that their branches would be interested in buying supplies of headed stationery.

(b) The Treasurer referred to the Accounts which showed a surplus of £201 for 1978/79 which was due to (i) the cost of printing the 1979 membership list not being taken into account in that financial year; (ii) £120 set aside for the recorder orchestra library had not been expended; and (iii) Schotts had charged 37½p. per copy for the magazine instead of the 50p. anticipated. The Society received only 54p. from each subscription after magazine costs had been met. He was grateful to conductors who made pastoral visits at their own expense.



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1979/80 Subscriptions were still awaited from three branches; Schott's royalties and profit from the sale of T shirts etc were unknown; the bill for the March magazine had not yet been received and he did not know whether the price would remain at 37½p.; postal rates were continually rising; and if charity exemption were not through in time Corporation Tax would have to be paid on Bank interest. These were major uncertainties, but making the best estimates he could he expected a small surplus of £100.

1980/81 No exceptional expenditure was known at this stage. Conference costs in 1981 might be very heavy because of travelling expenses to Edinburgh. However there were reasonable reserves and he proposed no increase in subscription for 1980/81. But it was likely that subscriptions would have to be increased the following year. Nevertheless it was hoped to keep the increase to a minimum by reducing wastage of magazines. He stressed that much wasted expenditure arose from delay by branches in sending in membership returns. This resulted in magazines being sent to members who, in the event, did not renew their subscription. This year no less than 500 magazines had been sent out which had not yet been paid for. The Committee with some reluctance had agreed that one necessary line of attack on this wastage must be to cease to send December magazines to new members; subscriptions would in future be deemed to entitle a member to four magazines starting with the March issue. But the Treasurer emphasised that unless branches sent in their membership returns by the advertised deadline of 31st January, further wastage was inevitable.

Miss Wright asked that a statement about changes in the distribution arrangements should be carried in the September magazine for the benefit of COS members. In response to a query about household membership for new-style branches the Chairman said that the Committee would consider the question at its next meeting. Conference approved the accounts for 1978/79.

(c) Membership Secretary Dr Allen reported that the total membership for 1979 was 1360. Not all returns had yet been received for 1980, but taking into account new branches the total membership was likely to be about 1440.

#### 6. Revision of Rules

The Chairman stressed that if the Society became a charity it would be obligatory for branches to adopt Rules which were not inconsistent with the specimen rules. He believed that adoption of the specimen rules should not present problems for any branch, but departures from the specimen rules could be approved by the Committee provided they were not inconsistent with the Society's rules. Dr Coles proposed that branches accept the specimen rules, adding their own rules if desired subject to the submission of any proposed additions to the Committee. Conference agreed.

The Chairman proposed the following amendments to the draft Society Rules that had been circulated:-

Rule 5 (m): Delete and substitute:- "The Committee may at any time nominate an Examination Secretary and Examination Sub-committee of not less than two or more than six members all of whom shall be members of the Society. The Examination Secretary and Sub-committee shall be responsible for organising the Examinations of the Society subject however to the general directions of the Committee and the Examination Secretary and Sub-committee may nominate Examiners as necessary for the conduct of the Examinations, all of whom shall be members of the Society. The Examiners shall be responsible for the conduct of individual examinations subject however to the directions of the Examination Secretary and Sub-committee. The Committee may at any time remove the



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Examination Secretary and/or any member of the Examination Sub-committee and/or any of the Examiners whether or not any substitutes are appointed in their place."

Appendix Rule 2 b. Delete all after "Branch Committee".

Conference adopted the new Rules with the two amendments.

The Chairman said that the new Rules had been approved by the Charity Commission and were now in the hands of the Inland Revenue. Conference passed a vote of thanks to Mr John Turner for all the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Society.

#### 7. Elections

Dr Bergmann, Mr Bonsor and Mr Hersom retired as Musical Directors and were re-appointed.

The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, COS Secretary and Auditor were re-appointed.

Mrs Campbell and Mr Massy were due to retire from the Committee. The Committee nominated Dr Coles and Mrs Panzetta who were elected.

#### 8. New Branches

Conference ratified the affiliation of new branches at High Wycombe, Sheffield and Lincoln.

#### 9. Any other business

The Chairman asked Mr David Smith if he and Mr Skins would jointly write an account of the Festival for the magazine.

The Chairman thanked the Cambridge branch for organising such an excellent Festival.

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Chairman

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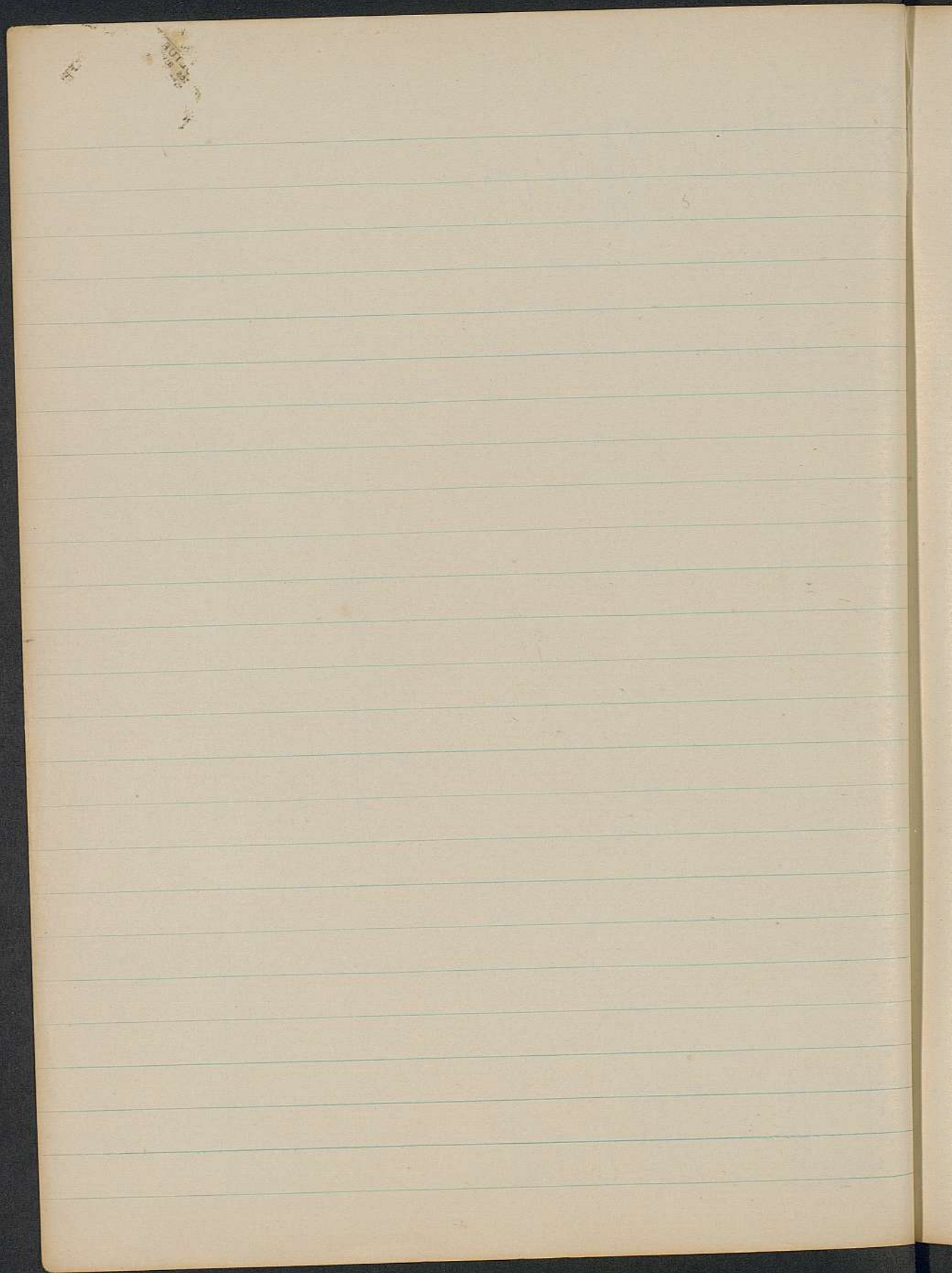
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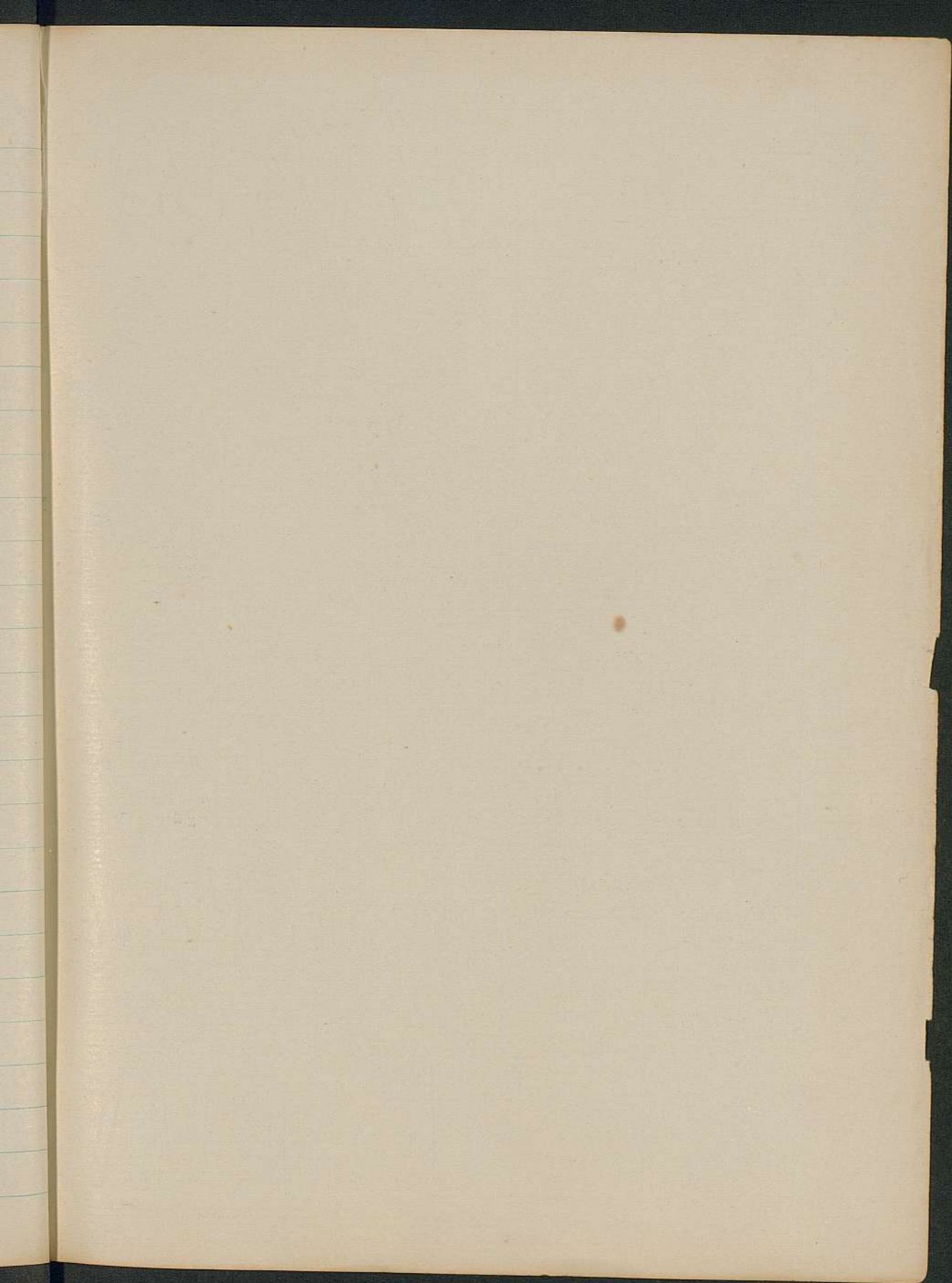
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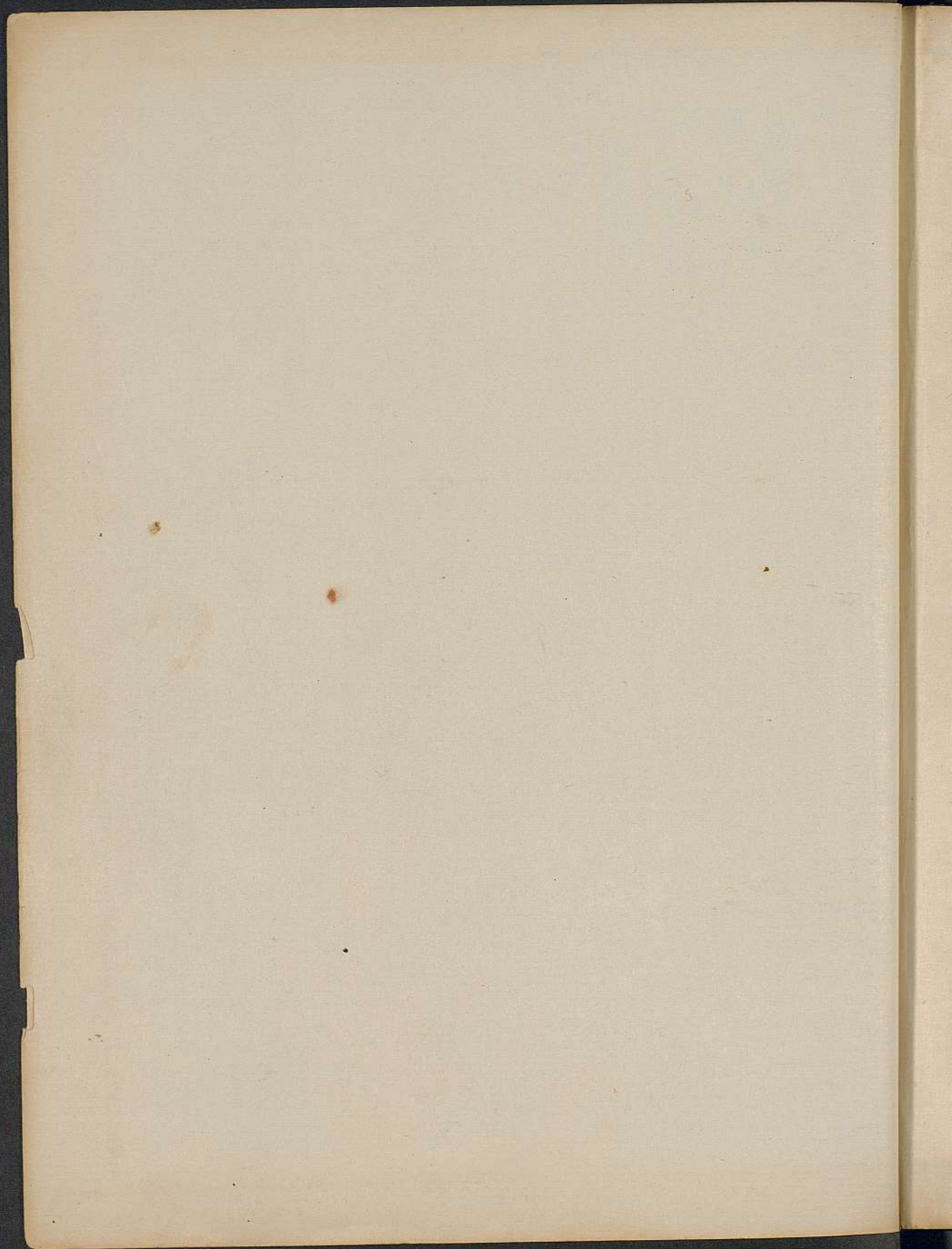














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