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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 28 May 1995  
Royal Naval School, Haslemere, Surrey

### PRESENT:

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

Michael Sharman	Chairman	Andrew Collis	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Douglas Haston	"
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Alyson Lewin	"
John Allen	Membership Sec	Ena Pick	"
Anne Martin	CSRP Secretary	Denis Bloodworth	"
Diana Reddaway	COS Secretary	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
Carl Dolmetsch	Vice President	Herbert Hersom	"
Patricia Davies	Moeck Comp Sec	Evelyn Nallen	"
Theo Wyatt	MA on comte	Anthony Rowland-Jones	"
Robert Harrison	Hon Auditor	Anne Blackman	Guest

#### *Branches*

Aberdeen	Sheila Wright	London	Alistair Read
Bath	Brenda Ollis	Mid-Herts	Graham Danbury
Beds & Herts	Glynne Parry	(Observer	Moiria Palmer)
Birmingham	Jim Rowley	Newcastle	Martin Evans
Bristol	Sylvia Davies	Norfolk	Audrey Illingworth
Cambridge	Tricia Davies	North Cotswold	Felix Jaffé
(Observer	Esther Sharman)	North London	Helen Bennet
Cheltenham & Glos	Gordon Dalziel	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	Oxford	Felix Jaffé
Cornwall	Ken Leach	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
(Observer	Angela Dumbreck)	Sheffield	Christine Eyre
Dorset	Paula Biss	(Observer	Dorothy Kenyon)
Durham	Mary Tyers	South London	Margaret Crocker
East Berks	Norma Herdson	(Observer	Paula Marsh)
(Observer	Andrew Challinger)	South Staffs	Daphne Lavender
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	Suffolk	Carla Brown
Guildford	Harry Prosser	Wessex	Gwen Hewitt
Kent	John Bynoe	West Dorset	Phyllis Collyer
Leicester	Jenny Finns	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Lincoln	Carol Drake		







**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated the Guildford Branch organizers for a very successful Festival and for the Conference arrangements. He particularly welcomed Carl Dolmetsch, hoping that he was now fully restored to health. Carl Dolmetsch thanked the Chairman for his kind words and said he would like to use the opportunity to record his many thanks to all the well-wishers who had sent him kind messages, of which there were so great a number that he would be unable to respond individually. The Chairman went on to confirm that The Society would reimburse those attending the Conference for one night's bed and breakfast plus one evening meal, together with the actual cost of air or rail fares *or* car mileage at 12p/mile.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Ann Lyall, Bob Horsley, Eve O'Kelly and Paul Clark (Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following Branches: Essex, Cumbria, Devon, Glasgow, Hillfoots, Manchester, Northampton, Warwick and Weald of Kent.

2. **Minutes of the last Conference** having been taken as read, it was proposed by Ena Pick (Committee) and seconded by Norma Herdson and AGREED by Conference that they should be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. There were no **Matters arising**.

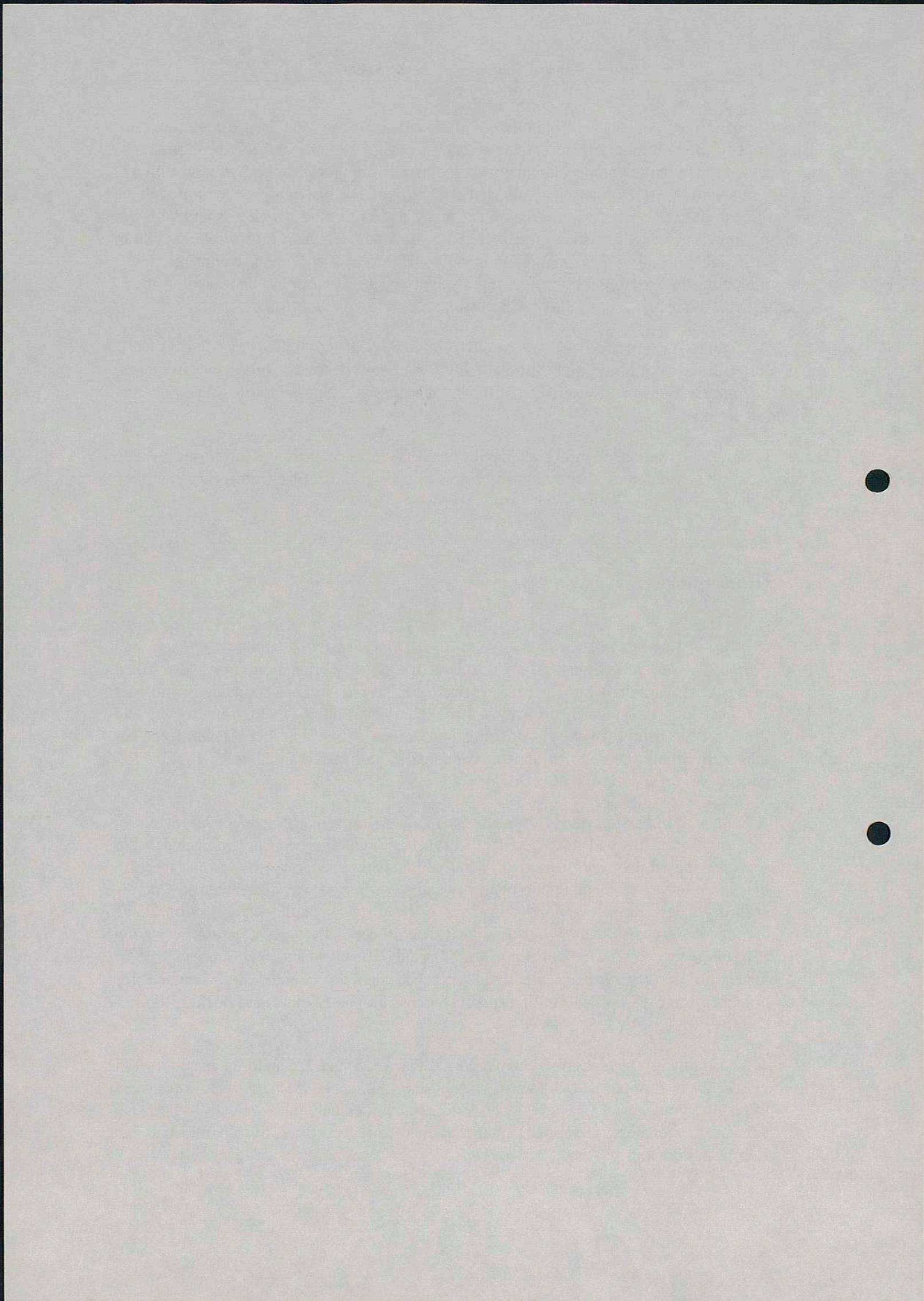
4. **Officers' Reports**

4.1 *The Secretary* said that he had had a busy first year in office. *The Rules, Panel of Visiting Conductors, Guidelines to Branch Officials/List of Society's Officers* and *Forming a New Branch* had all been re-issued. One new branch enquiry had resulted in the York Guildhall Branch being formed and he was in correspondence with Mrs Jan Theedom with regard to forming a branch in Peterborough. Regrettably, he had to report the demise of North Staffordshire Branch. There had been several amendments to Branch Secretaries and he commended the forthcoming issue of *The Recorder Magazine* as required reading.

4.2 *The Membership Secretary* said that membership remains stable. The membership of 7 branches had not altered; 17 branches' numbers had decreased and in 24 branches the number had increased. Total membership was now 1,678 (a net increase of 15). A survey of membership over a twenty year period was distributed to Conference delegates. Branch Membership cards were made available for collection at the end of Conference. Theo Wyatt reminded Conference that copies of the *Membership List 1995* were ready for collection by delegates. He went on to propose a vote of thanks to the merry band who had collated, stapled, counted and bundled for branches some 18,000 sheets of paper. The cost to The Society had been 13.9p per copy.

4.3 *County & Overseas Secretary* reported that COS had 225 paid-up members 175 in UK; 24 in Europe; and 26 World-wide. Since the last AGM there were 4 transfers to playing branches; 13 have resigned; and 33 new members have joined, giving a net gain of 16 members. Graham Danbury claimed to be mystified by separate UK and European divisions.







#### 4.4 *The Treasurer*

4.4.1. said that audited Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1994 had been circulated to Branches. Income was £16,214; expenditure £14,321; income over expenditure, £1,893. Subscriptions were £13,923. Pastoral visits had cost the Society £903. Ex gratis payments to Winchester Festival 1993 of £294.00 and Alva 1993 of £126.50 had been made out of the profits of these two ventures. The 1994 Aberdeen Festival figures were only presented on the day of Conference; Douglas Haston was pleased to report a net profit of £11.60. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund had received income of £4,419; expenditure in the form of grants, repayment of £1,000 to central funds and two years' postage, totalled £2,454. He went on to report figures for the current (1994-95) year and predicted a surplus in the region of £230.

4.4.2. **Subscriptions.** The Treasurer recommended to Conference that there be no change to subscriptions for the year 1995-96.

4.4.3. **Housekeeping.** Brian Fraser-Hook made a plea that claims for reimbursement of pastoral visits be submitted as soon after the event as possible, rather than be deducted from annual subscriptions. He noted, with regret, that the following branches had not yet submitted audited accounts for 1993-94: Bristol, Bath, Cornwall (disputed by delegate), Devon, Dorset, Durham, Edinburgh, Kent, Lincoln, North Cotswold, Nuneaton, Warwick, Weald of Kent, Wessex, West Suffolk and West Riding. Felix Jaffé (North Cotswold) wondered whether lodging of accounts should be included in the next issue of *Notes for Guidance of Branch Officials*. The Secretary noted this. The Treasurer concluded by saying that one branch was still sending annual accounts to Andrew Parkin!

There was a reminder from Graham Danbury that, under the Charities Act, branches were *obliged* to lodge audited annual accounts; and that there was to be considerable tightening up by the Charities Commission. Margaret Crocker (South London) suggested that there be a uniformity of accounting periods throughout the Society's branches. The Chairman said he did not wish to impose such a proposition so long as branches actually got their act together in the future. It was proposed by Harry Prosser (Guildford), seconded by Alyson Lewin (Committee), and Conference AGREED that the Society's Accounts be approved for the year ended 30 September 1994.

4.5 *Examination Secretary* reported that two candidates, Joanna Brown (London Branch) and Joyce Hall (South Staffs Branch) had obtained their CSRP. Both had done extremely well. Anne Martin said she now sat on the Music Education Council (MEC), the central forum in the UK, dealing, among other matters, with changes to schools' music curriculum. This was now of vital importance, given the fact there were now very few music advisers left in LEAs. The MEC, which she has joined for one year, has a large membership and is effective at school, university and adult education levels. She would be taking a stall for the Society at the forthcoming Conference to be held on London's South Bank on 3/4 July. Members of the Society's







Committee would be assisting in the running. The Chairman thanks Anne for both her Certificate work and as a member of the MEC.

4.6 *The Chairman* said he wished to take the opportunity to record with regret the deaths of Kathleen Drake (Founder, Dorset Branch) in January 1995; Kathleen Murray (London Branch Secretary in the 1950s); and Brian Crispin (founder and sometime Musical Director, Devon Branch). He went on to say that he thought the Society had to accept change as people come and go from its branches and we should not treat them as garden annuals on a life support system; neither should we be disturbed at the loss of members. Young people are coming in and he wondered whether we should have a policy of youth branches. He said that the Committee would support the running of any activities that attracted new blood, but could do nothing unless there was feedback from the branches. Indeed, it was his fervent hope that he got to hear about any special events being organised, even at a quite basic planning stage, so that advice and support could be given. He concluded by thanking everyone within the Society for all the support he had himself received as Chairman.

## **5. Election of Officers and Committee**

5.1 All officers, together with the Hon. Auditor, being willing to stand for re-election, were proposed en bloc by John Bynoe (Kent) and seconded by Peter Sturgeon (Nottingham) and ELECTED by Conference for a further year.

5.2 *Musical Adviser on Committee.* With the retirement of Theo Wyatt, four members of the 'pool' were willing to accept the Committee's nomination to stand for election. The following were proposed en bloc by Colin Martin and seconded by Diana Reddaway: Herbert Hersom; Alyson Lewin; Evelyn Nallen; and Anthony Rowland-Jones. The ensuing ballot ELECTED Herbert Hersom.

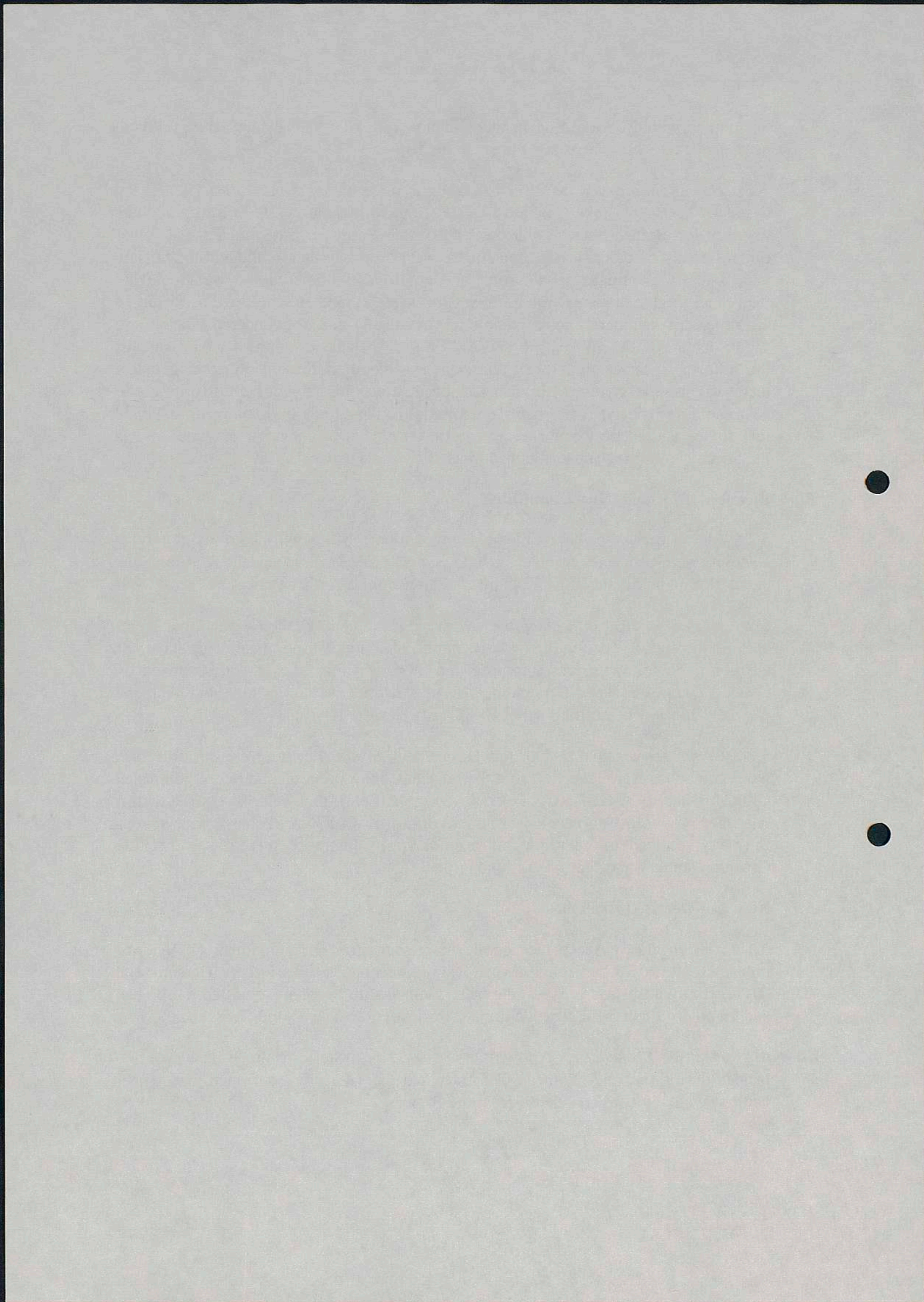
5.3 *Committee members.* Douglas Haston and Alyson Lewin were due to retire. No nominations were received from the branches; the Committee therefore nominated Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts); Peter Roscoe (Sheffield); and Mary Tyers (Durham). All were proposed by Theo Wyatt and seconded by Ena Pick. Peter Roscoe regretfully was obliged to withdraw his candidature. Conference therefore ELECTED Graham Danbury and Mary Tyers unopposed.

## **6. New and Demised Branches**

6.1 *New Branch.* Acceptance of the new Branch of York Guildhall (YOR) was proposed by Roy Corbishley (West Riding), seconded by Herbert Hersom and RATIFIED with pleasure by Conference. Membership Secretary reported the branch had 13 paid-up members. The Chairman/Musical Director is David Grosvenor.

6.2 *Demised Branch.* As reported above, the North Staffordshire Branch was disbanded during the year. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer confirmed that neither had received any correspondence from the Branch.







## 7. *The Recorder Magazine*

The Chairman said he wished to open the discussion on *the Recorder Magazine* by saying that, in his opinion, there had been a great improvement in the quality of its content and appearance. There was, however, always pressure on space for articles.

Turning to the Checklist of Courses, the Chairman said that there were still instances when details of courses/playing days were being sent directly to either the editor or the publisher, causing the Secretary considerable embarrassment when items that branches, etc., had forwarded to him did not appear. There then followed a discussion as to whether courses (as opposed to playing days) should be listed. Helen Bennett (North London) suggested that playing days be advertised under Branch News items. John Bynoe (Kent) suggested that the Secretary be given a free hand to edit all proposed entries to facilitate the publication of as many as possible, to which Conference AGREED.

Anne Martin advised Conference that a Schools Supplement was published with the *Magazine* and was included in copies sent to all schools' subscribers. Given that there were quite a large proportion of teachers in the Society, it had been agreed with the publisher that an application form for the supplement will be sent out in the next issue inviting any interested member to apply for a copy to be supplied. She went on to say that the music appearing in the supplement was not covered by copyright and could be freely photocopied for use within the school environment.

Finally, the Chairman reminded delegates that, although a final copy date is published in the *Magazine*, items for inclusion need to be received by himself or the Secretary seven days before that to give adequate preparation time.

## 8. Future Festivals

8.1 *Newcastle 1996*. Martin Evans confirmed that arrangements for Newcastle Branch to host the 1996 Festival and Conference were at an advanced stage. The festival would be a one-day event, to be held on Saturday, 27 April, and the Conference would be held the following day but at a different location, although still in central Newcastle.

8.2 *1997*. Graham Danbury confirmed that Mid-Herts Branch would host the festival in 1997. It would be a one-day event and the location would be in the Potters Bar/Hatfield/St Albans area on a date yet to be fixed.

8.3 *1998*. A tentative offer was made by Cornwall Branch.

8.4 *Haslemere 1995*. Glynne Parry (Beds & N Herts) complained about the shortage of accommodation and the delay in receiving the Conference Application Form (CAF). Anne Martin suggested a standard letter and amendment to the CAF. Norma Herdson (East Berks) suggested that, where possible, campus accommodation would be preferable in order that delegates have the opportunity to socialise. The Chairman pointed out that this was rarely practical unless, as occurred last year, university accommodation was used.







## 9. Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund

On behalf of the WBMF Sub-committee, Andrew Collis said that they had met three times since the last Conference. The fund's financial state is shown in the Society's annual accounts. Up to the last meeting of the sub-committee donations to the value of c. £2,500 had been received. This included monies raised by various branches through Playing Days and other activities. The selling of merchandise is now winding down. A few items were left and Bob Horsley had sold some on his Publicity Stand at the current Festival and Conference. Money had also been raised through the sale of instruments by people who have given up playing or have left instructions in their wills. There were still plenty of Christmas cards left and branches were urged to contact Graham Danbury. Grants this year had totalled £2,510, the maximum individual sum having been raised from £100 to £150. Publicity for WBMF: leaflets are to be available at the Music for Youth Conference in July, at the ERTA Annual Conference in June, the Early Music Exhibition in September and the Moeck/SRP Competition in October. Leaflets have been enclosed with each Membership List 1995, which give details of Deeds of Covenant and legacies in Wills. Branch Secretaries are urged to bring these leaflets to the attention of members.

## 10. Extension of SRP Activities

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the step of co-opting Bob Horsley on to the Committee as Publicity Officer. He commended to branches Bob's report and said he hoped they would do more locally. Helen Bennett (North London) suggested that there be some form of audit to evaluate the effectiveness of the recently introduced leaflet, which details branch secretaries' names and addresses.

Herbert Hersom told Conference that the *Teachers' Guide* was now out of print and that 5,000 copies had been issued. With Mary Tyers' assistance it is being revised and he hoped that the new edition would be available in the autumn.

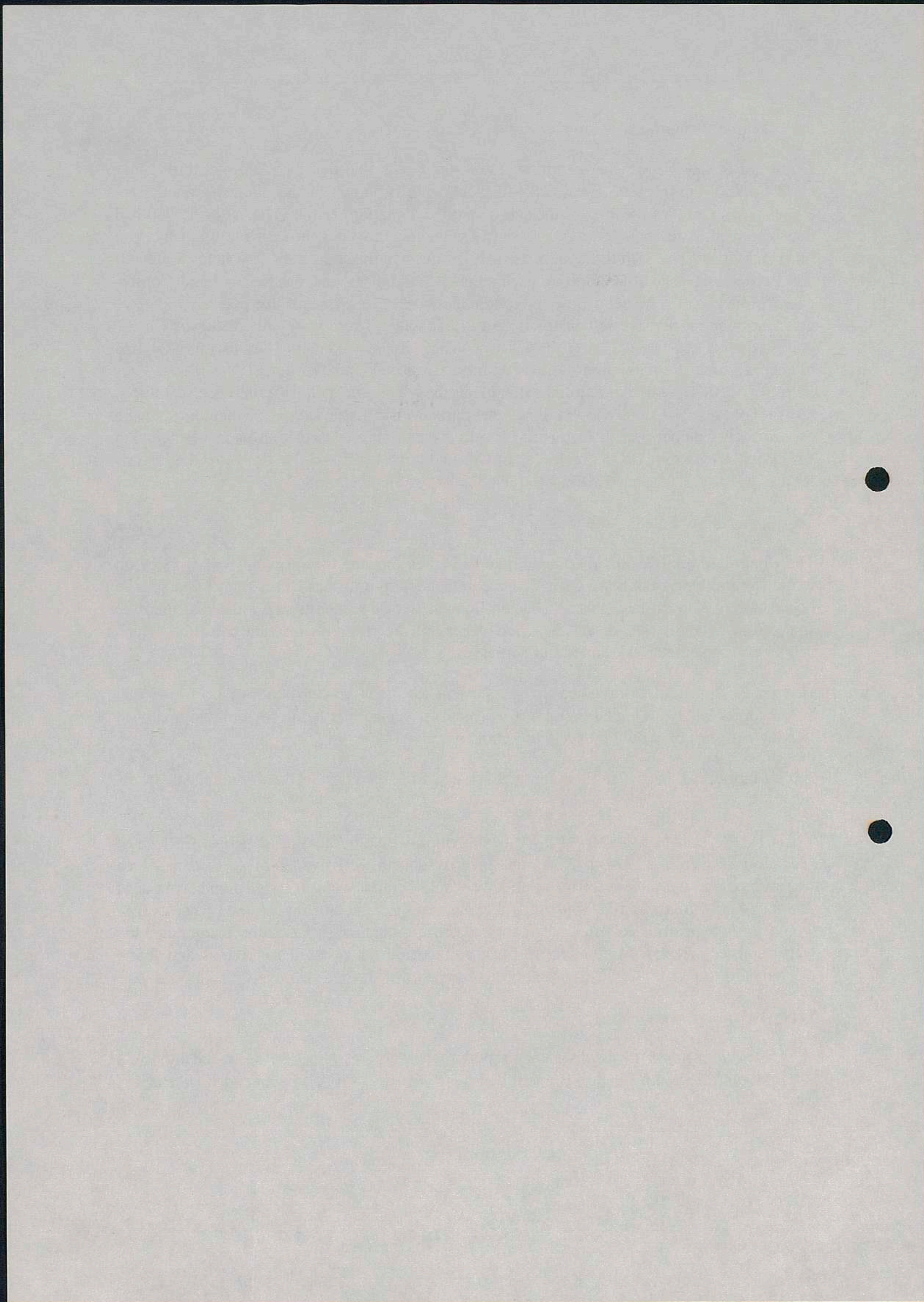
Anne Martin said that Peter Bowman of ERTA had been a guest at the previous day's Festival.

Tricia Davies said that the Moeck/SRP Competition would be held at the Royal College of Music on 22 October 1995 at 1.30 p.m. Priority tickets were available. A good audience was wanted and entrance was free. Publicity would be appearing in the September issue of *The Recorder Magazine*. She hoped that members of the London Branches and those nearby would be in a position to offer hospitality to those attending if overnight accommodation were required. Evelyn Nallen said she had adjudicated the preliminary rounds and found the standard to be of a uniformly high order compared with four years ago.

## 11. Any other business

11.1 *Resolution to Conference*: proposed by Margaret Crocker; seconded by Paula Marsh, of (South London Branch) that the *Rules 1995* (10(d)) be amended to read:







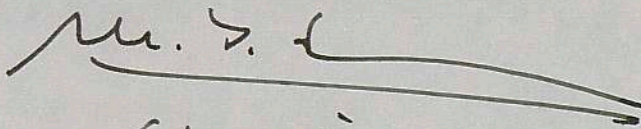
Any body of recorder players numbering twelve persons or more may apply to the Committee to be recognised as a Branch of the Society. The Committee may recognise such a Branch subject always to ratification by the next Conference.

Conference AGREED

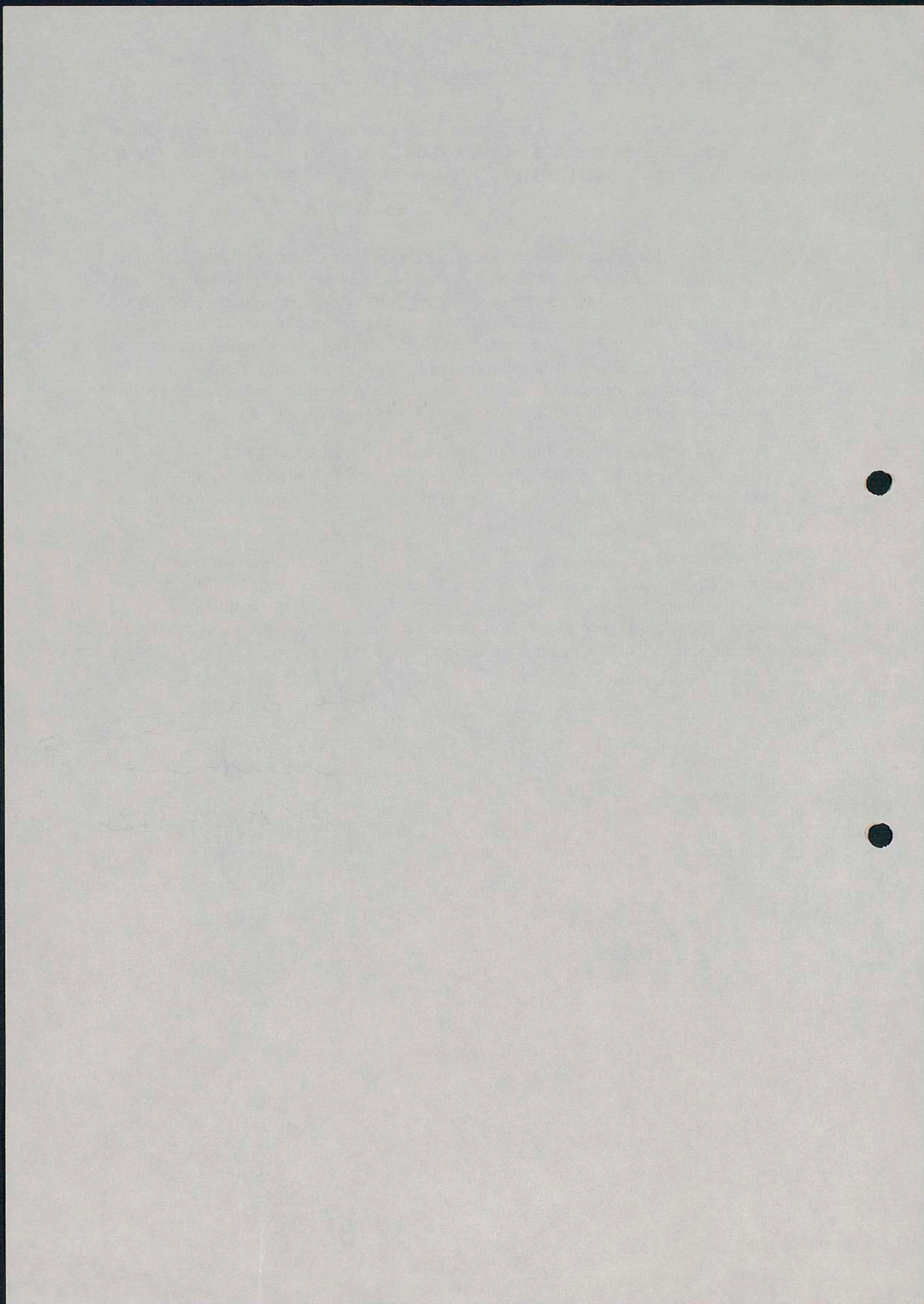
11.2 *Public Indemnity Insurance.* The Chairman said that changes of organisation or venues might prompt some hirers to seek fresh agreements from Branches. He urged that they read all the small print before signing and, if in serious doubt, seek advice from either himself or the Secretary. He went on to say that indemnity is for members only; it was therefore imperative that any visitors that attended regularly be urged to join the Society. If branch officials did sign undertakings they should do so as officers of the Society and not individuals. There then followed a general discussion as how best to treat liability with regard to visitors to branch meetings.

11.3 Helen Bennett (North London) asked that the Membership List be amended in order to facilitate the identification of a member's 'home' branch, i.e., the one to which they paid a full subscription. The Membership Secretary said he would give it his consideration.

Douglas Haston (Aberdeen) proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the 1995 Festival and Conference; Anne Martin also proposed a vote of thanks to Theo Wyatt for producing the programmes and the souvenir music, copies of which were given to everyone attending the Festival; and finally Carl Dolmetsch proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Michael Sharman. The Conference ended at 12.15 p.m.

  
Chairman  
28 April 1996









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 28 April 1996

The Leazes Room, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne

### PRESENT:

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

Michael Sharman	Chairman	Denis Bloodworth	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Graham Danbury	"
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Ann Lyall	"
John Allen	Membership Sec	Ena Pick	"
Anne Martin	CSRP Secretary	Mary Tyers	"
Diana Reddaway	COS Secretary	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
Paul Clark	MA on comte	Alyson Lewin	"
Herbert Hersom	"	Anthony Rowland-Jones	"
Colin Martin	"	Theo Wyatt	"
		Bob Horsley	Publicity Officer

#### *Branches*

Aberdeen	Douglas Haston	Mid-Herts	Graham Danbury
Bath	Harry Lyall	(Observer	Moir Fraser-Hook)
Beds & Herts	Glynne Parry	Newcastle	Joan Brownlow
Birmingham	Jim Rowley	(Observers	Martin & Margaret Evans)
Bristol	Timothy Lanfear	Norfolk	Audrey Illingworth
Cambridge	Petrina Lodge	N Cotswold/Oxford	Felix Jaffé
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	North London	Helen Bennett
Cornwall	Angela Dumbreck	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
Cumbria	David Beare	Peterborough	Joan Lee
(Observer	Helen Beare)	(Observer	Jan Theedom)
Devon	Jeanetta Hipsey	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
Durham	Kathy Palmer	Sheffield	Peter Roscoe
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	Somerset	Joan Bentham
(Observer	Andrew Short)	South London	Margaret Crocker
Essex	Marion Panzetta	(Observer	Paula Marsh)
Glasgow	Ian Wilson	South Staffs	Daphne Lavender
Guildford	Sue Pluthero	Suffolk	Mary Halliwell
(Observer	Harry Prosser)	Weald of Kent	Ursula Burchett
Kent	Kate Barnes	Wessex	Gwen Hewitt
(Observer	John Bynoe)	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Leicester	Jenny Finns	York	David Grosvenor
London	Bob Horsley	(Observer	Ann Grosvenor)
Manchester	Colin Martin	COS Observer	Esther Sharman







**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Newcastle Branch organisers on a very successful Festival and on the Conference arrangements. The Chairman confirmed that The Society would reimburse those attending the Conference for one night's bed and breakfast plus one evening meal, together with the actual cost of air or rail fares *or* car mileage at a rate to be discussed during Conference.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Andrew Collis, Dick Coles, Patricia Davies, Evelyn Nallen and Layton Ring (Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following Branches: Cheltenham & Gloucester, Dorset, Hillfoots, Lincoln, and Northampton.

2. **Minutes of the last Conference.** The Secretary confirmed that he had corrected the transposition of Brian Bonsor's and Denis Bloodworth's names on page 1. Conference then took the Minutes as read. It was proposed by Graham Danbury (Committee) and seconded by Roy Corbishley (West Riding Branch) and AGREED by Conference unanimously that they should be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. **Matters arising.** Denis Bloodworth (Committee) asked whether everyone was receiving the Schools Supplement to the *Recorder Magazine*. He pointed out that by electing to take the supplement he appeared to receive his copy of *RM* anything up to a fortnight after those who did not. The Chairman undertook to take up the matter with the publishers.

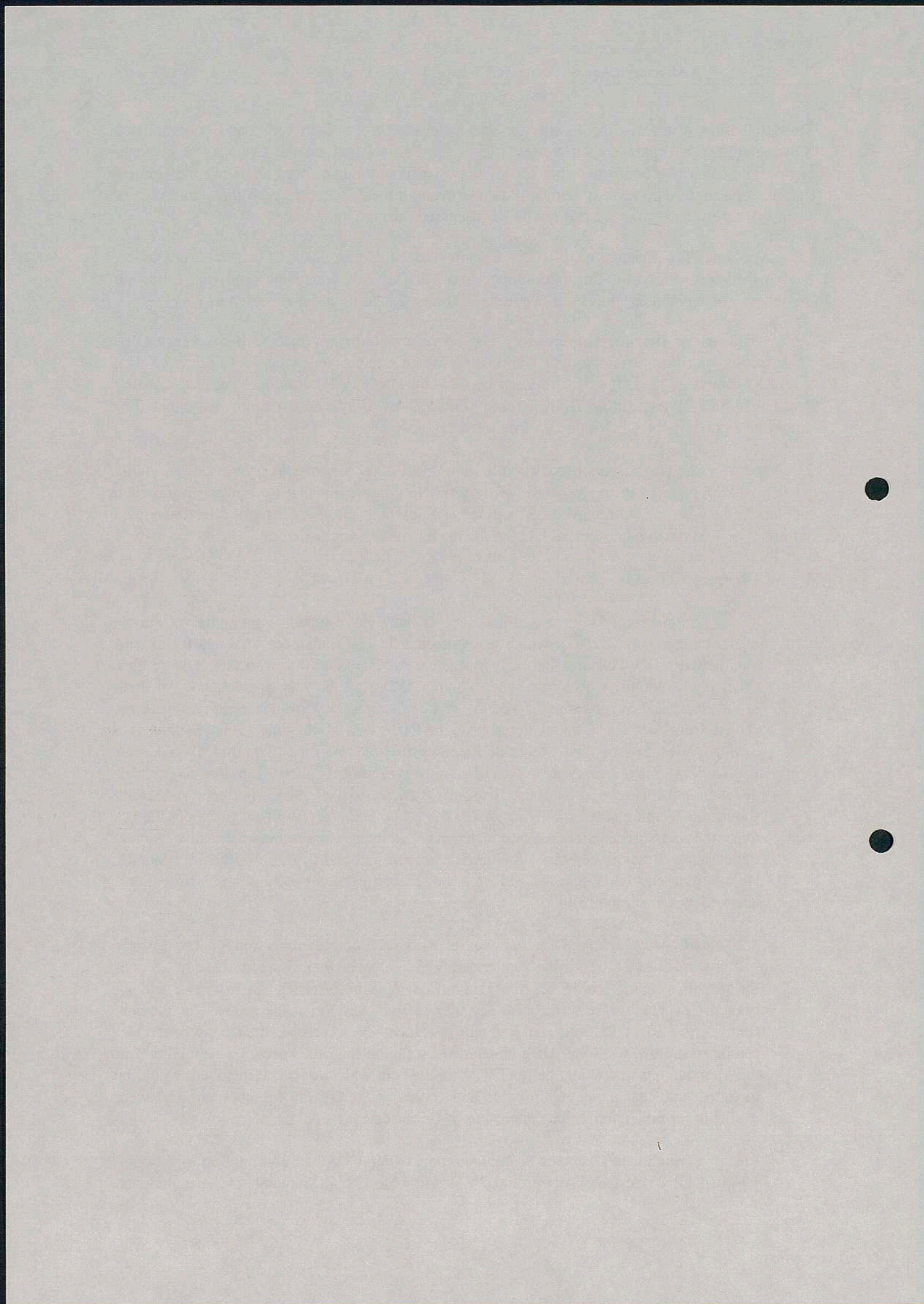
#### 4. **Officers' Reports**

4.1 *The Secretary* said he had had another busy year, dealing with some 400 pieces of mail per annum, 82% of which was unsolicited. The remainder was smartly distributed between Bob Horsley (Publicity), Musical Advisers and the Branches. The number of telephone enquiries also continued to increase. During the year he published Addenda to the *Rules* and to the *Panel of Visiting of Conductors*. New branch enquiries were received from Jan Theedom of Peterborough; Peter Fay of Reading; John Williams of Seaford, West Sussex; and Catherine Fleming of Hull. Ena Pick (Committee) said Peter Fay had now moved away from Reading and it was unlikely there would be any further developments. Likewise, Herbert Hersom (Musical Adviser on Committee) stated that Catherine Fleming was now living in London. The Secretary went on to report the demise of West Suffolk Branch. He concluded by advising Conference that, sadly, Angela Petley lately Branch Secretary of Warwick Branch had had to retire on health grounds. He was pleased to note that Jackie Fletcher of Devon Branch was now improving after a temporary setback in health.

4.2 *The Membership Secretary* was pleased to report membership of The Society had now reached 1,701 for the year ended 30 September 1995, a net increase of 28 over the previous year. 5 branches reported no change; 17 branches an increase; and 25 branches decreases. He went on to say that 15 branches had made returns for the current year by 30.11.95, thus enabling any new members to receive their copy of the December issue of *RM*. John Allen concluded by saying that he expected a new edition of the Membership List would be published in 1997, in which associate members would be included, and that membership cards and copies of the current Membership List were available for collection at the conclusion of Conference.

4.3 *Country and Overseas Secretary* reported that COS had 244 paid-up members—194 in UK; 25 rest of Europe; and 25 World-wide. 31 COS members were students,







which was encouraging. Since the last AGM there had been one death; one transfer out (to Devon Branch); and 7 resignations. Diana Reddaway went on to say that Sally Turner, a COS member from Stuttgart, is bringing a group of her advanced recorder students to Welwyn Garden City to give four concerts in late October 1996. They will also go to Wales and give a concert at the Hill College, Abergavenny. Diana hoped that branches local to Welwyn Garden City would support the venture and she would be circulating branches with publicity material nearer the time.

4.4 *Examination Secretary* said six candidates had obtained CSRP during the year under review and it was particularly heartening that one of the candidates was a resit who had taken on board the initial criticism and subsequently passed. Two candidates were preparing for their practical assessments. Anne Martin went on to say that she and Ann Lyall had attended meetings of the Music Education Council; an advertisement for the Society had appeared in the Council's autumn edition of their *Journal*. Anne also outlined the necessity of establishing and improving liaison with ERTA, which she said she thought could only be advantageous to the Society.

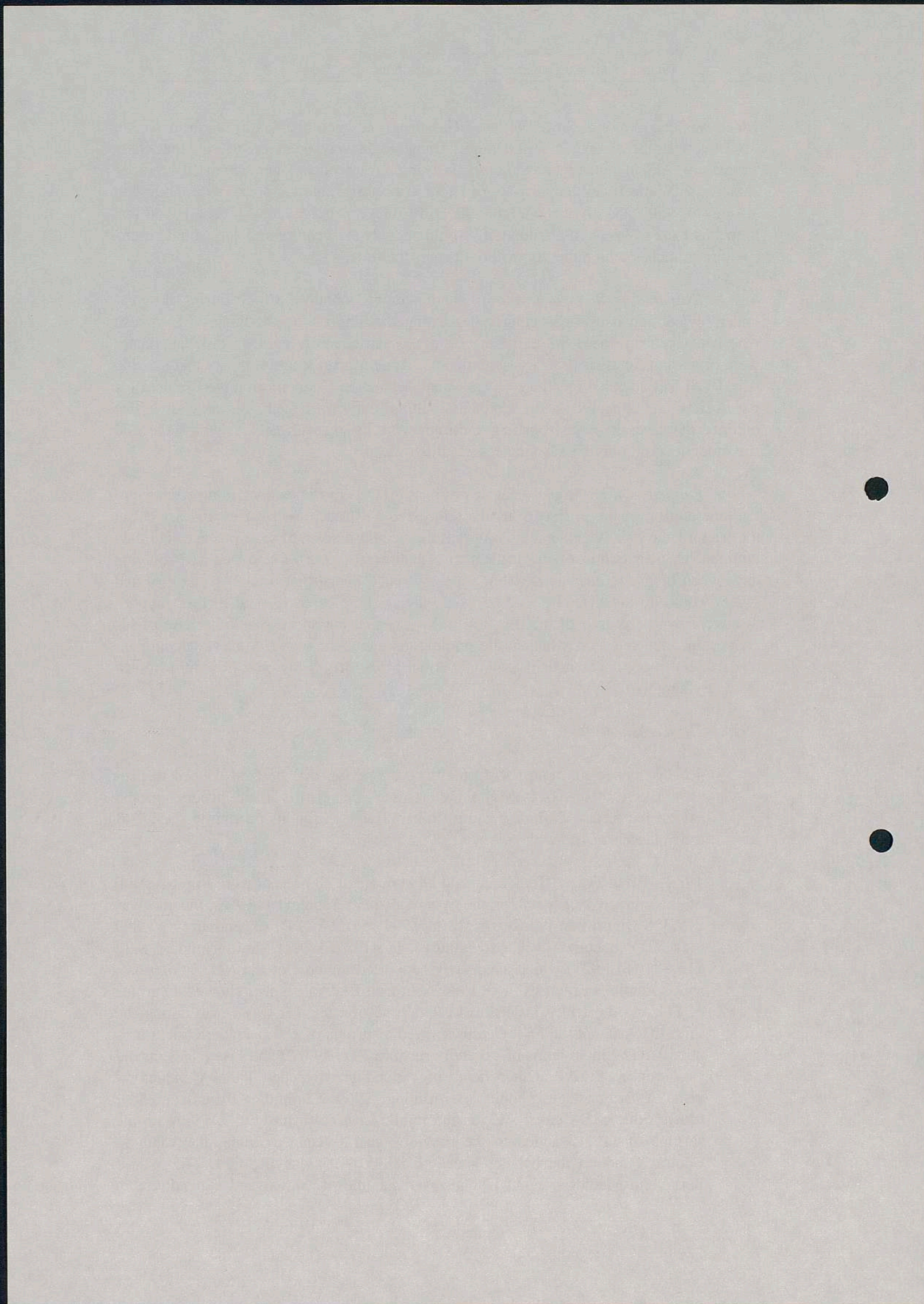
4.5 *Publicity Officer* urged delegates to pick up the envelopes containing supplies of the new edition of the Society's leaflet, addressed to Branch Secretaries and set out at the back of the hall, together with any that they could deliver to save postage. He then outlined his distribution of the leaflets to organisers of courses and non-SRP playing days when he got to hear about them and very much hoped that branch secretaries and others would do likewise. He said he would always be pleased to send further supplies to anyone who required them. He went on to say that the success or otherwise of his endeavours depended on whether the number of members of the Society actually increased, but that he was not too sanguine about his efforts if his own [London] branch were anything to go by.

#### 4.6 *The Treasurer*

4.6.1 opened his report to Conference by saying that he first wished to propose a vote of thanks to Moira Usher for all her efforts in the production and sale of the series of *Guides*; and to Robert Harrison for his unstinting service as the Society's auditor.

4.6.2 Brian Fraser-Hook then said he hoped that all present were in possession of the audited Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1995. Income was £15,318 (figures in brackets refer to 1994-95: £16,214); expenditure £13,899 (£14,321); income over expenditure, £1,412 (£1,893). Subscriptions were £13,981 (£13,923) which adequately supported the cost of the *RM*, Conference and Committee expenses. The 1994 Aberdeen Festival figures showed a surplus of £11 and the 1995 Haslemere Festival one of £238. It was worth noting, he said, that sales of the *SRP Guides* showed a surplus of £80 over the cost of production. The main items of expenditure were *RM*, £9,079 and last year's annual Conference, £1,992. Other items of expenditure included Panel Conductors' visits, £982; postage, phones and printing, £969; Committee expenses, £304; Music Education Council, £256; and Public Liability insurance, £179. With the surplus of £1,412 added to the previous year's retained funds, the value of Central Fund on the balance sheet as at 30.09.95 was £18,600. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund had received income of £4,500 and expenditure in







the form of grants totalled £2,510, leaving a surplus to the fund of £1,990. The balance sheet at 30.09.95 showed a total worth of £18,181. Turning then to the current year, Brian Fraser-Hook advised Conference that he estimated income would be of the order of £14,400, whilst expenditure could be in the region of £16,783, a deficit of some £2,383. Margaret Crocker (South London Branch) asked that, for the future, it would be helpful to have figures for the current year to be presented on paper, rather than given verbally on the day of Conference. Brian Fraser-Hook said he preferred to offer Conference up-to-date figures but that he would give it his consideration. It was proposed by Mary Bonsor (Roxburgh Branch) and seconded by Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser) and AGREED by Conference unanimously that the accounts for the year ended 30 September 1995 be approved.

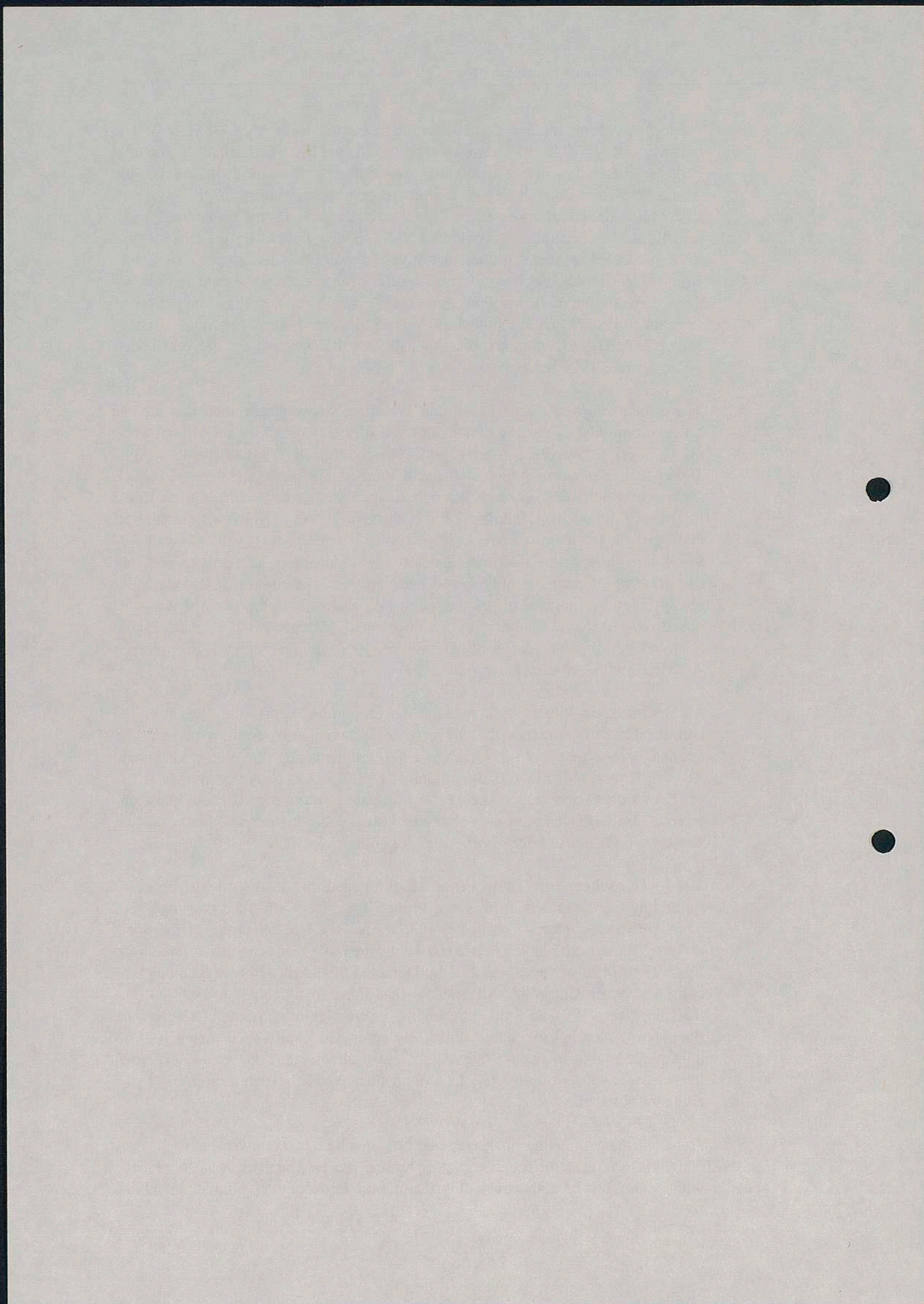
There then followed discussion on the Treasurer's recommendation that the car mileage rate paid to visiting conductors and officers/committee on official Society business be increased from 12p/mile to 20p/mile with effect from 28 April 1996. Joan Bentham (Somerset Branch) warned that such an increase, which obviously would find its way through to increased annual subscription rates, might well sound the death-knell for branches like hers, which was small and consisted, in the main, of people of pensionable age. Theo Wyatt (Musical Adviser) also thought the rate unrealistically high and urged claimants to seek out of pocket reimbursement only. The Chairman said he thought that anyone could always exercise judgement in the amount they claimed. In the event it was proposed by Graham Danbury (Committee) and seconded by Petrina Lodge (Cambridge) that the car mileage rate of 20p/mile be adopted. Conference AGREED with two dissenting votes.

**4.6.3 Subscriptions.** As a result of the foregoing items, the Treasurer recommended to Conference that an increase to annual subscriptions of £1.00 be applied with effect from 1 October 1996, thus making the rates: Ordinary, £10.00; Household, £11.00; and Students, £8.00. It was proposed by Mary Tyers (Committee) and seconded by Peter Sturgeon (Nottingham Branch) and Conference AGREED unanimously that there should be an increase in the annual subscription (Central Funds portion) as set out above.

**4.6.4 Housekeeping.** Brian Fraser-Hook opened this section of his report by reminding Conference that, provided Branch Treasurers informed their bank account providers, interest accrued would be paid tax free by virtue of the Society's registered charitable status. He went on to say that accounts for the year 1992-93 still had not been supplied by Dorset; Edinburgh; High Wycombe; Lincoln; and North Cotswold. All branches had done so for the year 1993-94, but for the year 1994-95 still outstanding were High Wycombe; Newcastle (laughter!); Nottingham; and Oxford. He reminded Conference that it was no longer acceptable to deduct the cost of pastoral visiting conductors' expenses from annual subscriptions. The Chairman then thanked Brian Fraser-Hook for all his hard work.

**4.7 The Chairman,** in taking his leave, said how much he had enjoyed his four years in the Chair. He was grateful for the support he had received and the vast number of people with whom his incumbency had brought him into contact. Graham Danbury







(Committee) responded by saying that Michael Sharman had made it sound all very easy although he, Graham, knew perfectly well all had not been a bed of roses and commended Michael, among other things, for his handling of the matter of the magazine following Schott's decision to cease publication. He went on to say that he knew from personal experience how demanding the Chairman's job actually was and applauded Michael's care and concern during his term in office.

## 5. Election of Officers and Committee

5.1 With the exception of the Chairman, all officers together with the Hon. Auditor, being willing to stand for re-election, were proposed en bloc by Michael Sharman and seconded by Helen Bennett (North London Branch) and ELECTED unanimously by Conference for a further year.

5.2 With the retirement of *the Chairman*, Michael Sharman, four nominations were received, viz:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Andrew Short	Michael Sharman	Graham Danbury
Ann Lyall	Guildford Branch Anne Martin	Harry Prosser
Ena Pick	Bob Horsley	Ann Lyall
Peter Robertson	Theo Wyatt	Herbert Hersom

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Andrew Short (Edinburgh Branch)

5.3 *Committee members.* As Denis Bloodworth and Ena Pick were due to retire, the following nominations were received, viz:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Angela Dumbreck	Alyson Lewin	Paul Clark
Marion Panzetta	Theo Wyatt	Colin Martin
Felix Jaffé	Michael Sharman	Ann Lyall

Martin Evans (Newcastle Branch) was also nominated but did not wish to seek election.

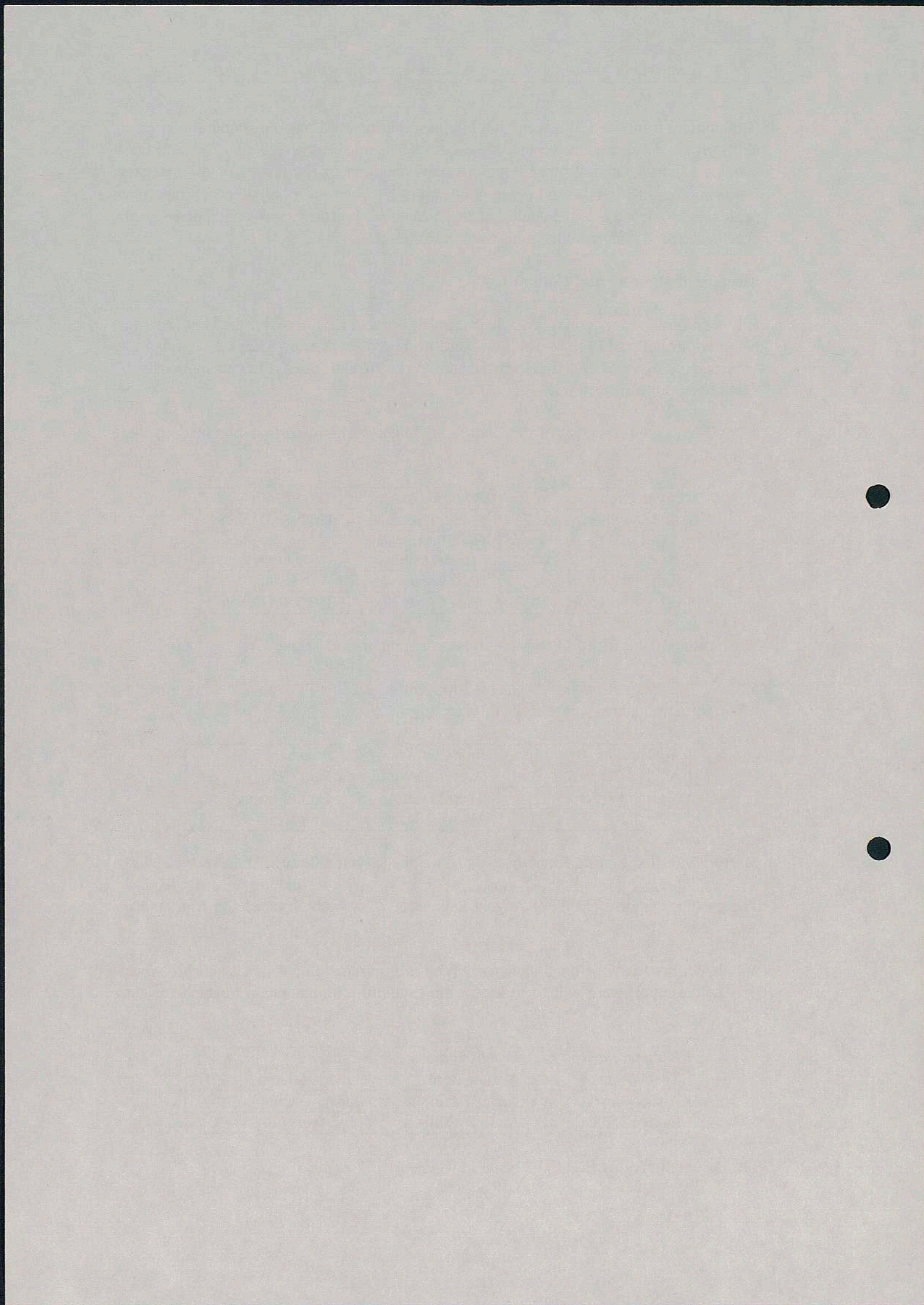
The ensuing ballot ELECTED Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall Branch) and Marion Panzetta (Essex Branch).

5.4 *Musical Adviser on Committee.* With the retirement of Paul Clark, three members of the 'pool' were willing to accept the Committee's nomination to stand for election, viz:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Theo Wyatt	Alistair Read	Herbert Hersom
Alyson Lewin	Anne Martin	Graham Danbury
Evelyn Nallen	Andrew Collis	Mary Tyers

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Alyson Lewin.







6. **Temporary Membership.** At the Chairman's request Graham Danbury (Committee) pointed out to Conference that at the present time the Society's public liability insurance does not cover any acts involving visitors to branch or any other Society activity. As a result of which the Society was besought by its insurers to make suitable provision to obviate this irregularity, and to this end Graham Danbury suggested a series of minor amendments to the Society's *Rules* and to the *Standard Branch Rules*. Such modifications would ensure that visitors to Society's meetings should become temporary members and would *ipso facto* make them liable to registration. He further added that all persons attending Society events should register so that, in the event of an emergency evacuation of premises, a head-count could be effectively achieved. Specimen registration sheets had been sent out to Branch Secretaries and others with the last Committee Minutes and further copies had been handed out at Conference. Branches were at liberty to adapt them to their needs, but Graham emphasised that registration was imperative, despite objections from the floor of Conference. Accordingly, Graham Danbury proposed the under-mentioned Rules amendments, seconded by David Grosvenor (York Branch) and AGREED by Conference unanimously.

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Rule 2(c)(i) [p.15]: Add at end: "including temporary members"

The Secretary undertook to publish an addendum (No. 2) to the *Rules* with Minutes of this Conference.

#### 7. New and Demised Branches

7.1 *New Branch.* Acceptance of the new Peterborough Branch (PET) was proposed by Marion Panzetta, seconded by Alyson Lewin and RATIFIED by Conference. Membership Secretary reported that the Branch had 28 paid-up members. The Musical Director is Jan Theedom; Chairman, Richard Keightley; and Branch Secretary, Joan Lee.







7.2 *Demised Branch.* As reported above, the West Suffolk Branch voted to leave the Society of Recorder Players with effect from 31 August 1995. Conference noted with regret.

## 8. The Recorder Magazine

The Chairman opened the debate on the magazine by saying that it was his intention to include here Agenda item 12 (Resolution to Conference from North London Branch—that the SRP should suggest to the Editor... that technical articles might be limited... to one or at most two per issue). In his remarks he pointed out that one resolution to the editor was unlikely to have as much influence as a number of individuals actually sitting down and writing to him. Conference would also do well to bear in mind that the Society had but four pages allocated for its use, although, no doubt, this could be altered by negotiation. Andrew Short (Chairman elect/Edinburgh Branch) said he felt there was a parish pump attitude; much branch and course review items were regular regurgitation and generally served little purpose. He, personally, enjoyed the technical papers and for that reason hoped the resolution would not be pressed to a vote. Alyson Lewin (Musical Adviser ) said she felt there was a big danger of losing quality and that there was a need for technical papers, but that the publication was for everyone and, as with all newspapers and journals one read, it was reasonable that not all items could be expected to interest everyone. There was a genuine need for technical articles. Marion Panzetta (Essex Branch) reported conflicting views from the membership of her Branch. On the one hand the opinion was that *RM* should cater for all recorder players. If this were achieved it would be inevitable that not every article would interest every member. But how many people who buy a daily paper actually read every article? If the Society wanted to achieve its aim of promoting the recorder, there must be a place for reviews, technical and scholarly articles as well as the less demanding, lighter articles which some members seem to want. Without the 'serious' content, the magazine might lose its non-SRP subscribers. She went on to ask if it would be too much to expect SRP members to be a little altruistic and support a venture which, although they might not feel it to be of much direct benefit to themselves, promoted and enhanced the status of the instrument. On the other hand, she said, another member had said that *RM* was too boring; many ordinary members said it was just for teachers—it conveyed very little of the enjoyment of recorder playing or gave encouragement to 'late starters.' Reviews were too often of solo pieces, and not enough of the newer music publishers' output was reviewed. In defending her Branch's Resolution, Helen Bennett (North London) said she hoped consideration could be given to increasing the number of Society pages as the magazine had to be all things to all people, and that it was not sufficiently untechnical for the majority of readers; also she thought the contents daunting. A more popularist content of reviews, news of concerts, and correspondence would go a long way to redress the balance—less wordy and more fun, as she observed. During discussion, Paul Clark (Musical Adviser on Committee) said he hoped that the resolution would be thrown out on the grounds that it was the only publication dealing with the recorder, its playing and its music, and any attempt to limit its scholarship could only be a retrograde step. Trina Lodge (Cambridge) said she would hate to see the technical papers go, but made a plea for a glossary to be appended. Anne Martin suggested a glossary be published as a supplement. A suggestion that the subject be referred to Committee was thought not to be a good idea. Instead The Secretary was charged with obtaining the views of Officers, etc., and Branches by 1 October 1996. The Resolution was not voted upon.







9. **Future Festivals**

9.1 *St. Albans 1997.* Graham Danbury confirmed that arrangements had been made for the Diamond Jubilee Festival to be hosted by Mid-Herts Branch and held at Marlborough School, St Albans, on Saturday, 24 May, and it would in all probability be a one-day event. The Annual Conference would be held the following day at the same venue.

9.2 *Truro 1998.* Angela Dumbreck said that arrangements were proceeding apace for Cornwall Branch to host the 1998 event, which would be held at Truro School on 18 and 19 April. Accommodation within the school would be available.

9.3 *1999.* David Grosvenor undertook to make enquiries as to whether York Branch could host.

9.4 *2000.* The Secretary told Conference that a firm offer had been received from Suffolk Branch, and that whilst dates had not yet been confirmed, the venue would be Felixstowe, on the Suffolk coast, which had relatively easy transport and plenty of bed and breakfast accommodation and facilities for visitors. He confirmed that he had already written to thank the Branch for the offer.

10. **The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund**

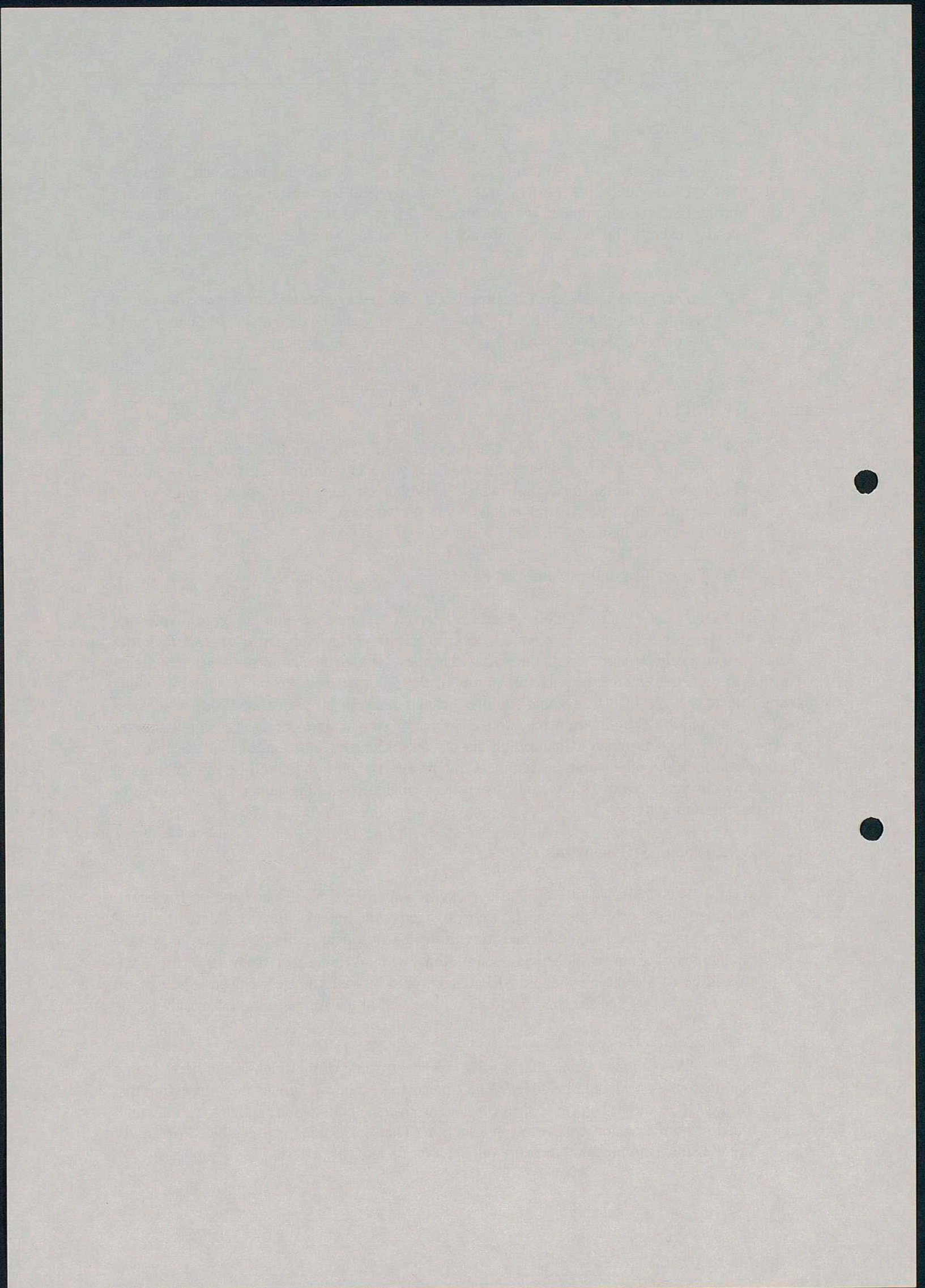
On behalf of the Fund's sub-committee, Herbert Hersom said that the final paragraphs referring to the WBMF had been omitted from a recent article in the March issue of *The Recorder Magazine* and he understood from the editor that these would appear in a subsequent issue. Turning to the Fund's work he said that grants of £10,000 had been made to some 60 young people (up to the age of 30) and that the present maximum grant was now £200, which was used for the purchase of instruments, and examination and course fees. The sub-committee consisted of Graham Danbury (Chair), Patricia Davies, Andrew Collis and himself (Secretary). Herbert also took the opportunity to remind Conference that the Fund could be remembered in wills or by covenant. Forms for the purpose were available from him, either at Conference or by contacting him at home.

11. **Extension of SRP activities**

11.1 The Chairman offered Patricia Davies's apologies for absence and on her behalf reported that further discussions were in hand with Moeck with regard to the 1997 Competition, which would be tied in with the Early Music Exhibition, again to be held at the Royal College of Music, South Kensington. With effect from 1997 the EME would be an annual event and a SRP stand would be booked. He went on to say that it was to be hoped that the SRP could be represented at the forthcoming event at York on 13 & 14 July 1996.

11.2 *SRP Guides.* Anne Martin said she hoped some of the titles would be re-issued and that new ones could be added. The Chairman said he was under the impression that Moira Usher might be prepared to continue to oversee publication, although there would need to be discussion concerning production. That the Guides had produced profits of some £80 was in no small measure due to Moira's laudable efforts.







11.3 *Teachers' Guides*. Herbert Hersom (Musical Adviser on Committee) said that he had already distributed some 6,000 copies of the November 1995 edition. Supplies were available from him upon receipt of an A4 s.a.e. (stamped to the value of 150G). Additional copies were available at 40p per copy, post free (UK only).

12. **Branch Resolution** was dealt with under Minute 8, *supra*.

13. **Any other business**

13.1 Jim Rowley (Birmingham) said he hoped that the year 2000 would see 2000 members.

13.2 Marion Panzetta (Essex) raised with both the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary the fact that no acknowledgements of subscriptions or annual accounts were sent out. Brian Fraser-Hook said that he now did so; John Allen said that if members received their magazines he considered that to be sufficient.

13.3 **The late Gordon Dalziel**. Roy Corbishley (West Riding) commended to Conference an appreciation of Gordon's life and work for the Society.

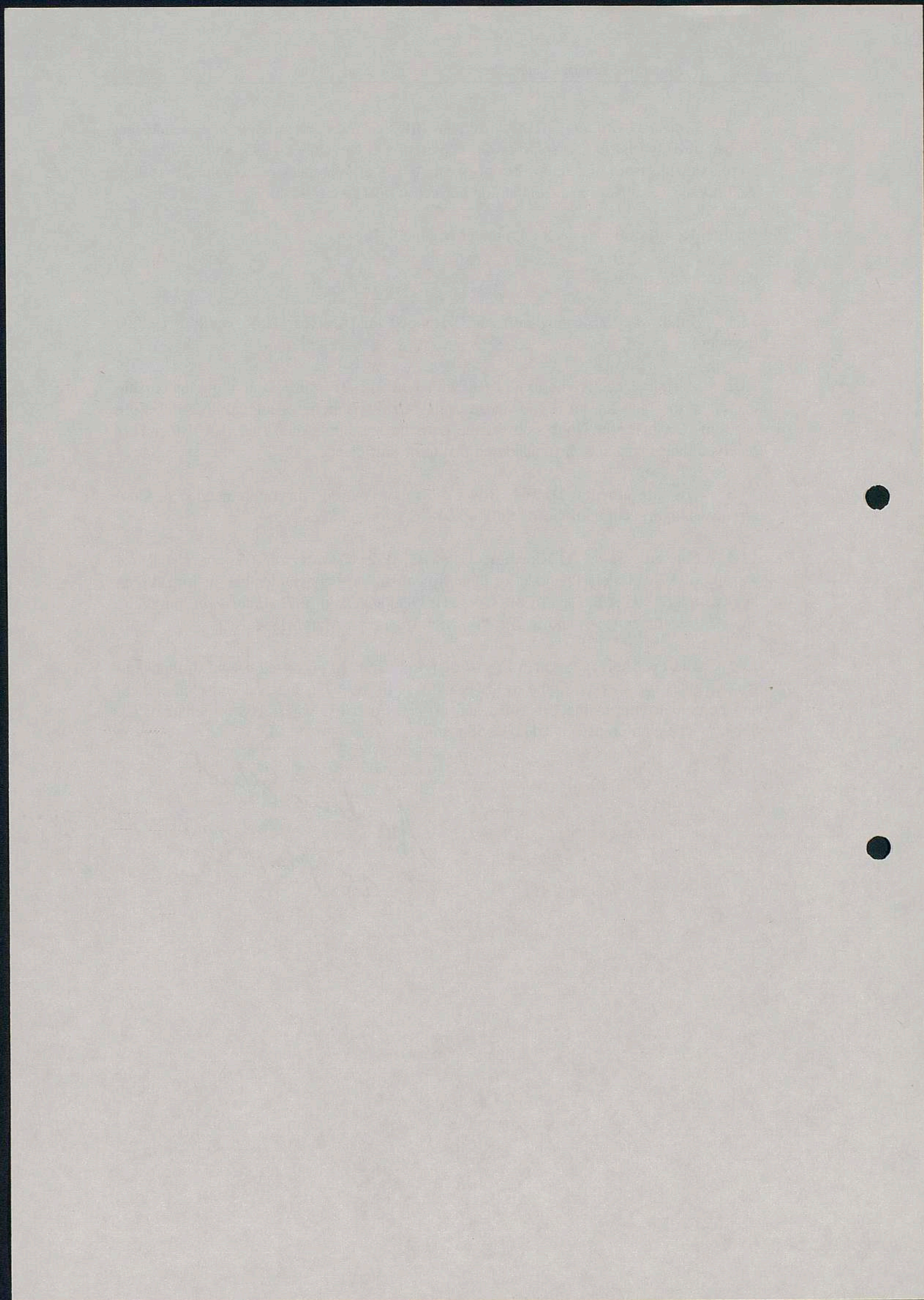
13.4 **The late Joyce O'Riordan**. Likewise, Eileen Finlayson (Edinburgh) spoke warmly of Joyce, lately President of their Branch and a founder member, who had died in December 1995 at the age of 88. Obituaries had appeared in *The Scotsman*, on Saturday, 16 December 1995, and in *The Recorder Magazine*, March 1996 issue.

13.5 Andrew Short (Chairman Elect/Edinburgh Branch) proposed a vote of thanks to the delegates for attending, and to the organisers of the 1996 Festival and Conference, and he paid tribute to the Chairman and officers for all their efforts on behalf of the Society. The Conference ended at 12.58 p.m.

*Andrew Short*  
*25 May 1997*

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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Michael Tippett OM CH CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

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J Alistair Read  
16 May 1996

ADDENDUM No. 2







# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS CENTRAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 1995

			1993/94
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		13,981.50	13,923
Festivals - Aberdeen 1994		11.60	
Haslemere 1995		238.10	252
Royalties		42.86	
Advertising			
CSRP Receipts	75.00		85
Payments	71.35		47
Surplus		3.65	38
Sales			
Notepaper & Rubber Stamps	28.25		43
Less Costs	201.81	-173.56	43
Videos			
Less Costs			
SRP Guides	328.45		649
Less Costs	6.05	322.40	234
Profit on Sales		148.84	287
Interest			
Higher Rate Busines A/c	1751.31		1,223
less WBMF share	875.65		-549
		875.66	673
Business Premium A/c		13.04	35
Bradford & Bingley		2.89	2
Total Interest		891.59	711
Sundry Income			
Repaid from WBMF			1,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>15,318.14</b>	<b>16,213</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Magazine		9,079.97	7,668
Annual Conference		1,992.69	4,404
Conductors Visits		982.68	903
Committee Expenses		304.80	180
Postages, Phones, Printing		969.24	505
Early Music Fair Expenses		35.20	62
Music Education Council			
Subscription	70.00		
Birmingham Meeting Costs	96.45		
Music For Youth Conference	90.10	256.55	
Competition Account			
Advertising	109.86		
Phones, Postages etc.	129.46	239.32	
Less Regn. Fee Income		192.50	46.82
Publicity Expenses		13.29	
Ex gratia payments - Winchester '93 Festival			294
Alva 1993			126
Sundry Expenses - Liability Insurance		179.38	175
Anne Blackman Gift a/c			
In Hand at 30/9/94	32.00		
Donations received	60.00	92.00	
Gift to Anne Blackman		130.50	38.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>13,899.12</b>	<b>14,320</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>1,419.02</b>	<b>1,893</b>



# WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

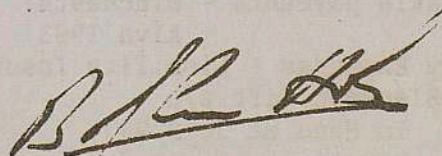
Income and Expenditure Account Year To 30th September 1995

		1993/94
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	2,342.09	2,453
Sale of Goods	1,283.14	1,403
Royalties		
Share of HRBA Interest	875.65	549
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,500.88</b>	<b>4,419</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants	2,510.00	1,380
Postage	0.00	74
Repaid to Central Fund	0.00	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,510.00</b>	<b>2,454</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,990.88</b>	<b>1,965</b>

## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS CENTRAL FUND

Balance Sheet at 30th September 1995

		1994
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Central Fund at 30.9.94	17,181.43	15,288
Net Income on Central Fund	1,419.02	1,893
<b>Central Fund at 18.3.95</b>	<b>18,600.45</b>	<b>17,181</b>
Memorial Fund at 30.9.94	16,190.71	14,225
Net income on Memorial Fund	1,990.88	1,965
<b>Memorial Fund at 30.9.95</b>	<b>18,181.59</b>	<b>16,190</b>
Anne Blackman Gift a/c	0.00	32
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>36,782.04</b>	<b>33,404</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
Current Account	569.18	-43
Deposit Account	1,074.25	976
Business Premium a/c	34,545.48	31,294
Bradford & Bingley	469.90	655
Competition a/c	17.98	100
	<b>36,676.79</b>	<b>32,982</b>
<b>Festival Float - Aberdeen</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>- Guildford</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>105.25</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>36,782.04</b>	<b>33,404</b>



B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

### Auditor's Report

I have examined the vouchers, records and Bank Statements (except those relating to the two Festivals) and I certify that these accounts are a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year ended 30th September 1995.



R N Harrison (Hon Auditor)

9th March 1996



# SRD Membership

## 1975-1996

	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	
ABE	26	44	39	37	36	25	28	25	21	25	19	24	29	25	28	32	32	26	26	24	23	ABE
AYR									18	14	15	12	7	12	14	4	5	11	4			AYR
BTH	28	25	23	21	11	11				20	23	30	32	33	30	30	28	28	28	29	34	BTH
BNH	23	29	30	29	31	31	33	33	48	37	31	28	34	27	43	34	30	28	29	32	31	BNH
BIR	77	77	63	58	61	58	63	60	48	42	39	37	37	33	39	36	43	38	35	35	41	BIR
BRI	28	41	44	46	49	43	41	44	40	26	33	36	36	44	45	42	41	48	47	38	40	BRI
CAM	55	67	66	70	62	43	36	34	37	36	30	35	42	53	44	46	41	36	30	31	32	CAM
CHG								29	29	39	35	34	34	40	36	34	30	28	24	36	33	CHG
CLE	19	16	11	12	11	21	24	16	14	18	16	12	12	14	17	26	19	19	19	19	18	CLE
COR																		13	25	33	28	COR
CUM	30	32	39	31	32	30	34	34	38	27	27	23	23	23	25	31	32	34	32	24	26	CUM
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DUR													15	15	12	12	12	13	13	13	14	DUR
EBK																			18	20	20	EBK
EDI	46	53	46	37	36	43	44	54	51	62	61	58	59	58	48	53	49	57	59	48	46	EDI
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FIF				20	24	18																FIF
GLA	24	23	21	32	30	32	35	30	21	19	16	20	18	14	15	15	16	16	26	26	27	GLA
GUI	17	24	46	40	41	49	52	55	52	48	44	29	33	36	43	36	42	41	52	48	44	GUI
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LIN						30	28	22	21	20	19	21	17	17	22	28	14	18	19	26	23	LIN
LON	188	178	180	188	211	211	232	179	171	172	164	148	136	116	90	78	71	68	66	54	57	LON
MAN	56	48	51	59	47	54	55	57	35	36	35	39	32	36	39	43	43	44	40	42	43	MAN
MDH	49	54	59	55	52	65	53	56	54	58	57	53	51	51	56	58	66	75	70	77	82	MDH
MLK				14	27	24	19	14														MLK
NEW	44	27	23	27	23	21	22	19	19	18	20	18	17	20	21	16	15	17	22	18	21	NEW
NFK	36	44	44	42	41	47	45	43	47	36	35	36	36	46	39	41	46	48	42	45	45	NFK
NTN	35	45	44	53	45	47	31	34	32	44	46	34	35	35	31	39	35	35	38	38	37	NTN
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NLO						13	20	26	26	28	30	29	21	31	27	32	22	22	19	20	28	NLO
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SFK											60	43	41	38	35	37	37	33	35	34	38	SFK
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WSX																22	20	28	30	33	42	WSX
WDO					18	22	22	23	25	24	23	28	29	37	31	31	32	28	24	26	23	WDO
WRI	53	47	42	51	48	46	39	41	49	46	46	51	49	50	51	45	50	45	49	46	42	WRI
WSF														16	17	18	18	13	16	13		WSF
YOR																				13	16	YOR
COS	185	187	194	208	194	195	181	182	163	161	136	149	193	194	205	215	210	238	221	237	245	COS
TOTAL	1224	1297	1298	1367	1463	1556	1582	1570	1536	1517	1524	1545	1562	1642	1623	1631	1613	1691	1673	1701	1713	TOTAL
No.Br.	27	28	28	31	35	39	40	41	41	42	43	45	46	47	47	47	48	50	50	49	49	No. Br.
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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1996

to be held in The Leazes Room, Civic Centre  
Newcastle upon Tyne

on Sunday, 28 April 1996 at 10.00 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last Conference
3. Matters arising
4. Officers' Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Temporary Membership
7. New and Demised Branches
8. *The Recorder Magazine*
9. Future Festivals
10. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund
11. Extension of SRP activities
12. Branch Resolutions
13. Any other business

Any two members may make nominations for election of Officers and Committee by sending such nominations (proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, together with a short *c.v.* of the nominee) in writing to the Secretary not less than TWO WEEKS beforehand. Resolutions may be moved by any Branch which shall give notice thereof to the Secretary FOUR WEEKS beforehand.

Alistair Read  
(Hon Secretary)

20 February 1996









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 25 May 1997

Marlborough School, Watling Street, St Albans, Herts

### PRESENT:

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

Edgar Hunt	Life Vice Pres & MA	Mary Tyers	Committee
Andrew Short	Chairman	Alyson Lewin	MA on comte
Alistair Read	Secretary	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Anthony Rowland-Jones	"
John Allen	Membership Sec	Theo Wyatt	"
Anne Martin	CSRP Secretary	Bob Horsley	Publicity Officer
Graham Danbury	Committee	Madeline Seviour	Branch Review Ed
Angela Dumbreck	"	Patricia Davies	Moeck Comp Sec
Marion Panzetta	"		

#### *Branches*

Aberdeen	Fiona Cromarty	Kent	John Bynoe
(Observer)	Anne Bellarby)	Leicester	Jenny Finns
Bath	Kathleen Strang	London	Ann English
Beds & Herts	Glynne Parry	Manchester	Elizabeth Smith
(Observer)	Ian Farquhar)	Mid-Herts	Moir Fraser-Hook
Birmingham	Wendy Pettit	Newcastle	Harriet Gilfillan
(Observer)	Jim Rowley)	Norfolk	Audrey Illingworth
Bristol	Timothy Lanfear	North London	Bryan Healing
(Observer)	Sylvia Davies)	(Observer)	Helen Bennett)
Cambridge	Geraldine Owst	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
(Observer)	Petrina Lodge)	Oxford	Oliver St John
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	Peterborough	Jan Theedom
Cornwall	Angela Dumbreck	(Observer)	Richard Keightley)
(Observer)	Margaret Leach)	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
Cumbria	David Beare	Somerset	Mary Green
(Observer)	Helen Beare)	South Downs	Phoebe Williams
Devon	Jeanette Hipsey	South Staffs	John Dunn
Dorset	Constance Hobbs	Suffolk	Mary Halliwell
Durham	Flora Pitt	Wessex	Ena Pick
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	(Observer)	Lorraine Curtis)
East Berks also	Norma Herdson	West Dorset	Shirley Francis
North Cotswold		(Observer)	Winifred Nurse)
Essex	Gwen Clode	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Glasgow	Steven McCann	(Observer)	Hilary Oliver)
Guildford	Sue Pluthero	York	David Grosvenor
(Observer)	Margaret Davies)	(Observer)	Ann Grosvenor)



**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Mid-Herts Branch organisers on a very successful Sixtieth Anniversary Festival and on the Conference arrangements, and expressed the Society's sorrow that the instigator of the Festival, Herbert Hersom, had tragically suffered a serious stroke and was now in a nursing home. The specially commissioned and inscribed bowl and the card signed by Festival attenders would be presented to Herbert after the Conference. He asked the Conference also to record with sorrow the recent death of Rosemary McGillivray, Musical Director of Glasgow Branch. A card signed by many attenders had been sent to Paul Clark, who was recovering from an injury that prevented his attending the Festival to conduct his commissioned piece "Festoons". The Chairman confirmed that The Society would reimburse those attending the Conference for one night's bed and breakfast plus one evening meal, together with the actual cost of air or rail fares or car mileage.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Paul Clark, Andrew Collis, Dick Coles, Carl Dolmetsch, Ann Lyall, Colin Martin, Evelyn Nallen, Diana Reddaway and Layton Ring (Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following Branches: Hillfoots, Lincoln, Sheffield, South London and Weald of Kent.

2. **Minutes of the last Conference.** The following corrections had been notified to the Secretary:

- 2.1 Minute 4.1.2. (p.1): For Mrs Jan Theedon read Mrs Jan Theedom
- 2.2 Minute 4.1.3 (p.1): for Seaford, W Sussex read E Sussex
- 2.3 Minute 4.4 (p.3): Should read "two candidates had obtained CSRP... and a further six were preparing"
- 2.4 Minute 8 (p.7): The sentence "A more popularist content..." should read "A content which in the main related to an intelligent but less technical level of musical knowledge, in the style of the present informative but at the same time accessible reviews of music and recordings, would go a long way to redress the balance—less worthy and more fun, as she observed."
- 2.5 Miss J Hipsey (Devon) requested that her forename be corrected to Jeanette.
- 2.6 John Bynoe reported that Kent Branch had sent John Healey as observer to Conference 1996.

3. There were no **Matters arising**.

4. **Officers' Reports**

4.1 *The Secretary* reported that he had had a busier year. Unsolicited post had definitely increased, most of which was garbage. Sadly, there appeared to have been a drop in individuals writing in for information about the Society (24 this year as opposed to 37 last); two of those received were via the Internet. Of the outstanding New Branch enquiries, John and Phoebe Williams had organised a new branch in Seaford, East Sussex. Other enquiries from Reading and Hull had now died a death although there was still one outstanding from Reigate, Surrey. Sadly, High Wycombe had been wound up after staggering along for several years with six or seven members. Finally, he mentioned that Edna Church, sometime Secretary to the Society, had recently gone into sheltered accommodation following a series of falls and generally deteriorating health. Her relatives had been in touch to say that it was Edna's wish that her recorders and music be sold and the proceeds passed to the Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund. Theo Wyatt sought leave to advise Conference that Marjorie Wright, sometime Secretary of the Country and Overseas Branch and for many years an active Society member, had



recently died at the ripe old age of 98. The Secretary confirmed that Edgar Hunt had written an obituary that would be appearing in the June 1997 issue of *The Recorder Magazine*.

4.2 *The Membership Secretary* was pleased to report membership of the Society had now reached 1,719 and there had been a noticeable upsurge following last year's Newcastle Festival and Conference. In the year ended 30 September 1996, there had been a net increase of 18 over the previous year. Six branches reported no change; 24 an increase; and 17 a decrease. He went on to say that 14 branches had made returns for the current year by 20.11.96, thus enabling any new members to receive their copy of the December issue of *The Recorder Magazine*. In urging branches to get information to him on time he repeated the relevant deadlines: 20 November for new members' details; and 31 January for all others. John reminded Conference that branch delegates should take home with them their bundles of the new 1997 Membership List, together with any other branches they could realistically carry, to cut down on subsequent postage. He thanked Theo Wyatt and his team for their efforts in producing the new List. He reminded Conference that the List should only be distributed to full, household and student members of their branches. Special/Associate members could claim their copies only at the branch where they held full membership. There were a few extra copies in each bundle to accommodate new members. There were also amended membership cards, which now displayed both the Society's logo and charitable registration number. Branch officials could in future send John membership information by E-mail if they so wished. He could not, however, accept data on disks as the data was stored on an Amstrad computer, which was not IBM compatible.

4.3 Before reading *Country & Overseas Secretary's Report* Brian Fraser-Hook said that as Diana Reddaway's husband had recently died she was unable to be present. He also reported to Conference that, having given it due thought, Diana now thought the time had come to hand over COS to someone else. She said she had had eleven enjoyable years but hoped someone would be found to take over by Conference next year. It was her view that a computer owner would find the job a lot easier. It was reported that COS had 230 paid-up members, which included 40 new members—178 in UK; 26 in the rest of Europe; and 26 in the rest of the world. There had been 16 resignation and 19 transfers to branches (11 of which were to the new South Downs Branch). A questionnaire had been sent in September 1996 to all COS members asking for their thoughts on *The Recorder Magazine*. Over 150 had responded, mostly full of praise. All criticisms that did not cancel each other out had been sent to the Editor.

4.4 *Examination Secretary* said two candidates had taken the CSRP during the year under review. Both were being asked to retake parts of the examination, for which no additional charge would be made. Anne Martin said Herbert Hersom's work in this activity of the Society was sorely missed. Two additional examiners had been co-opted: Ann Lyall and Sheila Richards. Alyson Lewin had joined the Sub-committee. Anne went on to ask for branches to host candidates taking the CSRP. This involved 30-40 minutes conducting a branch meeting plus facilities where an oral examination could be undertaken. She stressed that candidates were not to be examined in their home branches. She said she had now been co-opted on to ERTA's committee. She also said that she now held stocks of the *Teachers' Guide*.

4.5 *Publicity Officer* urged delegates to pick up the envelopes containing supplies of the new edition of the Society's leaflet, together with the new Membership List as mentioned by John Allen. He then outlined his distribution of the leaflets to organisers of courses and non-SRP playing days (when he got to hear about them); and very much



hoped that branch secretaries and others would do likewise. He said he would always be pleased to send further supplies to anyone who required them. Attention was drawn to the paper circulated by the Web Editor, Eileen Silcocks, encouraging Branches to publicise their activities on the Internet, and giving information on the ways it could be done. In response to a query, the Chairman confirmed that there are no publishing deadlines for electronic publishing; information can be added or updated at any time.

4.6 *The Treasurer* opened his report to Conference

4.6.1. by saying that he first wished to propose a vote of thanks to Robert Harrison for his unstinting service as the Society's auditor.

4.6.2. Brian Fraser-Hook then said he hoped that all present were in possession of the audited Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1996. Income was £14,709; expenditure £17,999; leaving a deficit of £3,290. Subscriptions were £13,501 which was down by £480 on the previous year and failed by £1,444 to support the cost of *The Recorder Magazine*, Conference and Committee expenses. The 1996 Newcastle Festival figures showed a surplus of £110 and the 1996 Scottish Festival £90. Sales of the *SRP Guides* and letterheads showed a surplus of £60. The main items of expenditure were *RM*, £9,738, and last year's Conference, £3,937. Other items of expenditure included Panel Conductors' visits, £1,269; postage, phones and printing, £640; Early Music Fair expenses, £313; Committee expenses, £454; Music Education Council, £109; and public liability insurance, £179. As in past years ex-gratia payments equal to 50% of Festival profits had been distributed: £55 to Newcastle Branch and £45 to Glasgow Branch. The value of Central Fund on the balance sheet as at 30.09.96 was £15,310.

4.6.3 The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund income was £3,320 and expenditure in the form of grants totalled £2,800, leaving a surplus to the fund of £520. The balance sheet at 30.09.96 showed a total worth of £18,702.

It was proposed by Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts Branch), seconded by Anne Martin (Guildford Branch) and AGREED by Conference that the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1996 be approved.

4.6.4 Turning then to the current year, the Treasurer advised Conference that he estimated income would be of the order of £15,208 with bank interest of about £700, whilst expenditure could be in the region of £19,595. He predicted a deficit to 30.09.97 of £3,687.

Brian went on to say that these figures will result in our reserves sinking to the £11,600 level when, in his view, they should not be allowed to fall below £15,000. In considering ways to counteract the results of such a deficit the first thought was to raise the subscription rate as warned at last year's Conference. Income, he went on to say, was only one side of the equation and our expenditure should be considered very seriously. The largest single item of expenditure was *The Recorder Magazine*. When Schotts ceased publication in 1993 Michael Sharman, with the help of an editorial committee, produced the June 1993 edition. It was a great success and a credit to all concerned. Whilst its visible cost was roughly half that of the magazine we now have, this was only made possible by a dedicated band of volunteers; distribution relied on yet more volunteers and it was not as efficient as the current direct mailing. Reverting to an in-house approach could save the Society some £2,000 or more but the cost of the large



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### 4. Treasurer's Report ....

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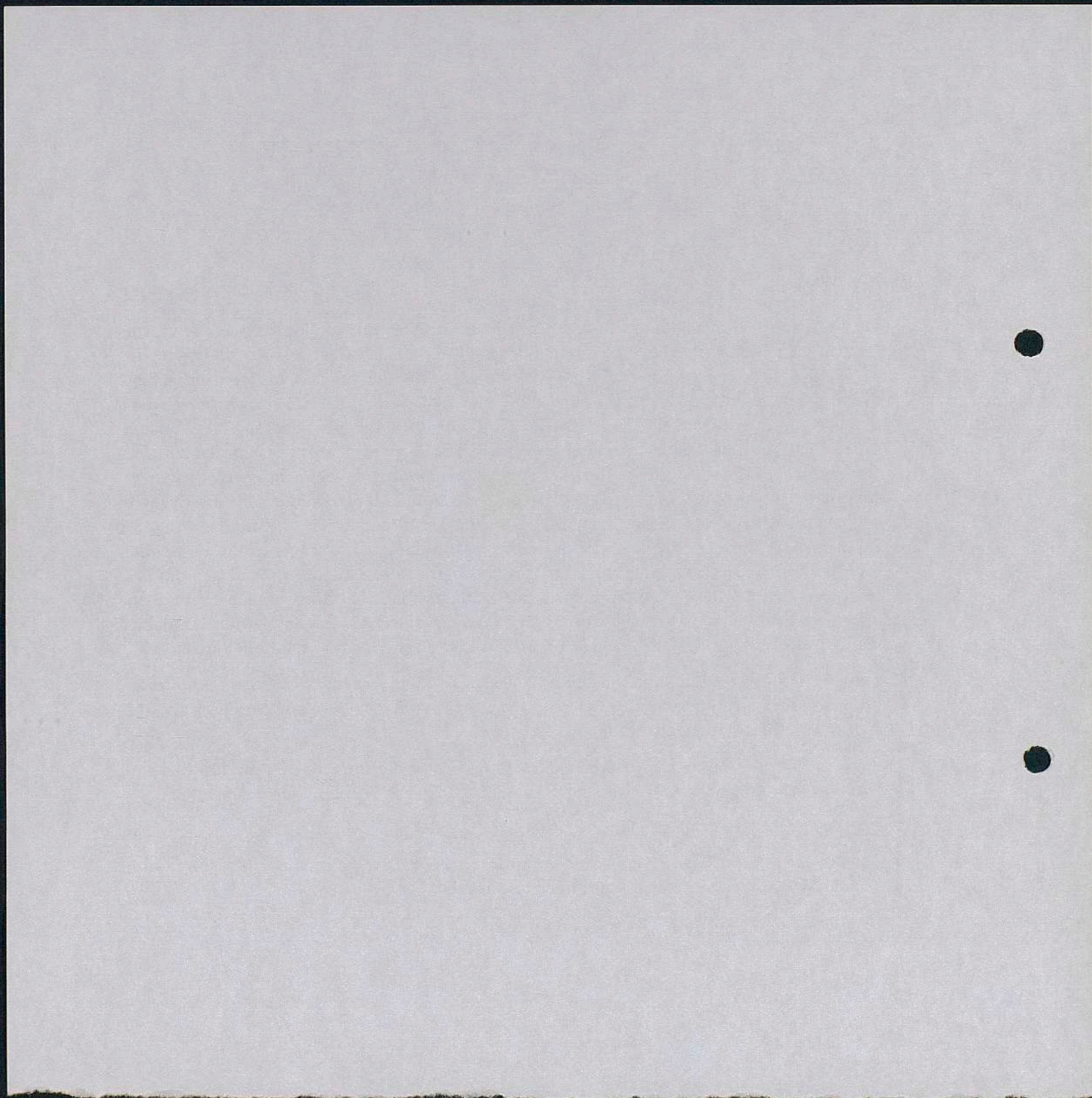
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Conference AGREED to an amendment to Rule 9(a)(ii). *Proposed:* Elizabeth Smith (Manchester); *seconded:* Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall).







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The last large item of expenditure is the cost of pastoral visiting conductors. This is an important part of the Society's role and should not be limited if we can possibly afford it. However, some branches have been casting their net a little too far for fiscal comfort and, without suggesting a monetary limit at this time, he requested Branch Secretaries look for visiting conductors who lived within a reasonable distance of the host branch.

The saving made by his first recommendation is not enough to stop the drain on our reserves, he said, so he has had to look again at the subscription rate. It is not only necessary to balance the books in the short term; he has to rebuild our reserves to a more prudent level. Accordingly, he proposed to raise the full membership subscription by £2.00 to £12.00 and the student rate by £1.00 to £9.00. In recent years the household subscription has not been raised in accordance with the original formula used when it was first introduced. It was then calculated at twice the full membership rate less the cost of the second magazine. He therefore proposed to revert to the original formula for the Household membership rate, which now becomes £17.00. The annual magazine cost is now £6.60 so the new Household membership fee is calculated as  $2 \times £12.00$



less, say, £7.00 = £17.00. Following discussion in Committee, it was decided that, since COS members' main benefit from belonging to the Society was the magazine, Household subscriptions in their case would be abolished. It therefore followed that any number of members living at one address could share the one full membership subscription in the sum of £12.00. On the basis of our current membership this measure will increase our income by £3,300 and combined with the saving on delegates' travel and dinner expenses and no SRP-Moeck Competition next year should result in a surplus of £2,500 in the year 1997-98. Brian finished his review by saying that failure to support his delegates proposal would necessitate an *additional* £1.00 on the membership fee.

4.6.5. *Housekeeping.* Brian reported that Accounts for 1995-96 have not been received from the following Branches: Bristol, Edinburgh and Leicester. He stressed that branches must comply with our *Rules* and those of the Charity Commissioners and he looked forward to receiving the said accounts at the earliest opportunity.

4.6.6 General discussion followed. In answer to John Bynoe's (Kent Branch) enquiry, Graham Danbury told Conference that, by virtue of the fact that more than 25% of members' subscriptions were for purchase of the magazine, the Society was proscribed by law from collecting subscriptions by deeds of covenant. Mary Green (Somerset Branch) said her branch was keen to return to two forms of subscription: one with the magazine, one without. In this she was joined by Shirley Francis (West Dorset Branch). On the other hand Mary Tyers (Committee/Durham Branch) said she repeated her support for the magazine; to return to such a system would surely see the demise of the magazine, which the Chairman confirmed. The Chairman ruled that it would not be competent to consider making the magazine optional because a Resolution had not been notified four weeks before Conference in terms of Rule 7(e). Helen Beare (Cumbria Branch) suggested that Branches undertake fund-raising activities such as concerts or seek sponsorship. The Chairman suggested that branches be encouraged to support workshops, concerts or other self-financing activities. Where such events in furtherance of the Society's objectives were budgeted and approved, the Committee would lend support not by direct subsidy but by providing a "float" and guaranteeing against loss in return for the receipt of any profit. The policy had been explained fully in *The Recorder Magazine*, September 1992, page 93. It is expected that such events would be budgeted responsibly and would therefore, like Festivals, over a period show an overall gain to the Society's funds. Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser) wondered whether national concerts could be organised in London, Leeds or Newcastle, for example, which undoubtedly would make reasonable returns. The Chairman wondered whether such events might really be profitable or even require Arts Council or other subsidy, if available. Glynne Parry (Beds & N Herts Branch) commented that the proposed Branch contribution to expenses would penalise smaller and remoter branches. He asked why branches were being asked to subsidise attendance at Conferences whilst Officers and Committee members were not. [Note: although this was not stated at the Conference, the reason is that Officers and Committee are expected to attend in their personal capacity, whereas a Branch Representative can be any Branch member, whom the Branch may choose to subsidise].



Gwen Clode (Essex Branch) suggested that the Treasurer's proposals might be referred to Branch Treasurers for their assessment according to their individual needs. This was not taken by the Chairman as a formal motion, since Branch Delegates (and, between Conferences, Branch Secretaries) were the proper channels of communication between Branches and the Society's Officers. It was expected that Branch Delegates would have consulted with their Treasurers before this Conference, which had to make a decision in time for the next financial year. Gwen Clode also asked whether conductors' fees for the Newcastle Festival were charged to Conference. If they were to be allocated against Festival costs a truer picture might emerge. It was confirmed that the Committee had decided that conductors' costs would in future be charged to Festivals rather than to Conferences. Audrey Illingworth (Norfolk Branch) suggested that Festival tickets were possibly underpriced and items like Piers Adams, whose costs were £500, should have been reflected in the ticket cost. Ena Pick (Wessex Branch) suggested that poorer branches may need local fund-raising. The Treasurer said he was open to discussion in cases of hardship. It was also suggested by a delegate that perhaps there should be a greater sense of honesty in claiming amounts, more in line with actual as opposed to allowable costs. In answer to Jan Theedom (Peterborough Branch), the Treasurer suggested that visiting conductors could reasonably be asked up to a distance where the cost would be of an order of £50, with £75 being the maximum. Following a majority vote, Conference AGREED that Rule 9(a)(ii) be amended (new clause underscored and the word "travelling" removed) to read:

To send one representative to the Society's Annual Conference. The representative's reasonable expenses above such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Conference shall be paid from Central Fund.

Following a vote it was AGREED *nem. con.* that the sum referred to in the amended Rule 9(a)(ii) would be £30 for the time being.

The Chairman asked if the Treasurer's proposals for subscriptions of Full member £12.00, Household £17.00 and Student £9.00 be voted on together. Conference AGREED. The change was proposed by Anne Martin (Guildford) and seconded by Mary Bonsor (Roxburgh). The vote was about 3 to 1 IN FAVOUR. With regard to the Country and Overseas membership, the Chairman pointed out that the Country and Overseas Secretary had objected to the proposed Household Membership because COS members received little benefit other than the magazine. The Committee therefore proposed that a single COS Household Membership equal to the Full Membership be adopted of £12. Seconded by David Grosvenor (York Branch), Conference AGREED.

Gwen Clode (Essex Branch) requested it be minuted that she was not satisfied with the subscription increases.

4.7 The Chairman reported that he had been promoting international contacts, especially with the American Recorder Society. The ARS would be conferring their Distinguished Achievement Award on Edgar Hunt on June 14 1997 during the Boston Early Music Festival. (The Conference applauded). The SRP had an invitation to be represented; however, the Chairman was unable to attend but a greeting would be sent. It had been agreed that the two Societies would exchange a single copy of each other's Membership Lists for the purpose of facilitating personal contacts. Sylvia Davies (Bristol



Branch) had no objection to the proposed exchange, but was concerned that the List might be used for the purpose of sending "junk mail". The Chairman said he also regretted such unauthorised use but believed it happened already through members who used the List for their own commercial advertising. Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser) suggested that contacts also be cultivated with Recorder Societies in Australia and New Zealand; the Chairman agreed to pursue these and other international contacts.

## 5. Election of Officers and Committee

5.1 All Officers, together with the Hon. Auditor, being willing to stand for re-election, were proposed en bloc by Mary Bonsor (Roxburgh Branch), seconded by David Grosvenor (York Branch) and elected unanimously by Conference for a further year.

5.2 *Committee Members.* As Andrew Collis and Ann Lyall were due to retire this year, the following nominations had been received:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Terry Gill	Anne Martin	Diana Reddaway
Paula Marsh	Alistair Read	Angela Dumbreck
Hilary Oliver	Graham Danbury	Brian Fraser-Hook
Jim Rowley	Graham Danbury	Marion Panzetta

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Hilary Oliver (West Riding Branch) and Jim Rowley (Birmingham Branch).

5.3 *Musical Advisers on Committee.* In addition to Colin Martin's retirement, Herbert Hersom's incapacity meant that two Musical Advisers on Committee were required this year. The Secretary said that three Musical Advisers had put forward their names for the consideration of Conference. Anthony Rowland-Jones had found it necessary to withdraw his candidacy. Accordingly, Evelyn Nallen and Theo Wyatt were elected without competition. Proposed by Sandra Foxall (Cleveland Branch), seconded by Eileen Finlayson (Edinburgh Branch) and AGREED by Conference.

## 6. New and demised Branches

6.1 *New Branch* The Chairman was pleased to ask Conference to ratify South Downs as a new Branch. Proposed by David Grosvenor (York Branch); seconded by David Beare (Cumbria Branch). Phoebe Williams, its secretary, said they now had 20 members and the branch's existence was due to a great deal of encouragement from Diana Reddaway and Herbert Hersom.

6.2 *Demised Branch* High Wycombe Branch had been wound up on 02.10.96. The Treasurer confirmed that the branch had no assets that accrued to central fund.

## 7. Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund

Graham Danbury, as Chairman of WBMF, said that Andrew Collis had taken over as the sub-committee's secretary in place of Herbert Hersom. The Fund's functions were as minuted under Minute 7 of the Committee's proceedings of 2 March 1997. There was nothing further to add since then.

## 8. Recognition of service to the SRP

The Chairman said he was pleased to be able to announce finally the reason why in the Minutes of the last two Committee meetings discussions had been held *in camera*. As a token of the So-



ciety's appreciation for a lifetime's selfless effort on its behalf, whether as its one-time chairman, or through his one-to-a-part courses, his recorder tuning service and especially his Oriel Library which brought delight to many people, Andrew Short asked Conference to approve the bestowal of a vice presidency on Theo Wyatt. Contributions were made by Elizabeth Smith (Manchester Branch) and Jim Rowley (Birmingham Branch). Proposed John Bynoe (Kent Branch); seconded Oliver St John (Oxford Branch). Conference AGREED with applause. Theo explained why, had he been on the Committee, he would not have suggested this honour for this individual; however, he accepted it with thanks.

## **9. Future Festivals**

9.1 *Truro 1998.* Angela Dumbreck said that arrangements were proceeding apace for Cornwall Branch to host the 1998 event, which would be held at Truro School on 18 and 19 April. Accommodation within the school would be available. Leaflets had been distributed before the final session of the Festival the previous day.

9.2 *1999.* David Grosvenor confirmed that York Branch would be pleased to host the Festival and Conference on 14 April 1999. The venue would in all probability be St John's College.

9.3 *2000.* Suffolk Branch The Secretary told Conference that a firm offer had been received from Suffolk Branch.

9.4 The Chairman said we could not afford to rest on our laurels and he hoped that offers of venue for 2001 would be forthcoming before Conference next year.

## **10. The Recorder Magazine**

Madeline Seviour, Branch Review Editor, said a lot of material was still required; longer Branch reports on the unusual and more material in greater detail would make for better reading in the Society's pages. She deprecated the late publication and despatch of the March 1997 issue. Consequently, her deadline had been and gone by some ten days before she got her copy. Although the Secretary said he had been told one reason for late publication the consensus view was that Peacock Press had taken on a number of magazines and they appeared to be experiencing general production difficulties. The Chairman undertook to write expressing the Society's concern. Bryan Healing (North London Branch) said she considered the magazine's attitude not encouraging when, for example, the footnote to Madgwick's & Loretto's article finished with the phrase "...Loretto needs no introduction to readers..." As she legitimately pointed out, "we haven't all been magazine readers for the past 30 years." In spite of that, she said North London Branch was in favour of the magazine. The Membership Secretary confirmed to Bristol Branch that he was the person to whom all queries regarding non-delivery of the magazine should be directed.

## **11. SRP activities**

### *11.1 Moeck/SRP Solo Recorder Competition 1997*

Patricia Davies said arrangements for the Finals, to be held on Sunday, 7 September 1997 at Holy Trinity Church (opposite the Royal College of Music), Prince Consort Road, London, SW7 at 1.00 p.m., were now advanced. Members of Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet were to be the adjudicators. There would be four finalists selected from 23 world-wide applicants from as far apart as North America, Israel, and the rest of Europe as well this country. The first prize, awarded by Moeck, would £500 plus a recital at the Wigmore Hall on 20 February 1998 and another recital at next year's Northern Recorder Course. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund was also offering a prize of £200 and two of £100 each. Tickets for the tea-time concert would be avail-



able to SRP members at a discounted rate. Patricia said further details would be circulated to Branch Secretaries in the near future.

11.2 *The London International Exhibition of Early Music* will take place at the Royal College of Music between Friday, 5th and Sunday 7th September 1997. The SRP will have a stand and Patricia requested help to run this. No one would be expected to give more than a couple of hours and she hoped volunteers would be forthcoming. It was suggested that Branches might like to supply the stand with details of their current programmes of events. The Chairman thanked Patricia for all her hard work in respect of both the Competition and the Exhibition

11.3 *SRP Guides*. The Chairman confirmed that Moira Usher had accepted the Society's offer of being editor-in-chief for both new and revised Guides. Alistair Read said he was happy to provide computer keyboarding effort. They hoped to start work in the autumn.

11.3 *Teachers' Guides*. Anne Martin had now taken over distribution of the *Teachers' Guides*. She said there were no immediate plans for a revision, and this would be considered at a later date.

## 12. Resolutions

12.1 *Committee Resolution*: The Chairman introduced the amendment, agreed by the Committee on 2 March 1997 (Minute 12.2) to the Foreword to the *Panel of Visiting Conductors List* by insertion of the following words.

"The conductor's services are free to the branch for not more than half a day's conducting. Commitments beyond that, be they conducting, coaching, undertaking masterclasses etc., should be negotiated beforehand and may need to be paid for either by the branch or individuals concerned."

Ena Pick (Wessex Branch) sought clarification as to what branches were entitled to claim for, since she had been surprised on occasion to be asked for a fee. The Chairman said that the free half a day's conducting applied only to the pastoral visit for which travelling expenses were repaid from central funds. In reply to a question from Brian Bonsor (Musical Adviser), he added that inclusion in the List did not mean that the conductor had agreed to conduct free on occasions other than the official pastoral visit. David Beare (Cumbria Branch) felt that half a day was too restrictive since Cumbria arranged a relaxed day lasting from 10 a.m. till about 5 p.m. during which the visitor would only be conducting for three or four hours. The Chairman said that the intention of the scheme is for the visitor to conduct the equivalent of an ordinary branch meeting and anything further should be negotiated. The amendment was proposed by Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts Branch), seconded by Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall Branch) and AGREED by Conference.

12.2 *Branch Resolution* The Chairman said the under-mentioned had been received from South London Branch:

That where a branch is unable to send a representative to Conference, for whatsoever reason, the Society's Secretary should provide the said branch with the names and CVs of those nominated for election to posts of Officers or Committee members and such resolutions where a vote is required. Such a branch will then be entitled to a postal vote, the ballot papers being returned to The Secretary by a designated date and such vote be included in the count at Conference.



In opening the resolution to debate, the Chairman said that, in his view, the principal objection to postal voting was that votes would be cast before discussion had taken place on any given topic. He was also of the opinion that it would put additional strain on the Secretary's resources in a period when he was already busy. Glynne Parry (Beds & N Herts Branch) suggested that, to his way of thinking, there were two distinct subjects in the resolution. On the one hand elections of Officers, Committee and Musical Advisers on Committee were one thing, whilst voting on resolutions was entirely different. It was AGREED that Conference be asked to vote on these two issues separately. Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts Branch/Committee member) said he foresaw considerable technical difficulties in espousing the practice of postal voting and asked Conference, if it wished to adopt it, to refer the motion to the Committee in the first place. Conference AGREED. When put to the vote Conference voted by 29 to 14 to refer to the Committee the proposal that elections could be made by postal vote. To the motion that resolutions to Conference could be similarly treated, Conference defeated the resolution by an approximately three to one majority.

**13. Any other business**

13.1 Anne Martin (Examination Secretary/Guildford Branch) said she wished to remind Conference that branches should bear in mind that, for the most part, conductors gave their time and expertise free and for this they should be grateful.

13.2 Roy Corbishley (West Riding Branch) asked Conference to join with him in thanking Paul Clark for his efforts over the years for what would have been his 25th Festival had he been able to be present.

13.3 John Bynoe (Kent Branch) expressed his appreciation to the Chairman for his efforts in this his first year in office.

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*19 April 1998*







# WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account Year To 30th September 1996

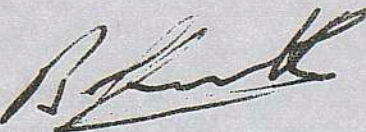
		1994/95
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	2,042.59	2,342
Sale of Goods	456.15	1,283
Royalties		
Share of HRBA Interest	821.72	875
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,320.46</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants	2,800.00	2,510
Postage	0.00	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>	<b>2,510</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>520.46</b>	<b>1,990</b>

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS  
Registered Charity No. 282751

Balance Sheet at 30th September 1996

		1995
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Central Fund at 30.9.95	18,600.45	17,181
Net Deficit on Central Fund	3,290.27	+1,419
Central Fund at 30.9.96	15,310.18	18,600
Memorial Fund at 30.9.95	18,181.59	16,190
Net income on Memorial Fund	520.46	1,990
Memorial Fund at 30.9.96	18,702.05	18,181
Anne Blackman Gift a/c	0.00	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>34,012.23</b>	<b>36,782</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
Current Account	673.46	569
Deposit Account	92.64	1,074
Business Premium a/c	32,188.93	34,545
Bradford & Bingley	561.26	469
Competition a/c	170.59	17
	33,686.88	36,676
Festival Float - Mid-Herts	200.00	
Petty Cash	125.35	105
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>34,012.23</b>	<b>36,782</b>



B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

## Auditor's Report

I have examined the vouchers, records and Bank Statements (except those relating to the two Festivals) and I certify that these accounts are a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year ended 30th September 1996.



R N Harrison (Hon Auditor)

22nd March 1997



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS  
Registered Charity No. 282751

CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 1996

			1994/95
<b>INCOME</b>			
	(Damm 480)		
Subscriptions		13,501.50	13,981
Festivals - Newcastle 1996		110.41	238
Alva 1996		90.68	
Royalties		13.21	42
Advertising			
CSRP Receipts - Fees	100.00		75
Expenses	14.90		71
Surplus		85.10	4
Sales Notepaper & Rubber Stamps	20.00		28
Less Costs	0.00	20.00	-173
SRP Guides	58.30		328
Less Costs	11.54	46.76	322
Profit on Sales		66.76	148
Interest Higher Rate Busines A/c	1643.45		1,751
less WBMF share	821.72	821.73	875
Business Premium A/c		18.39	13
Bradford & Bingley		1.36	2
Total Interest		841.48	891
Sundry Income			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>14,709.14</b>	<b>15,318</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Magazine		9,738.05	9,080
Annual Conference		3,937.69	1,992
Conductors Visits PVL		1,269.90	982
Committee Expenses		454.40	304
Postages, Phones, Printing		640.21	969
Early Music Fair Expenses		313.10	35
Publicity Expenses		81.55	13
Competition Account			
Adjudicators - 1995	750.00		
Advertising	235.00		109
Phones, Postages etc.	171.93	1156.93	129
Less Regn. Fee Income		0.00	192
Music Education Council			
Subscription	78.00		70
Meeting Expenses	31.20		96
Music For Youth Conference	0.00	109.20	256
Ex gratia payments - Guildford '95 Festival		119.00	294
Alva			126
Sundry Expenses - Liability Insurance		179.38	179
Anne Blackman Gift a/c			
In Hand at 30/9/95			32
Donations received			60
Gift to Anne Blackman			130
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>17,999.41</b>	<b>13,899</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>		<b>(3,290.27)</b>	<b>1,419</b>

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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Michael Tippett OM CH CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

### AMENDMENT TO SOCIETY RULES AS AGREED BY CONFERENCE 1997

AMEND Rule 9(a)(ii) by adding underscored clause to read:

To send one representative to the Society's Annual Conference. The representative's reasonable expenses above such sum as shall from time to time be determined by Conference shall be paid from Central Fund.

[Note: It was agreed at Conference 1997 that the sum referred to above shall for the time being be fixed at £30.00.]

J Alistair Read  
30 May 1997

ADDENDUM No. 3 to *Rules 1995*









## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Michael Tippett OM CH CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

### AMENDMENT TO FOREWORD

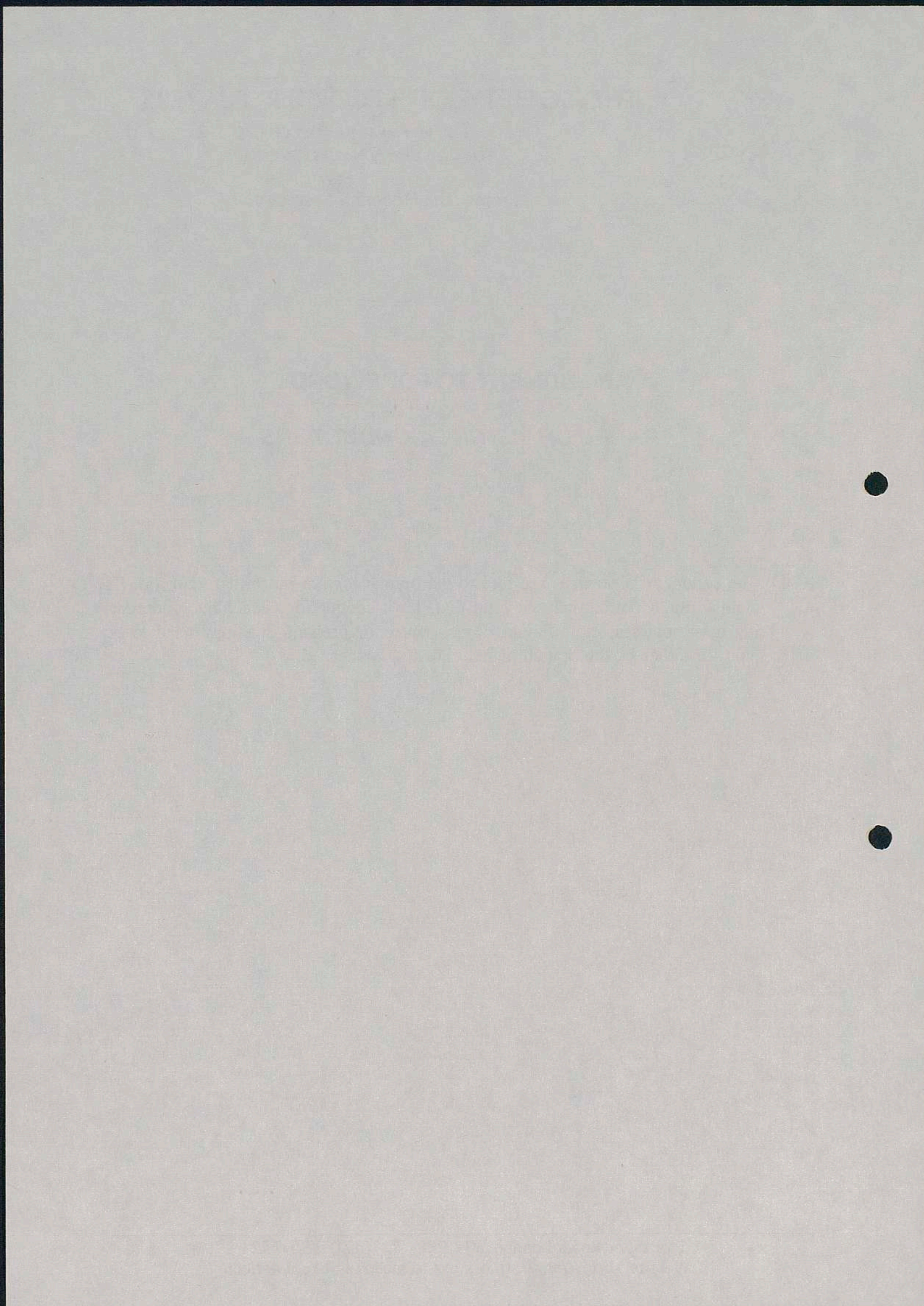
#### *PANEL OF VISITING CONDUCTORS*

ADD The conductor's services are free to the branch for not more than half a day's conducting. Commitments beyond that, be it conducting, coaching, undertaking masterclasses, etc., should be negotiated beforehand and may need to be paid for either by the branch or individual(s) concerned.

J Alistair Read  
Secretary  
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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Michael Tippett OM CH CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1997

to be held at Marlborough School  
Watling Street, St Albans, Herts

on Sunday, 25 May 1997, 10 o'clock for 10.30 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last Conference
3. Matters arising
4. Officers' Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. New and Demised Branches
7. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund
8. Recognition of service to the SRP
9. Future Festivals
10. *The Recorder Magazine*
11. Extension of SRP activities
12. Resolutions to Conference
13. Any other business

Any two members may make nominations for election of Officers and Committee by sending such nominations (proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, together with a short *c.v.* of the nominee) in writing to the Secretary not less than TWO WEEKS beforehand. Resolutions may be moved by any Branch which shall give notice thereof to the Secretary FOUR WEEKS beforehand.

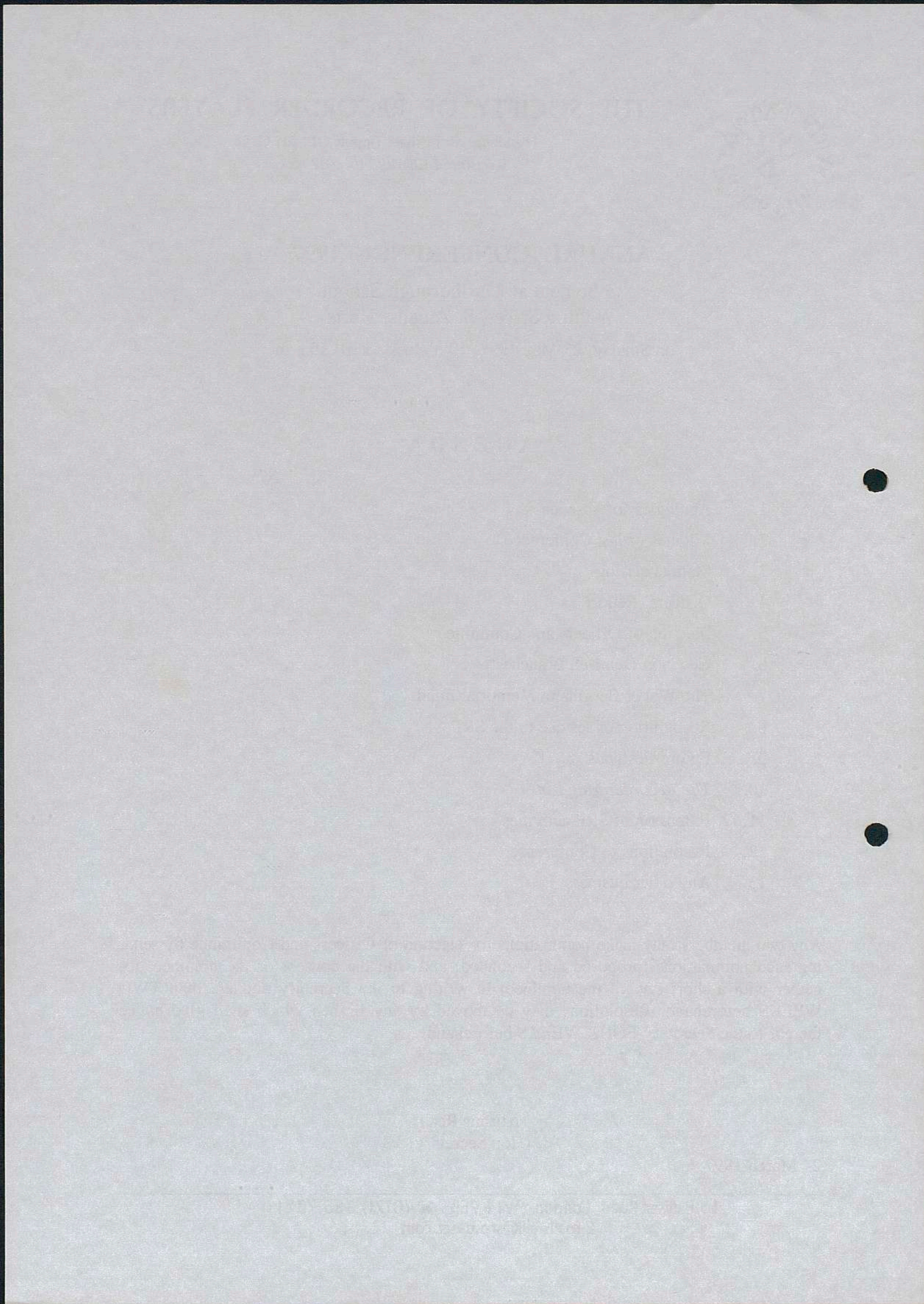
Alistair Read  
(Hon Secretary)

24 March 1997

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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 19 April 1998

Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, Cornwall

### PRESENT:

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

Andrew Short	Chairman	Angela Dumbreck	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Marion Panzetta	"
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Jim Rowley	"
Diana Reddaway	Country/Overseas Sec	Alyson Lewin	MA "
Anne Martin	CSRP Secretary	Paul Clark	MA on comte
Bob Horsley	Publicity Officer	Colin Martin	Musical Adviser
Graham Danbury	Committee	Anthony Rowland-Jones	"

#### *Branches*

Bath	Miss B Ollis	Norfolk	Peter Hammersley
Beds & Herts	Glynne Parry	North Cotswold	John Clifford
Birmingham	Jim Rowley	North London	Helen Bennett
Bristol	Timothy Lanfear	Northampton	Sheila Marlow
(Observer	Sylvia Davies)	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
Cambridge	Judy Bailey	Oxford	Gabriele Blanz
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	Peterborough	Jan Theedom
Cornwall	Donald Craig	(Observer	Joan Lee)
Cumbria	David Beare	Sheffield	Pat Ruff
(Observer	Helen Beare)	Somerset	Dorothy Glover
Devon	Jeanette Hipsey	South Downs	John Williams
Dorset	Brenda Harrison	(Observer	Phoebe Williams)
East Berks	Andrew Challenger	South London	Paula Marsh
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	(Observers	Denis Bloodworth)
Essex	Marion Panzetta		Margaret Crocker)
Guildford	Rosemary Whisson	South Staffs	Daphne Lavender)
Kent	Noreen Johnson	Suffolk	Maureen Beales
Leicester	Jenny Garner	Wessex	Ena Pick
Lincoln	Paene Birch	(Observer	Mary Steele)
London	Bob Horsley	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Manchester	Colin Martin	York	David Grosvenor
Mid-Herts	Moir Fraser-Hook	(Observer	Ann Grosvenor)



**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Cornwall Branch organisers on a very successful Festival and on the Conference arrangements. He also read out an e-mail message from the Secretary, Glasgow Branch, which thanked the Committee and Officers for their hard work on behalf of the Society.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from John Allen, Brian Bonsor, Dick Coles, Evelyn Nallen, Layton Ring and Theo Wyatt (Officers/Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following Branches: Aberdeen; Glasgow; Newcastle; Roxburgh; Warwick; and West Dorset.

2. **Death of Sir Michael Tippett OM, President of the Society.** The Chairman said that, in addition to the many national tributes to Sir Michael, he had both written to Meirion Bowen and attended the funeral. Madeline Seviour was able to get a block into the current issue of *The Recorder Magazine* announcing his death. An appreciation would follow. The Chairman commended Anne Martin's article written in the same journal (December 1994), on the occasion of Tippett's 90th birthday.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to record, with sadness, the death of Carl Dolmetsch which occurred shortly after Conference 1997.

Graham Danbury was then asked to give Conference an appreciation of Herbert Hersom whose death took place on 14 April 1998. He said he felt sure that he was not alone in saying that he would not be present had it not been for Herbert's encouragement, unassuming manner, and advice which was always quietly suggested. Herbert had been a ceaseless worker behind the scenes, both for the Society nationally and for the Mid-Herts Branch which he founded. 'We all,' continued Graham, 'owe a great debt of gratitude to Herbert and trust that he will now rest in peace following his terminal travail.' Anne Martin said that Herbert had always been there for everyone at any time; he would be sadly missed.

3. **Minutes of last Conference**

3.1. Amendments/corrections:

3.1.1. *Add...* Helen Jones as Warwick Branch representative

3.1.2. *Amendment...* Minute 13.2 to read: "Roy Corbishley (West Riding Branch) reminded Conference that Paul Clark organised the first festival in Birmingham in 1972 and that, without his enterprise, we would not now be attending the 25th Festival in 1997 (there was no Festival in 1973)."

3.1.3. *Amendment...* 4.4: *Examination Secretary* at line 4: Two additional examiners had been co-opted... *should read:* Three additional examiners had been co-opted: Ann Lyall, Sheila Richards and Patricia Davies.

3.2. Graham Danbury proposed and Ena Pick seconded the motion that the Minutes of Conference 1997 be adopted as a fair record of those proceedings. Carried *nem con*.

4. There were no **Matters arising**.

5. **New President of the Society:** The Chairman said that, following consultation with branches, members of the committee and musical advisers, the Committee unanimously agreed at their last meeting that our new president should be a composer in the tradition of Britten and



Tippett. Accordingly, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies should be approached. The Chairman said he was glad to announce that Sir Peter had accepted and was happy to be contacted at any time through his agent. Proposed by Marion Panzetta and seconded by Alyson Lewin, Conference AGREED to ratify the Committee's nomination that Sir Peter Maxwell Davies be the Society's new President. Carried *nem con.* In an effort to keep Max in touch with the Society, it was further AGREED that he be made an honorary member in the Country & Overseas section. [Sir Peter's agent is Mrs Judy Arnold, 50 Hogarth Road, London SW5 0PU. Tel: 0171-370 2328.]

6. **New Vice-President of the Society.** Following a recommendation from Edgar Hunt, the Committee was pleased to nominate Jeanne Dolmetsch to be a vice-president of the Society to recognise her contributions to the SRP and to retain the connection with the name of Dolmetsch. The Chairman said that Jeanne had responded, saying "It would be an honour and I accept your kind invitation with the greatest pleasure. I know that my late father would be particularly happy that the name Dolmetsch should continue to be linked with the Society. I look forward very much to being part of something that is so close to all our hearts". Proposed by Anthony Rowland-Jones; seconded by Marion Panzetta and RATIFIED by Conference *nem con.*

## 7. **Officers' Reports**

7.1. *The Secretary* reported that whilst the year had not in itself been as busy as the previous one as regards unsolicited mail and enquiries, 19 as against 24 the previous year, a high proportion of them were of a more complex nature, frequently requiring research, letter-writing and telephone calls. There had, however, been an increase in preparatory and post-committee and conference work. He went on to say that, whilst initially a diffident user of the net and e-mail, he would not now be without it and fervently hoped more people would become accessible—and use it if they were. 36 Branches had availed themselves of pastoral visits by conductors, a slight increase over the previous year. Whilst he was pleased to report that the Society had not lost any branches for the period under review, it was a matter of regret that there had been no new branch enquiries. As on previous occasions, Alistair said there were still branches who did not use the registered charity number on their letterheads and whilst he was pleased to see some good artwork, some left a lot to be desired and would not actually give a good impression of the Society. Supplies of the newly printed stationery was available for sale. He concluded by saying he was disappointed by the number of branches that had not thought fit to let him know whether or not they were attending conference—but then neither did a few of the committee/officers/musical advisers! In answer to a query from the floor, he agreed to modify the Conference Application Forms to make them more user friendly.

7.2. In the *Membership Secretary's* absence, the Chairman reported on the state of branch membership. 16 branches showed gains (+50 members); 4 branches reported no change; and 27 branches showed losses (-117 members), giving a net loss of 67. These figures excluded COS and East Berkshire. John's assumption that a new Membership List would be published in 1999 was AGREED by conference. Andrew Challinger (East Berkshire Branch) apologised to Conference for their lapse; he had the requisite return with him. David Grosvenor (York Branch) asked for guidance as to the point in time by which full annual subscriptions should be collected. He was advised that it should be the end of January; thereafter either a proportion should be collected or would-be members treated as visitors until the commencement of the next full year.



7.3 *Country & Overseas Secretary* said that her membership was down to 214 paid-up members: 169 in UK; 22 rest of Europe; and 23 rest of the world. 30 COS members were students and 35 members were in family membership (of 15 families). There were also 4 life members, including our new President. Losses included 5 transfers to playing branches; 12 resignations; 32 had lapsed through non-payment of subscription; and 5 had died. This was, Diana said, her last Conference in her current role. When she became COS Secretary in 1987 there had been 149 members. Since then she had enrolled 378 members, an average of 34 a year. Unfortunately, a lot had resigned and even more had lapsed through non-payment despite reminders. Many had transferred to playing branches, a cause for rejoicing. She concluded by saying that she had received lots of kind and interesting letters from members and made many good friends. It had been a worthwhile job and she was grateful to have had it for eleven years, but was now glad to be handing it over to Emma Moore, who she hoped would derive as much pleasure and happiness from it as she had. Diana concluded by saying that there were two overseas visits by recorder groups in the pipeline and she would be pleased to receive any offers of help with accommodation. In answer to a query from Eileen Finlayson (Edinburgh Branch), Diana said that it simply was not possible to publish a list of COS members as the numbers varied from week to week. Updated information could be had over the telephone if it were vital. Anne Martin suggested that these Minutes note that branches should contact the COS Secretary if they were keen to contact new COS members in their geographical area.

7.4 *Examination Secretary* said four candidates had taken the CSRP during the year under review, three of whom had passed. Two new examiners, Sandra Foxall (Cleveland Branch) and Mary Tyers (Durham Branch) had been appointed examiners to assist with regional examining. Anne finished by reiterating that amicable relations with ERTA were paying dividends, covering their common ground in the field of teaching. The Chairman said there was a continued need for conductors of good standard. The health of the Society relied on the employment of such people; a qualification such as the CSRP ensured that they were tailored to our needs. He thanked Anne and the other examiners for their continued hard work and the candidates for putting themselves forward.

7.5 *Publicity Officer* said there was not a week went by without requests for information. He urged delegates to pick up the envelopes containing supplies of the new edition of the Society's leaflet. He then outlined his distribution of the leaflets to organisers of courses and non-SRP playing days (when he got to hear about them); and very much hoped that branch secretaries and others would do likewise. He said he would always be pleased to send further supplies to anyone who required them. He also asked that everyone note his comments with regard to e-mail, further ideas for publicising branches and particularly the use of the SRP website, as contained in his letter enclosed with the leaflets.

7.6 *The Treasurer* opened his report to Conference

7.6.1. Brian Fraser-Hook said income was £17,297; expenditure £18,409; leaving a deficit of £1,112. This was significantly less than the £3,687 predicted at last year's Conference, and was a direct result of an over-estimate of £700 for Conference 1997; conductors' visits by £670, and £290 for the SRP-Moeck Competition. Subscriptions were £15,669 which was up by £2,168 on the previous year and was supplemented by the St Albans Festival surplus of £902. Peter Roscoe's surplus music had resulted in a donation of £50. The main items of expenditure were RM, £10,752, and last year's Conference, £1,792. Other



items of expenditure included Panel Conductors' visits, £1,319; postage, phones and printing, £515; Early Music Fair expenses, £208; Committee expenses, £555; Music Education Council, £92; and public liability insurance, £156. As in past years ex-gratia payments equal to 50% of festival profits had been distributed: £450 to Mid-Herts Branch. Aberdeen Branch has still to lodge its accounts for the 1997 Scottish Festival. The value of Central Fund on the balance sheet as at 30.09.97 was £14,197 (a drop of £1,112).

7.6.2 The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund income was £3,569 and expenditure in the form of grants totalled £5,687, leaving a deficit to the fund of £2,118. The balance sheet at 30.09.97 showed a total worth of £16,584.

It was proposed by Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts Branch), seconded by Roy Corbishley (West Riding Branch) and AGREED by Conference that the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1997 be approved.

7.6.3 Turning then to the current year, the Treasurer advised Conference that he estimated income would be of the order of £18,520, including bank interest of about £720, whilst expenditure could be in the region of £17,396. He predicted a surplus to 30.09.98 of £1,124. This expected surplus is less than the £2,500 anticipated as a result of the measures implemented last year; it will, however, restore our reserves to the 1996 level of £15,321. Brian congratulated Bristol Branch on their very successful 50th anniversary Jamboree in February 1998; the day resulted in a net loss of only £72 on a total expenditure of £700. Central Committee had supported the event by guaranteeing it against loss, however Bristol Branch had agreed to meet the deficit from its own funds. Paula Marsh (South London) asked if other events could be supported. The Chairman reminded Conference that any special event agreed by the Committee to be within the Society's objectives, with a budget approved by the Treasurer, is eligible for a float and a guarantee against loss, the *quid pro quo* being that any profit should accrue to Central funds (in this case the Committee normally agrees to return a proportion of profit to the organising Branch).

7.6.4. Housekeeping Brian reported that Accounts for 1996-97 have not been received from the following Branches: Cornwall, Dorset and Hillfoots. He stressed that branches must comply with our *Rules* and those of the Charity Commissioners and he looked forward to receiving the said accounts at the earliest opportunity.

7.7 The *Chairman* said he wished Conference to reflect on what the SRP was about. During the course of the past twelve months he had had six letters from branches expressing dissatisfaction with the level of subscription rates; others referred to *The Recorder Magazine* and the wish of some members not to take it and there had been three threats to leave the Society altogether. Andrew said he thought it necessary to be aware of the "mission statement", referring delegates to the object of the SRP as detailed in the opening paragraphs of *Rules 1995* "... the education of the public in the study, practice and appreciation of the art of music and the allied arts and in particular ... the promotion of the education of the public in the study, practice and appreciation of the recorder and its repertoire ....." We were, he said, a registered charity, the Society's aims were clearly defined as being a benefit to the public (not mainly our own members) and on that basis we had been granted charitable status.

There then followed general discussion, much of which once again centred around *The Recorder Magazine*, and the usual entrenched positions were aired, including the fact that



the magazine was not an SRP publication; the viability of the magazine without SRP support; a request to return to A and B type branches; three issues per annum instead of four; complaints about the lack of suitable articles but on the other hand few people equal to writing them. It was also suggested that every branch undertake a comprehensive review of their members to see what they wanted. Marion Panzetta said that branches and members should report when they are satisfied with the Society, as a few complaints give a misleading impression if not counterbalanced.

#### **8. Moeck/SRP Competition**

In Patricia Davies's absence, the Chairman read the *Competition Administrator's* report. The 1997 competition was very successful with 23 entrants from all over the world, including many European countries and Canada and Hong Kong. The adjudicators, the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet, selected four finalists (1 German; 1 Swiss/American; 1 Portuguese living in Britain and 1 British) who performed live at the Early Music Exhibition. Dorothee Oberlinger, from Germany, was selected as winner. She and her accompanist returned to Britain in February 1998 to perform their winner's recital at the Wigmore Hall, with further recitals in Edinburgh and Cambridge. The international standing of this competition is growing all the time. Publicity for the 1999 competition is just going out and is being distributed much more widely than previously. There have already been enquiries from Holland, Hong Kong and Argentina as well as Britain. Walter van Hauwe has agreed to chair a panel of three adjudicators. The financial position is expected to be: current assets, £305; expected expenditure, £3,200; income (based on 25 entries), £625; needed from central funds, £2,500.

#### **9. The Recorder Magazine**

The Chairman read out Madeline Seviour's report to Conference: Members will be aware of problems experienced during the past year with regard to late delivery of several issues of the magazine. Peacock Press have been experiencing staffing problems; the December issue was late because it was prepared entirely by new staff. She said she regretted that the magazine regularly appeared after the copy date for the following issue but wished to remind correspondents that she needed copy by 1st July, October, January and April. Madeline stressed that contributions should be sent only to her. She concluded by thanking all those who had contributed to the SRP pages [four in number] and apologised if some pieces had been edited. She was, she said, pleased not to be short of material. There were on the other hand some branches which had not filed any reports for more than two years. She had no intention of 'naming and shaming' but she would be contacting them.

#### **10. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund**

Graham Danbury, Chairman, WBMF, said there was little he could add to the comprehensive review of the Fund as mentioned by the Treasurer. In answer to a query from the floor, he did say that the maximum grant remained fixed at £200 and that the Fund had awarded a total of £4,737 in the year under review.

#### **11. Future Festivals**

The Chairman confirmed that the festival and conference in 1999 would be in York on 17/18 April. The festival venue will be Milthorpe School and the Conference would be either there or at York's Guildhall. David Grosvenor pointed out that there would be a maximum number of 300 admitted to the festival because of insurance liability. The venue in 2000 would be hosted by Suffolk Branch and held at Felixstowe on 29/30 April. Although no offers were forthcoming for the years 2001 and 2002, Andrew said he hoped he would receive some before



too long. It was AGREED by Conference that Anne Martin should be asked to rewrite the Festival Guidelines. It was also AGREED that future festival/conference programmes should detail access for the disabled.

## 12. Other SRP activities

12.1. *SRP Guides*. The Chairman undertook to discuss with Moira Usher the question as to how to proceed with the Guides in view of the fact that she is unable to persuade authors to revise their contributions.

12.2. *Teachers' Guide*. Anne Martin told Conference that she had taken on distribution of the Guides following Herbert Hersom's incapacity, and she would be happy to edit a new edition.

12.3. There then followed a general discussion as to how the Society could attract new members. Alyson Lewin (Committee) said children no longer had time due to pressure of the school curriculum. In answer to a query from Dorothy Glover (Somerset Branch), Bob Horsley, Publicity Officer, said his experience on behalf of London Branch in circularising local education authorities and then a number of schools had achieved absolutely nothing. Marion Panzetta (Committee) suggested that we should be targeting the older generation. Another suggestion was that one-off occasions were more popular with children. Paula Marsh (South London Branch) said she thought little opportunity for one-to-a-part playing was in part reason for lack of interest. It was generally agreed that it was a great concern to the Society that our ageing membership was not being bolstered by any marked intake of new—and younger—members.

## 13. Resolutions to Conference

13.1 *Postal Voting for Elections*: The 1997 Annual Conference asked the Committee to investigate the feasibility of allowing postal voting for elections for Officers and Committee. Following discussion with guidance from the Society's legal representative, the Committee agreed that it was feasible and presented appropriate amendments of the Rules to Conference. It was proposed by Colin Martin (Musical Adviser), seconded by Alyson Lewin (Musical Adviser) and AGREED *nem con* that these amendments and new rule be implemented forthwith:

Rule 5(h) line 5 - delete "present and".

Rule 5(i) line 5 - delete "present and"

Rule 5(k) line 4 - delete "two" and insert "four".

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13.2 *Committee Membership*: For several years the Competition Administrator, the Branch Review Editor and the Publicity Officer have attended the Committee as non-



voting members. In view of the importance of these roles, the Committee wishes them to be full voting members of the Committee, together with the Chairman of the Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund Sub-Committee, which is not at present formally represented. After considerable discussion and redrafting, taking into account that certain posts should not be filled by open nomination, but rather by nominations previously sanctioned by the Committee, it was proposed by David Grosvenor (York Branch), seconded by David Beare (Cumbria Branch) and AGREED *nem con* that the following rule changes be implemented forthwith:

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### 13.3. Committee Quorum

Rule 4(g) Last line: *delete* "Five" and *insert* "Seven".

13.4 The Chairman said that a resolution to Conference proposed by Bedfordshire & North Herts Branch advocating "that all persons attending an Annual Conference in an official capacity which entitled them to claim refund of travelling and accommodation expenses from Central Funds shall be treated equally in respect thereof" had been re-



turned to the Branch. It had been the Chairman's view that the Resolution, as currently worded, was not suitable for debate at the Conference, because it lacked precision; it did not say what the Branch wished the Society to do in the way of changing its current rules as last agreed by Conference 1997. Regrettably, however, Andrew Short's letter was not received by the Branch Chairman; neither had a subsequent copy mailed by the Secretary on 14 April 1998. Although Glyn Parry, the Branch Secretary, had received a copy by e-mail, he said it gave the Branch no opportunity to reword the Resolution. He went on to complain that branches should not have to fund part of their delegate's expenses; the package had been sold at last year's Conference as a saving, whereas the cost was merely being transferred to branches; and that it left a bad impression on branch members that officers were exempt from the first £30 cost. He confirmed when questioned by the Chairman that Beds & North Herts Branch wanted the £30 exemption overturned, and was aware that this would require central subscriptions to rise by £1. After a period of open debate, it was AGREED that matters should be allowed to run for a further year. The Committee would review the operation of the new procedure at its next meeting (4 October 1998), taking into account any comments received by that date.

#### 14. Election of Officers and Committee

14.1 With the exception of the Country & Overseas Secretary, all officers, together with the Hon. Auditor, being willing to stand for re-election, were proposed *en bloc* by David Beare (Cumbria Branch), seconded by Ena Pick (~~Essex~~ *Wessex* Branch) and ELECTED *nem con* by Conference for a further term of one year.

14.2. Conference was pleased to RATIFY the appointment of Mrs Emma Moore to be the Society's Country & Overseas Secretary. Proposed by Diana Reddaway and seconded by Brian Fraser-Hook; her appointment was unopposed.

14.3. *Committee Members:* As Graham Danbury (Mid-Herts. Branch) and Mary Tyers (Durham Branch) were due to retire this year, the following nominations had been received:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Sandra Foxall (Cleveland Branch)	Mary Tyers	Andrew Short
Bryan Healing (North London Branch)	Mary Tyers	Andrew Short
Moira Usher (Suffolk Branch)	Members of Suffolk Branch	

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Sandra Foxall and Moira Usher.



**15. Any other business**

15.1 Helen Bennett (North London Branch) reminded Conference that, to comply with fire regulations, members who left a meeting before the end should quite properly record the fact in the register so that in the event of a body count such members are accounted for.

15.2 Dave Beare (Cumbria Branch) sought advice on obtaining the services of a new musical director. Marion Panzetta (Committee) suggested the branch contact Theo Wyatt who might be prevailed upon to give it a conducting course. Andrew Challinger (East Berks Branch) pointed out the inadvisability of having but a single conductor in a branch. It was AGREED that the Committee should discuss the matter at their next meeting.

The Conference closed at 15.20 hr.

*A.D. Short*  
*18 April 1999.*

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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1998

to be held at Truro School  
Trennick Lane, Truro, Cornwall

on Sunday, 19 April 1998, 10 o'clock for 10.30 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. To record with sorrow the death on 8 January 1998 of Sir Michael Tippett OM, President of the Society.
3. Minutes of last Conference
4. Matters arising
5. To ratify the Committee's nomination of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies as the new President of the Society
6. To ratify the Committee's nomination of Jeanne Dolmetsch as a Vice President of the Society.
7. Officers' Reports  
Secretary: Membership Secretary: Country & Overseas Secretary:  
Examination Secretary: Publicity Officer: Treasurer: Chairman.
8. Moeck/SRP Competition
9. *The Recorder Magazine*
10. The Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund
11. Future Festivals
12. Other SRP activities  
SRP Guides: Teachers' Guide
13. Resolutions to Conference  
Postal voting for elections: Committee membership (*see attached document*)
14. Election of Officers and Committee
15. Any other business

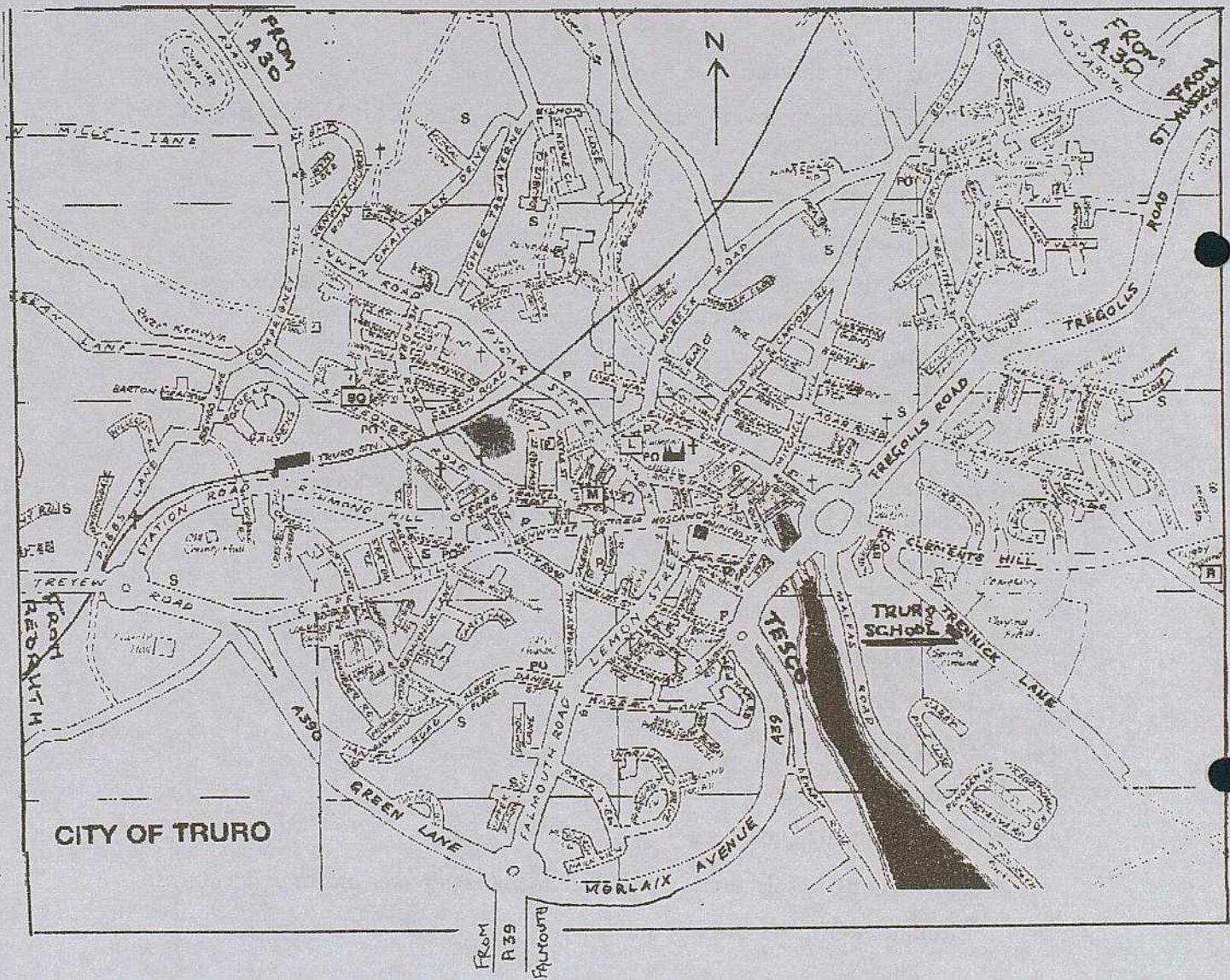
Any two members may make nominations for election of Officers and Committee by sending such nominations (proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, together with a short c.v. of the nominee) in writing to the Secretary not less than TWO WEEKS beforehand. Resolutions may be moved by any Branch which shall give notice thereof to the Secretary FOUR WEEKS beforehand.

Alistair Read  
(Hon Secretary)  
19 February 1998

A map of the Conference venue is overleaf.

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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

### AMENDMENT TO SOCIETY RULES

AS AGREED BY CONFERENCE 1998

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J Alistair Read  
Secretary  
11 May 1998

ADDENDUM No. 4 to *Rules 1995*



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS  
Registered Charity No. 282751

CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 1997

			1995/96
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		15,669.00	13,501
Festivals - St.Albans 1997		902.96	110
Alva			90
Royalties		14.08	13
Advertising			
CSRP Receipts - Fees	50.00		100
Expenses	85.35		14
Surplus		-35.35	85
Sales Notepaper & Rubber Stamps	12.00		20
Less Costs	124.52	-112.52	0
SRP Guides	23.75		58
Less Costs	0.00	23.75	11
Profit on Sales		-88.77	66
Interest Higher Rate Busines A/c	1548.99		1,643
less WBMF share	774.49	774.50	821
Business Premium A/c		2.14	18
Bradford & Bingley		6.08	1
Total Interest		782.72	841
Donations - Peter Roscoe's Music		52.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>17,296.64</u>	14,709
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Magazine		10,752.39	9,738
Annual Conference		1,792.87	3,937
Conductors Visits		1,319.10	1,269
Committee Expenses		555.19	454
Printing, Letterheads, M.Cards, M.List		592.43	
Postages, Phones, (inc COS)		515.32	640
Early Music Fair Expenses		208.20	313
Publicity Expenses		14.23	81
Internet Presence			
Web Space 1st year	233.82		
Modem, E-Mail	289.56	523.38	
Competition Account			
Adjudicators - 1997	1,500.00		750
Advertising	58.75		235
Cassette tapes & Recording	58.86		
Stationery, Printing	45.19		
Phones, Postages, Travel	78.34	1,741.14	171
Less Regn. Fee Income	550.00	1,191.14	0
Music Education Council			
Subscription	80.00		78
Meeting Expenses	12.10		31
Music For Youth Conference	0.00	92.10	109
Ex gratia payments - Newcastle '96 Festival		55.00	119
Mid Herts '97 Festival		450.00	
Alva		45.00	0
Sundry Expenses - Liability Insurance		156.00	179
Gift to Herbert Hersom		63.75	
Flowers for Carl Dolmetsch		33.00	
Donation to RSPB, Carl Dolmetsch		50.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>18,409.10</u>	17,999
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>		<u>1,112.46</u>	3,290



# WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account Year To 30th September 1997

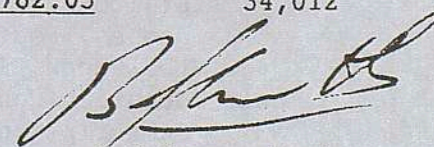
		1995/96
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	2,615.64	2,042
Sale of Goods	179.15	456
Royalties		
Share of HRBA Interest	774.49	821
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,569.28</b>	<b>3,320</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants	4,737.00	2,800
Erta-Yamaha Ensemble Competition Prize	500.00	
SRP-Moeck Competition Prize (from competition a/c)	400.00	
Postage	50.00	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,687.00</b>	<b>2,800</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>2,117.72</b>	<b>520</b>

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THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS  
Registered Charity No. 282751

Balance Sheet at 30th September 1997

		1996
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Central Fund at 30.9.96	15,310.18	18,600
Net Deficit on Central Fund	<u>1,112.46</u>	3,290
Central Fund at 30.9.97	14,197.72	15,310
Memorial Fund at 30.9.96	18,702.05	18,181
Net Deficit on Memorial Fund	<u>2,117.72</u>	520
Memorial Fund at 30.9.97	16,584.33	18,702
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>30,782.05</b>	<b>34,012</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	-1,160.89	673
Deposit Account	94.78	92
Business Premium a/c	30,737.92	32,188
Bradford & Bingley	531.24	561
Competition a/c	<u>353.66</u>	170
	30,556.71	33,686
Festival Float - Alva	200.00	200
Petty Cash	<u>25.34</u>	125
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>30,782.05</b>	<b>34,012</b>



B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

## Auditor's Report

I have examined the vouchers supplied, the records and the Bank Statements (with the exception of those relating to the Festivals) and I am satisfied that these accounts are a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year ended 30th September 1997,



R N Harrison (Hon Auditor)

9th April 1998





# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

## OFFICERS

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EXAMINATION SECRETARY	Anne Martin 8 Woodberry Close Chiddingfold Surrey GU8 4SF ☎ 01428 683854
PUBLICITY OFFICER	Bob Horsley 15 Palliser Road London W14 9EB ☎ 0171-385 7321 E-mail: secretary@srp.org.uk

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Rates of subscription per member to Central Funds from 01.10.98 are:

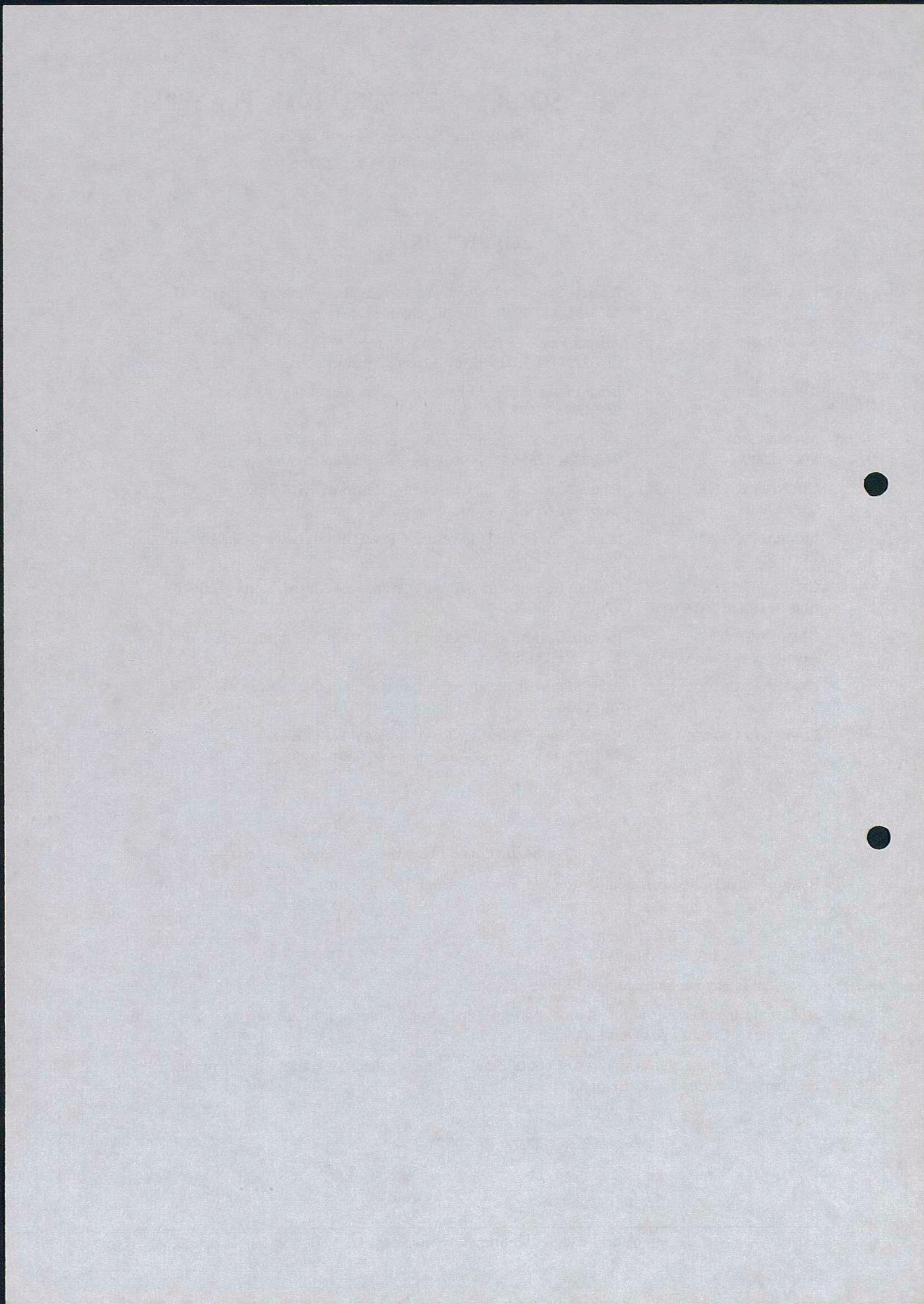
Ordinary	£12.00
Household*	£17.00
Student	£9.00

A student is anyone undergoing full-time education.

Household membership is for two or more persons at one address who are prepared to share one magazine. \* Country & Overseas members' rate is £12.

In addition to these subscriptions to Central Funds, Branches determine and collect from their members a contribution to Branch expenses.









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 18 April 1999

Millthorpe School, Nunthorpe Avenue, York YO1 2HB

### PRESENT:

#### Officers, Committee & Musical Advisers:

Andrew Short	Chairman	Angela Dumbreck	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Sandra Foxall	"
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Hilary Oliver	"
John Allen	Membership Secretary	Marion Panzetta	"
Emma Moore	Country/Overseas Sec	Jim Rowley	"
Patricia Davies	Competition Admin.	Moir Usher	"
Anne Martin	Examination Secretary	Alyson Lewin	MA on comte
Bob Horsley	Publicity Officer	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
Graham Danbury	Chairman, WBMF	Colin Martin	"
		Anthony Rowland-Jones	"

#### Branches

<i>Alfred</i> Birmingham	<i>Douglas Hawk</i> Jim Rowley	North Cotswold	Felix Jaffé
Bristol	Dick Little	North London	Bryan Healing
(Observers <i>Sylvia Davies</i> )	Susan Skinner	(Observer)	Mary Stallebrass
Cambridge	Charles Nisbet	Northampton	Sheila Marlow
Cleveland	Sandra Foxall	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
Cornwall	Sheila Wellman	Nuneaton	Philip Goode
Cumbria	David Beare	(Observers)	Vic Dyere &
(Observers)	Helen Beare &		Vivian Grubb)
	George Thorp)	Oxford	Gabriele Blanz
Devon	Jeanette Hipsey	Peterborough	Jan Theedom
Dorset	Mary Steele	(Observer)	Joan Lee)
East Berks	Andrew Challenger	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
(Observer)	Patsy Smith)	Sheffield	Peter Roscoe
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	Somerset	Sheila Dickens
Essex	Marion Panzetta	South Downs	Elizabeth Cheng
Glasgow	William McCormack	(Observer)	Phoebe Williams)
Guildford	Sue Pluthero	South London	Denis Bloodworth
(Observer)	Margaret Davies)	(Observers)	Paula Marsh &
Hillfoots	Margaret Simpson		Margaret Crocker)
Kent	Noreen Johnson	South Staffs	Alyson Lewin
Leicester	Sylvia Davidson	Suffolk	John Halliwell
		Warwick	Helen Jones
Lincoln	Paene Birch	Weald of Kent	Ursula Burchette
(Observer)	Anita Spencer)	Wessex	Ena Pick
London	Ann English	West Dorset	Mrs P M Solomon







Manchester	Nancy Blanshard	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Mid-Herts	Moira Fraser-Hook	York	Ros Self
Newcastle	Joan Brownlow	(Observer	John Murdie)
Norfolk	Jean Barber		

**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated York Branch organisers on a very successful Festival and on the Conference arrangements.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Paul Clark, Dick Coles, Evelyn Nallen, Madeline Seviour, Eileen Silcocks and Theo Wyatt (Officers/Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following Branches: Bath; Bedfordshire & North Herts.; and Durham.

2. **Minutes of last Conference**

2.1. Amendments/corrections:

2.1.1. *Amendment...* Minute 13.2 to read: "The Chairman announced that, in terms of Rule 5, as amended by this Conference, the Committee had nominated the following additional Officers for 1998-99: Examination Secretary, Anne Martin; Branch Review Editor, Madeline Seviour; Competition Administrator, Patricia Davies; Publicity Officer, Bob Horsley; Chairman of the Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund, Graham Danbury. Proposed by David Grosvenor, York Branch; seconded by David Beare, Cumbria Branch. Conference unanimously endorsed the nominations.

2.1.2. *Amendment...* Minute 14.1 to read: "Ena Pick (Wessex Branch)."

2.1.3. *Amendment...* Present: Alyson Lewin to read Musical Adviser on Committee.

2.2. Colin Martin (Musical Adviser) proposed and Nancy Blanshard (Manchester Branch) seconded the motion that the Minutes of Conference 1998 as amended be adopted as a fair record of those proceedings. Carried *nem con*.

3. There were no **Matters arising**.

4. **Additional Musical Adviser:** Conference was pleased to RATIFY Eileen Silcock's appointment as a Musical Adviser. Proposed by Bryan Healing (North London Branch); seconded by Alyson Lewin (Musical Adviser on Committee). Carried *nem con*.

5. **Election of Officers and Committee**

5.1 The Chairman said all officers, together with the Hon. Auditor, were willing to stand for re-election. Accordingly, they were proposed *en bloc* by Felix Jaffé (North Cotswold Branch), seconded by Marion Panzetta (Essex Branch) and ELECTED *nem con* by Conference for a further term of one year.

5.2 *Committee Members and Musical Adviser on Committee:* As Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall. Branch) and Marion Panzetta (Essex Branch) were due to retire this year, and Alyson Lewin as Musical Adviser on Committee, the following nominations had been received:

(Table appears on page 3)







1. Committee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Denis Bloodworth (South London)	Margaret Crocker	Paula Marsh
Felix Jaffé (North Cotswold)	Brian Fraser-Hook	Bob Horsley
Margaret Leach (Cornwall)	Angela Dumbreck	Alyson Lewin
Petrina Lodge (Cambridge)	Patricia Davies	Brian Fraser-Hook
Mary Steele (Wessex)	Ena Pick	Chris Burgess
2. Musical Adviser on Committee		
Paul Clark	Alistair Read	Alyson Lewin
Eileen Silcocks	Sandra Foxall	Hilary Oliver

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Denis Bloodworth (South London Branch) and Petrina Lodge (Cambridge Branch) to serve on the Committee for a term of three years. Paul Clark was elected to serve a similar term as Musical Adviser on Committee.

## 6. Officers' Reports.

The Chairman said that, in an attempt to speed up Conference proceedings, written Officers' Reports had been circulated at the festival the previous day. He also stressed that these reports constituted an integral part of the Minutes of Conference. Accordingly, delegates should hand these over to Branch Secretaries (if they were not themselves such officers). He then took questions from the floor.

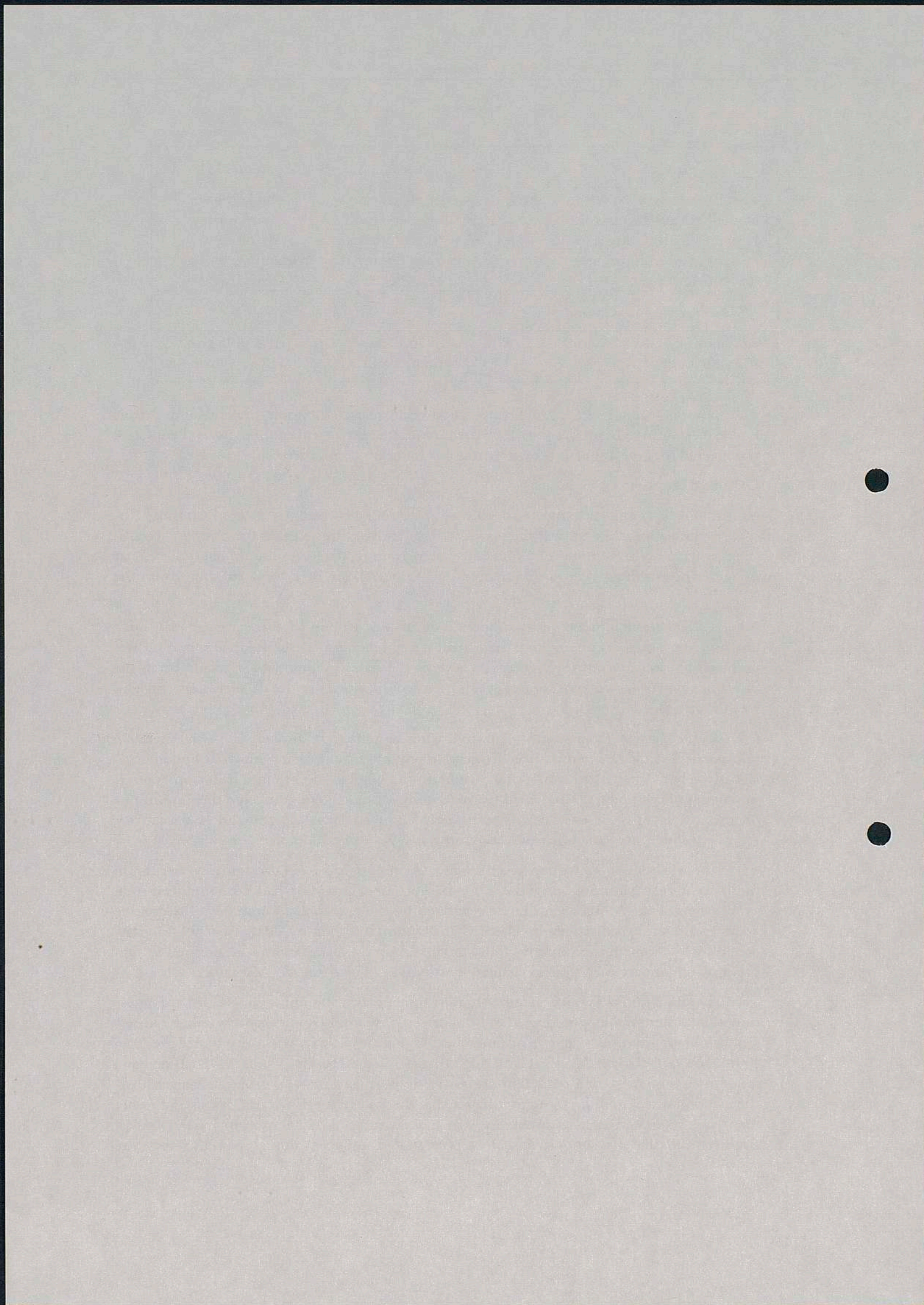
6.1 *The Secretary*, in answer to a query, said he was willing to distribute agendas, minutes and any other documentation via e-mail if any branch so wished. He also said he was prepared to circulate future Officers' Reports to delegates by post which would be in the order of two weeks before Conference. There would, however, be an increased cost element for postage.

6.2 *The Treasurer* responded to the following enquiries: In answer to Sheila Wellman (Cornwall Branch), he said that the Society or any branches holding funds in building societies likely to convert to bank status would not be eligible to vote in a ballot on conversion being of corporate status. David Beare (Cumbria Branch) congratulated the Committee on the low level of its expenses. David Beare (Cumbria Branch) proposed and Ena Pick (Wessex Branch) seconded that the Accounts for 1997-98 be adopted. Carried *nem con*.

6.3 *The Membership Secretary* said that since his report had been written membership in the current year was now only nine less than last year. He said he had now prepared fresh proof pages of the Membership List, occasioned by the revision of a number of telephone codes and requested that they be checked and returned to him by 30 April 1999. He reiterated for the benefit of Conference that membership list changes must be notified to him on or by 31 January each year to facilitate distribution of *The Recorder Magazine*.

The Chairman said that once membership list became available on a CD-ROM the question of commercial sale would need to be addressed. He pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain a written waiver from members giving the Society authority under the Data Protection Act. Charles Nisbet (Cambridge Branch) wished to know whether such revenue raised would be used for a reduction of subscriptions or used on new projects. Marion Panzetta (Committee) said she thought it better that the Society obtained cash for its List rather than have it pirated as it undoubtedly was at present. Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser) said that he supported such a project if it reduced annual subscriptions. The







Chairman confirmed that the matter would be referred to the Committee for further discussion.

6.6 *Competition Administrator:* Patricia said she had nothing to add to her written report other than that the 1999 Moeck/SRP Competition Prizewinner's Concert would be held at the Wigmore Hall, London, on 25 February 2000. Details would be circulated nearer the time. The Chairman said that there had been no further contact between the Society and Ut Orpheus Edizioni.

6.7 *Branch Review Editor:* The following points were raised following perusal of Madeline's report. Mary Steele (Dorset Branch) thought it a pity that branch meeting dates could not be listed in *The Recorder Magazine*. The Secretary said that space would be a considerable problem. He also said that two attempts to obtain such information from branches had met with a poor response. Marion Panzetta (Committee) pointed out that anyone requiring information about meetings of a particular branch had only to telephone its secretary. Anne Martin (Examination Secretary) reminded Conference that copy dates should be heeded. They are as follows: Spring issue, 1 January; Summer issue, 1 April; Autumn issue, 1 June; and Winter issue, 1 October. Andrew Challinger (E Berks Branch) asked for clarification as to how often material should be submitted for inclusion and was advised that branches could submit whatever and whenever they wished, although space was the ruling factor in what was included and what not. The Membership Secretary confirmed that delays or non-delivery of the magazine should always be notified to him.

6.8 *Publicity Officer:* There were no matters arising from Bob's report. He mentioned that national publicity had been given to the recorder in two recent broadcasts of 'You and Yours' on BBC Radio 4. Anne Martin (Examination Secretary) said she would like to use the opportunity to tell Conference of Harry Prosser's death. Harry, a member of Guildford and South London Branches, had been a regular attender at courses, festivals and conferences for many years.

6.9 *Chairman, Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund:* Although there were no direct points in connection with Graham Danbury's written report, Conference was asked by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee to consider raising funds for the WBMF by including a donation line on future annual subscription renewal forms. He added that the Committee is considering using its discretion to split profits from future festivals, playing days, etc., three ways (one-third each to branch, central funds and WBMF.) Graham Danbury confirmed to Jeanette Hipsey (Devon Branch) that legacies and covenants were still welcome and that forms were available from him. He also confirmed to Roy Corbishley (West Riding Branch) that the Fund was happy to take second-hand recorders which would either be distributed to applicants to the Fund or sold through the Early Music Shop.

6.10 *The Chairman* had nothing to add to his report apart from reporting that a dossier was being compiled against the day the Charity Commissioners got round to investigating the Society's charitable status. He urged branches to let him have details of their activities that were additional to routine periodic meetings. In answer to question he gave his opinion that charitable activity is likely to mean public good rather than benefits to members.

## **7. Future Festivals**

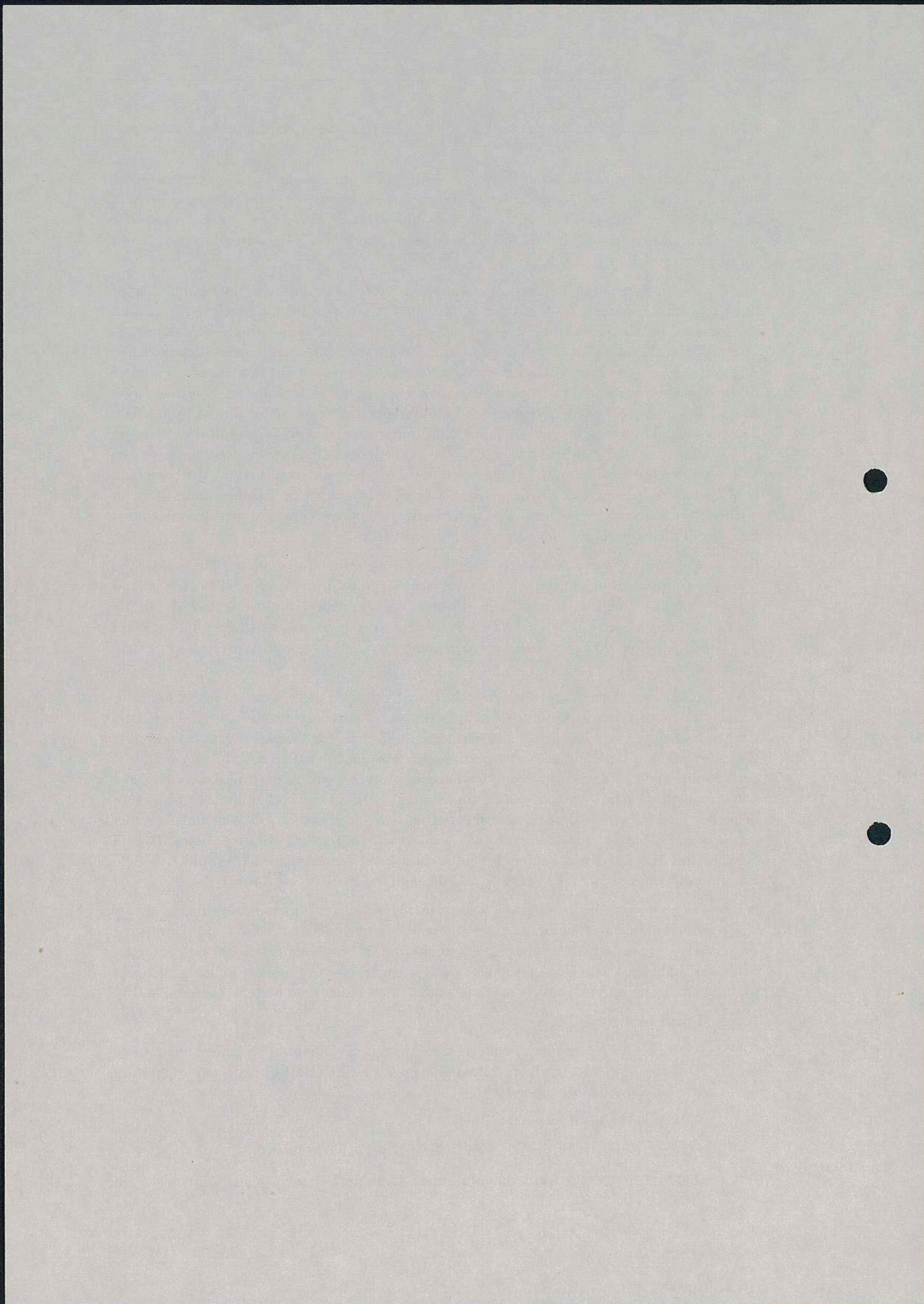
7.1 Moira Usher (Committee) said the festival/conference would be held at Felixstowe on 29/30 April 2000 and that plans were going ahead. She said she expected application forms to be distributed in October 1999.

7.2 Subsequent festivals were as follows:

2001: Bristol & Bath Branches on 7/8 April, probably at Bristol.

2002: Anne Martin said the officers of Guildford Branch (with assistance from







South London Branch) were prepared to recommend that the Branch make an offer but this was subject to confirmation.

2003: Manchester

2004: Wessex

8. There were no **Resolutions to Conference**

9. **Any other business**

9.1 David Beare said he was having problems with Barclays Bank with regard to charges, and its refusal to recognise charitable status and to pay interest. The Treasurer undertook to write to the local branch of Barclays. He stressed that all branches should enjoy banking benefits that charitable status gave, such as tax-free gross interest and no charges (if in credit!)

9.2 Joan Brownlow said Newcastle Branch would be celebrating its Golden Jubilee with a playing day on 16 October 1999.

9.3 Marion Panzetta (Committee) suggested that a database should be set up recording the existence of sets of music that would be available for loan to branches. She said she thought it a pity that such sets as came into the Society's hands for sale should be broken up. Although Paul Clark had circulated a list, it was now some 15 years old. Anne Martin wondered whether an updated list could be put in out on the Website. The Chairman said that this is desirable but would require a skilled person to offer a significant amount of work.

9.4 Patricia Davies (Competition Administrator) asked if nominations for the Committee and Musical Advisers on Committee could be circulated prior to Conference. The Secretary said he was prepared to do so and thought they could be distributed with Officers' Reports to Conference. For obvious reasons, this could not be done at the time the agenda was despatched but he thought two weeks before Conference would be adequate time. Again, there was a cost implication. The Chairman said the Committee would need to consider again the deadlines for submission of nominations and Resolutions.

9.5 Eileen Finlayson (Edinburgh Branch) said that this year the Scottish (Alva) Festival would be held on 12 June 1999. The Chairman added that Alec Loretto (New Zealand recorder maker) would be lecturing in Edinburgh on 12 July 1999 in honour of Brian Bon-sor.

9.6 Peter Sturgeon (Nottinghamshire Branch) proposed a vote of thanks to the Officers and Committee for their efforts on behalf of the Society. Seconded by Ena Pick (Wessex Branch).

The Conference closed at 11.55 hr.

*A.D. Short*  
*30 April 2000*





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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

### 1999 ADDENDUM TO PANEL OF VISITING CONDUCTORS

#### New appointment

DOPADLIK Adam J GRSM, DipRCM LTCL DipAdvStudyRCM

12 Laxton Avenue, Hardwick, Cambs. CB3 7XL

☎ 01954 211194 Mobile 07775 861227

Studied at recorder the Royal College of Music with Ross Winters, graduating with an honours degree in 1983 and, in the following year, was awarded both an Advanced Certificate in Performance and the Diploma of the RCM(Teachers.) Since leaving RCM I have built a flourishing teaching practice in Cambridge where appointments include St John's College School and the Perse School for Girls. In addition to performing regularly both freelance and with my two ensembles, Fitzwilliam Baroque and Hobson's Choice, I enjoy adjudicating, writing reviews and arranging music.

#### Alteration to telephone code (with effect from 01.06.99)

BLOODWORTH Denis (020) 8399 8459

CAMPBELL Paula (020) 8769 0979

COLLIS (020) 8422 1183

HUNT Edgar (020) 8810 9739

WYATT Theo (020) 8540 2708

#### Amendment to telephone number

AYRE Alex *should read* 01494 775969

24.04.99









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

## Treasurer's Report

Annual Conference York 18th April 1999

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

#### CENTRAL FUND

I am pleased to report that we made a **surplus** of £3,266 for the year; this is some £2,100 more than I predicted at the Truro conference and is, in the main, due to a number of relatively small variations in the items forecast.

You will see in the accompanying audited accounts that Income for the year totalled £19,462. Subscription income of £18,262 was up by £2,593 on the previous year, Bank Interest received was £928 and Aberdeen's Festival at Alva in 1997 produced a surplus of £231.

Expenditure amounted to £16,195 and the main items were the cost of the Magazine at £10,443, Conductors' visits totalled £1,614 and delegates' expenses to the Conference at Truro amounted to £2,055. I have not yet received the final accounts from Truro but there will be a further charge of £240 to cover the cost of conference hall and delegates' lunches which will now be included in the 1998-99 accounts.

Other notable items of expenditure were Committee Expenses at £429, Printing, Phones and Postages at £450, Early Music Fair at £174 and Publicity and Internet Presence was £445. CSRP, SRP-Moeck Competition and Music Education Council cost a further £327 and the Liability Insurance premium was £216. This figure included an ex-gratia payment to the Irish branch to help with their separate insurance.

As a result of these figures the Society's reserves have now been increased to £17,464 at the 30th September 1998.

#### WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

Total income for the year was £3,495. This mainly comprised of donations to the fund totalling £2,570 of which £649 was donated in memory of **Herbert Hersom**. Other income was the share of Bank Interest at £915 and £10 from sale of goods. Expenditure was £3,900 by way of individual grants and a £500 prize for the Yamaha-Erta Ensemble Competition. This resulted in a deficit of £404 for the year and reduced the fund's reserves to £16,179.

That concludes my summary of the audited accounts for the year to 30th September 1998 and I wish to thank Robert Harrison for having taken the time to examine these accounts and their supporting documents and to certify them as a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year.

#### THE CURRENT YEAR

There is always an element of risk attached to forecasting the year-end figures half way through the year. I had expected an increased expenditure during the current year in connection with the SRP-Moeck competition and the Early Music Fair but, on the basis of the year-to-date figures and a reduction in the anticipated cost of the competition, I feel fairly confident that we should achieve a small surplus for the year to 30th September 1999.



**THE CURRENT YEAR**

INCOME	YEAR-TO-DATE	YEAR'S FORECAST
Subscriptions	17678	18000
Festival Surplus - ROX for Alva 1998	243	243
- COR for Truro 1998	0	585
Bank Interest	386	700
Total	18307	19528

**EXPENDITURE**

Magazine	2605	10581
Annual Conference 1998	0	240
Annual Conference 1999	0	2500
Conductors Visits	711	1600
Committee Expenses	572	572
Printing & Stationery, including Member List	331	650
Phones & Postages	247	500
Early Music Fair	179	250
Publicity	8	50
Internet Presence	446	450
CSRP	0	50
Competition Account	0	500
Music Education Council	102	150
Ex-Gratia Payment - ABE for Alva 1997	115	115
Ex-Gratia Payment - ROX for Alva 1998	122	122
Ex-Gratia Payment - COR for Truro 1998	0	293
Liability Insurance	0	225
Data Protection Agency	70	70
Total	5508	18918

**OUTLOOK**

There will be no competition in the year 1999-2000 so, provided the level of income holds up and that there are no unforeseen calls on the funds, we should achieve a surplus in that year also.

I therefore see no reason at this stage to recommend any change to the rates of subscription or reimbursement.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

1. **Subscriptions** have still not been received from **Hillfoots, Newcastle and West Dorset**. These are now very overdue.
2. **Branch Accounts** for the year ended 1998 have not been received from **Dorset, Hillfoots, Northampton and Somerset**. It is important that these branches comply with the Society's rules and send me a copy of their accounts as soon as possible.

That concludes my report on the Society's accounts.

B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer



**THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS**  
Registered Charity No. 282751

**CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS**

Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 1998

			<u>1996/97</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions	18,262.40		15,669
Festivals - Truro			902
Alva 1997 (Aberdeen Branch)	231.14		0
Royalties	7.85		14
Advertising			
SRP Guides			
Sales	0.00		23
Less Costs	0.00	0.00	0
Interest Higher Rate Busines A/c	1830.04		1,548
less WBMF share	915.02	915.02	774
Business Premium A/c		3.13	2
Bradford & Bingley		9.96	6
Total Interest	928.11		782
Donations - Peter Roscoe's Music	33.00		52
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>19,462.50</b>		<b>17,296</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Magazine	10,443.28		10,752
Annual Conference (delegates expenses only)	2,055.85		1,792
Conductors Visits	1,614.09		1,319
Committee Expenses	429.28		555
Printing, Stationery, M.Cards, M.List	161.85		592
Less Sales to Branches	3.00	158.85	12
Phones & Postages		291.74	515
Early Music Fair Expenses		173.90	208
Publicity Expenses		34.01	14
Internet Presence			
Web Space 2nd year	293.75		233
U-Net Subscription	117.50	411.25	523
CSRP			
Expenses	73.44		85
Less Receipts - Fees	25.00		50
Net Cost		48.44	35
Competition Account			
Adjudicators			1,500
Advertising			58
Cassette tapes & Recording			58
Stationery, Printing Etc.	74.28		45
Travel, Refreshments	65.18		
Phones, Postages	89.73	229.19	1,741
Less Regn. Fee Income	0.00	229.19	1,191
Music Education Council			
Subscription	90.00		80
Meeting Expenses			12
Music For Youth Conference	0.00	90.00	92
Ex gratia payments		0.00	505
Alva		0.00	45
Sundry Expenses - Liability Insurance	216.00		156
Gifts & Donations	0.00		146
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,195.88</b>		<b>18,409</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>3,266.62</b>		<b>-1,112</b>



# WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account Year To 30th September 1998

		1996/97
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	1,920.35	2,615
Sale of Goods	10.50	179
Donations in Memory of Herbert Hersom	649.60	
Share of HRBA Interest	915.02	774
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,495.47</b>	<b>3,569</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants	3,400.00	4,737
Yamaha-Erta Ensemble Competition Prize	500.00	500
SRP-Moeck Competition Prize (from competition a/c)	0.00	400
Postage	0.00	50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,900.00</b>	<b>5,687</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>404.53</b>	<b>2,117</b>

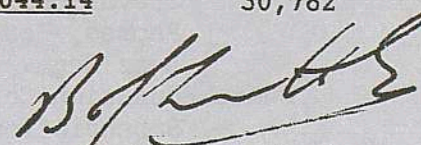
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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

Balance Sheet at 30th September 1998

			1997
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Central Fund at 30.9.97	14,197.72		15,310
Net Surplus on Central Fund	3,266.62		1,112
<b>Central Fund at 30.9.98</b>		<b>17,464.34</b>	<b>14,197</b>
Memorial Fund at 30.9.97	16,584.33		18,702
Net Deficit on Memorial Fund	404.53		2,117
<b>Memorial Fund at 30.9.98</b>		<b>16,179.80</b>	<b>16,584</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>33,644.14</b>	<b>30,782</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Cash at Bank</b>			
Current Account	930.35		-1,160
Deposit Account	109.91		94
Business Premium a/c	31,567.96		30,737
Bradford & Bingley	481.20		531
Competition a/c	124.29		353
		<b>33,213.71</b>	<b>30,556</b>
<b>Festival Float - Alva '98</b>		<b>200.00</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Festival Float - Truro '98</b>		<b>200.00</b>	
Petty Cash (Comp = 17.77, CSRP =12.66)		30.43	25
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>33,644.14</b>	<b>30,782</b>

  
B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

### Auditor's Report

I have examined the vouchers, records and Bank Statements and certify that these accounts are a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year ended 30th September 1998.



R N Harrison (Hon Auditor)

12th March 1999



## SECRETARY'S REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

18 April 1999

The past year has kept me busy: 27 unsolicited enquiries via mail, e-mail and telephone. This figure represents much the same level as previous years and frequently involved liaison with our musical directors whose specialist knowledge has helped me tremendously. Thank you one and all. The amount of preparatory and post-committee and conference work continued to grow. September 1998 saw the commencement of the new edition of the *Panel of Visiting Conductors*. A review of this project will be covered in next year's report. Queries from branch secretaries have continued—and are welcomed. I am pleased to note that more now telephone rather than write, which gives me a better opportunity to get to know people and, hopefully, give more immediate assistance wherever possible.

Whilst I am pleased to report to Conference that, for the period under review, the Society has not lost any of its branches, neither has it attracted any new ones. Of our branches, 38 availed themselves of the services of a pastoral visitor. This is an increase of two over the previous financial year and represents a continued growth of this popular service to branches. Although on a couple of occasions I needed to give branches guidance, I am pleased to report that I have not needed to deny any branch its request for a specific conductor. I hope that branches will continue to exercise their common-sense when inviting conductors to obviate long journeys on the part of conductors and cost to central funds.

The use of e-mail and the Website for advertising is continuing to grow but only very slowly. I do commend to branches—and officers—its use as a means of communication, most especially to advertise branch activities. I am always heartened when e-mail correspondents refer to having obtained information from the Website.

A note for the near future. As you may know, in its wisdom Oftel has decided that a number of centres in England and Northern Ireland should have fresh telephone codes (again!) which will be phased in with effect from 1 June 1999. The three London branches, (including those home counties' branches who have members with 0171/0181 telephone numbers); Nuneaton Branch and, to a lesser extent, Warwick and Wessex Branches should advise John Allen, the Membership Secretary, of number changes *as soon as possible* so that a new Membership List can be published.

Alistair Read  
07.04.99





## Country and Overseas Secretary Annual Report for 1998/99

The table below shows the current breakdown of Country and Overseas (COS) membership, compared with the same position last year:

**Membership Figures**

Location	April 1998	April 1999
UK	169	179
Rest of Europe	22	21
Rest of World	23	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>216</b>

This table shows that overall membership has remained fairly static during my first year as COS Secretary. However, the above table does show a slight decline in European and World membership. 15 COS members are students and 49 are in family membership (compared with 30 and 35 respectively in 97/98). There are also 4 life members.

There have been 36 membership losses during 98/99 which have been for the following reasons:

- 2 transfers to other branches
- 3 resignations
- 30 lapsed members (through non-payment of subscription)
- 1 death

30 members did not renew their membership, despite being sent three renewal letters. However, these losses have been offset by 38 new members who have joined the branch this year.

Over the past year, the COS membership records have been loaded onto a database, which will make administration of the branch easier in future. A Website has also been set up for the COS branch, giving details of members' events and interests (address: <http://ds.dial.pipex.com/town/drive/yy90>). E-mail is proving to be an increasingly popular form of contact, particularly for overseas enquiries.

Emma Moore

Country and Overseas Secretary



## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, YORK 1999

1. As can be seen from the accompanying table, membership has stabilised after last year's decline. The final figure for 1997-98 was 1645, representing a drop of 74 on the previous year. This year we have 1633 members to date, only 12 less than last year. In more detail, 17 branches have gained 64 members (last year 17 gained 55), 25 branches have lost 76 (last year 28 lost 130) while 7 branches show no change (last year, 4). It seems likely therefore that the increase in subscriptions was the main reason for last year's decline. Branches showing significant growth this year include Cambridge, Cornwall, Cumbria, Guildford, Nuneaton and South Staffordshire.

2. The new Address List is normally distributed at this meeting. It is not possible to do so this year for a number of reasons mostly relating to the early date of this year's Conference in relation to the time required by the lengthy production process. I would nevertheless like to thank all those branch officers who responded promptly to my request for corrected returns. The delay, however, gives us the opportunity to include the new telephone numbers for members in Cardiff, Coventry, London, Northern Ireland, Portsmouth and Southampton which can be used from 1 June 1999 (although the change over does not take place until 22 April 2000). I therefore take this opportunity to circulate lists of members of branches for final proof reading.

3. Consequent upon the untimely demise of Theo's Amstrad, the list of members has been converted to PC format under MS WORD 97 and could therefore be made available on floppy disc to authorised persons (and ultimately on CD-ROM?)

4. As usual, I have supplies of membership cards available for collection after the meeting.

John Allen



**Society of Recorder Players; Examination Secretary's Report 1999**

There has been a steady interest in the C.S.R.P. over the last year. Four candidates are currently actively preparing for the certificate, with one practical examination arranged for this coming July. The Examination Secretary is very grateful for the assistance given by SRP branches in arranging examinations.

The examination syllabus and application form has been updated. Copies are available from the Examination Secretary. Committee members have also attended full council meetings of the M.E.C. ( Music Education Council) on behalf of the Examination Secretary and the Society.

A. Martin





## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Michael Tippett

Registered Charity No. 282751

### Report to Society of Recorder Players Annual Conference 1999

The 1999 Moeck/Society of Recorder Players Solo Recorder Playing Competition is underway with twenty three entries from seven different countries - nine from Britain, five from Germany, four from Denmark and one each from Israel, Spain, Sweden and Australia. Eighteen of the competitors are female - only four men are involved! The chair of this year's adjudicators, Walter van Hauwe, who is presently adjudicating the first round cassettes, will be joined by Piers Adams and Jean McCreery to adjudicate the final recitals, which will take place at the International Exhibition of Early Music in London on Sunday 31st October 1999. Once again, the first prize will consist of a recital at the Wigmore Hall, £500 and a commemorative scroll - all donated by Moeck, and cash prizes to a maximum of £400 to other finalists - donated by the Walter Bergmann Memorial Fund of the Society of Recorder Players.

At the 1998 International Exhibition of Early Music in London, the Society of Recorder Players was approached by the Italian publishing company Ut Orpheus Edizioni with regard to the joint organisation of an international ensemble competition to take place biannually, beginning in the year 2000. Meetings and correspondence have taken place and some plans drawn up but, as yet, no firm commitment has been made by either party involved.

Patricia Davies  
Competition Administrator



## BRANCH REVIEW EDITOR'S REPORT FOR SRP CONFERENCE

The September 1998 issue was unusual in having very little space for branch reports. We had a profile of our new President, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (with photograph), Herbert Hersom's obituary (with photograph), a report on the Festival at Truro (with photograph), and a report of the Conference. One branch objected to branch reports being dropped in September; another was disappointed that material submitted for September and not used was not included in December. I felt that with the Magazine going to press two months before publication, any news held over would be very dated by the time it appeared; in any case, there was sufficient new material to fill our space for December. Those branches who submit reports only once a year are advised to avoid the September (or 'Autumn') issue, as this will usually be the issue in which Festival and Conference reports appear, with reduced space for branch news.

There have been some problems with the layout and appearance of our pages. Computer technology enables print-size to be manipulated, and on occasions reduced to an unacceptable size. I have expressed concern to the Editor about this, and about the occasional inclusion in our pages of paid advertisements.

Despite the SRP's reservations, the Magazine is now published as Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter. My copy dates remain 1st July, 1st October, 1st January and 1st April. Could I remind those submitting news to bear in mind the gap between copy dates and publication, and avoid writing in the future tense about events that will be history by the time the Magazine appears.

I now have an e-mail address which those branches with access to e-mail are encouraged to use ([srpnews@argonet.co.uk](mailto:srpnews@argonet.co.uk)) - needless to say, contributions in any format - typed, word-processed, hand-written (preferably legibly) are always welcome.



PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT TO  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 18 APRIL 1999

During the past year the Publicity Officer has dealt with enquiries arriving by post, e-mail and telephone concerning SRP membership. As usual, individual branches apparently have their own publicity arrangements, as I have very few requests for new supplies of publicity leaflets.

The SRP will have a stand at the Early Music Exhibition in October as we did last year. Although actual results in the shape of membership increase were not greatly apparent last year it is felt by the Committee that the SRP should have a representation at such an exhibition. This year we hope to share a room with a well-known publisher of recorder music, thus combining two like interests.

Once more stress should be laid on the advisability of branches using the Website to advertise meetings and so on—our Website Editor is Eileen Silcocks who should be contacted in this connection.

Bob Horsley

(Bob Horsley)



WALTER BERGMANN MEMORIAL FUND

REPORT TO SRP CONFERENCE on

18th April 1999

The Fund continues to receive a substantial number of applications for assistance from deserving young recorder players. Our current policy is to approve grants where we are satisfied that there is a genuine financial need and that the grant is requested for a suitable purpose. Many applicants want assistance with the purchase of relatively expensive recorders and we often recommend applicants to consider the purchase of a good second-hand recorder instead. We usually make any grant for the purchase of a recorder conditional on the applicant satisfying us that the balance of the price is available so that the instrument can actually be bought.

We will continue to support the ERTA/Yamaha and Moeck/SRP Competitions. We are aware that many school recorder groups lack the funds to purchase tenor and bass recorders and we are exploring the possibility of acquiring a few of each to be lent out for fixed periods to help such groups and their players to develop.

We are aware that many younger applicants will know little or nothing about Walter and his contributions to the recorder and we are working on producing publicity material explaining the history and purposes of the Fund which will also provide publicity for the Society.

The Committee realise that we are at the moment spending more than we are earning, which is a situation which cannot continue indefinitely. We do welcome support from individuals or Branches. The Charity Commission is embarking on a review of all charities to see if they deserve to maintain this special status and it is clear that they will be looking in particular at the extent to which the charity does provide a public benefit as distinct simply from providing benefits for its own members. The Committee feel that the Fund is one of the areas where the Society is genuinely providing benefits for non-members and therefore it is important that the Fund is able to continue to make grants and give other assistance to young recorder players.

Graham Danbury,  
Chairman.



## **SRP Annual Conference 1999 - Chairman's report**

My main duty is, of course, to chair Committee meetings and Conference. I also deal with correspondence concerning general Society policy issues. Where an issue of general interest is raised in a letter from a Branch, the Committee response is normally recorded in the Minutes for wide circulation. In the past year, as in previous years, there have been a few letters critical of the level of Central subscription, sometimes questioning particular items of expenditure. These issues are aired regularly in most Conferences and elsewhere, so the senders of such letters now normally receive an individual reply. I am happy to report also that many letters express appreciation of the work of Officers and Committee. I thank those Branches and members who have contributed to the dossier of information that we shall use to justify our charitable status when that is reviewed, and ask that these contributions should keep coming. Like most of those who contribute to the Society by taking Branch or National office, I firmly believe that the Society has an important missionary and educational role, and we should retain our charitable status as a public acknowledgement of that.

I am consulted fairly regularly by Officers and others in the course of their Society work, and occasionally join in external negotiations when the relevant Officer thinks that appropriate. Such matters are dealt with in other reports to this Conference.

Andrew Short



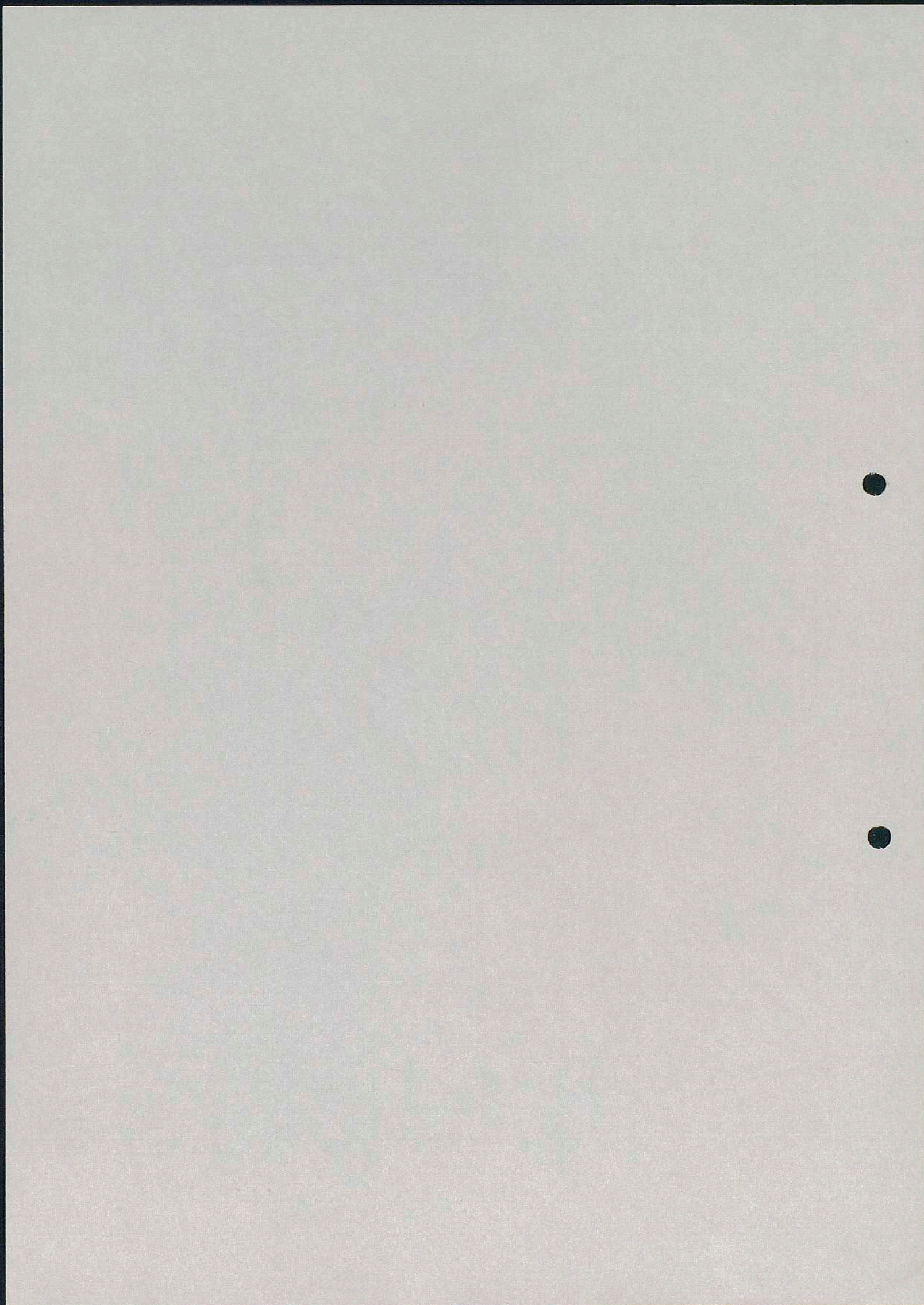




*SRP Membership*  
1979 - 1999

	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	
ABE	36	25	28	25	21	25	19	24	29	25	28	32	32	26	26	24	23	27	23	22	ABE
AYR					18	14	15	12	7	12	14	4	5	11	4						AYR
BTH	11	11				20	23	30	32	33	30	30	28	28	28	29	34	31	32	31	BTH
BNH	31	31	33	33	48	37	31	28	34	27	43	34	30	28	29	32	31	32	25	26	BNH
BIR	61	58	63	60	48	42	39	37	37	33	39	36	43	38	35	35	41	41	40	39	BIR
BRI	49	43	41	44	40	26	33	36	36	44	45	42	41	48	47	38	40	44	50	54	BRI
CAM	62	43	36	34	37	36	30	35	42	53	44	46	41	36	30	31	32	33	28	36	CAM
CHG				29	29	39	35	34	34	40	36	34	30	28	24	36	33	36	32	25	CHG
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GLA	30	32	35	30	21	19	16	20	18	14	15	15	16	16	26	26	27	23	19	19	GLA
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MAN	47	54	55	57	35	36	35	39	32	36	39	43	43	44	40	42	43	47	39	39	MAN
MDH	52	65	53	56	54	58	57	53	51	51	56	58	66	75	70	77	82	78	76	68	MDH
MLK	27	24	19	14																	MLK
NEW	23	21	22	19	19	18	20	18	17	20	21	16	15	17	22	18	21	26	19	18	NEW
NFK	41	47	45	43	47	36	35	36	36	46	39	41	46	48	42	45	45	48	48	46	NFK
NTN	45	47	31	34	32	44	46	34	35	35	31	39	35	35	38	38	37	38	36	36	NTN
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WAR	15	17	19	20	20	18	18	15	19	20	23	23	23	24	23	21	19	21	26	26	WAR
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WSX												22	20	28	30	33	42	43	39	35	WSX
WDO	18	22	22	23	25	24	23	28	29	37	31	31	32	28	24	26	23	21	18	17	WDO
WRI	48	46	39	41	49	46	46	51	49	50	51	45	50	45	49	46	42	34	39	35	WRI
WSF									16	17	18	18	13	16	13						WSF
YOR																13	16	16	12	9	YOR
COS	194	195	181	182	163	161	136	149	193	194	205	215	210	238	221	237	245	238	220	212	COS
TOTAL	1463	1556	1582	1570	1536	1517	1524	1545	1562	1642	1623	1631	1613	1691	1673	1701	1713	1719	1645	1636	TOTAL
No.Br.	35	39	40	41	41	42	43	45	46	47	47	47	48	50	50	49	49	49	49	49	No.Br.









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1999

to be held at Millthorpe School  
Nunthorpe Avenue, York YO1 2HB

on Sunday, 18 April 1999, 9.30 a.m. for 10 o'clock

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last Conference (19 April 1998).  
*Add Minute 14.3* The Chairman announced that, in terms of Rule 5, as amended by this Conference, the Committee had nominated the following additional Officers for 1998-99: Examination Secretary, Ann Martin; Branch Review Editor, Madeline Seviour; Competition Administrator, Patricia Davies; Publicity Officer, Bob Horsley; Chairman of Walter Bergmann Fund Sub-Committee, Graham Danbury. Conference unanimously endorsed the nominations.
3. Matters arising
4. Ratification of appointment to Panel of Visiting Conductors (Eileen Silcocks)
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Discuss Officers' Reports  
Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Country & Overseas Secretary; Examination Secretary; Competition Administrator; Branch Review Editor; Publicity Officer; Chairman, WBMF; Chairman.
7. Future Festivals
8. Resolutions to Conference
9. Any other business

Any two members may make nominations for election of Officers and Committee by sending such nominations (proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, together with a short c.v. of the nominee) in writing to the Secretary not less than FOUR WEEKS beforehand. Resolutions may be moved by any Branch which shall give notice thereof to the Secretary FOUR WEEKS beforehand. Any branch unable to send a representative to the Annual Conference shall be entitled to claim a postal vote on the election of Officers and Committee Members only. A request for a postal vote form and list of nominations, with a stamped self-addressed envelope, must be received by the Secretary not less than THREE WEEKS before the Annual Conference.

Alistair Read  
(Hon Secretary)  
17 February 1999

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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 30 April 2000

Deben High School, Garrison Lane, Felixstowe IP11 7RF

### PRESENT:

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

Andrew Short	Chairman	Petrina Lodge	Committee
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Hilary Oliver	"
John Allen	Membership Secretary	Jim Rowley	"
Patricia Davies	Competition Admin.	Paul Clark	MA on comte
Anne Martin	Examination Secretary	Brian Bonsor	Musical Adviser
Bob Horsley	Publicity Officer	Colin Martin	"
Graham Danbury	Chairman, WBMF	Alyson Lewin	"
Madeline Seviour	Branch Review Editor	Anthony Rowland-Jones	"
Denis Bloodworth	Committee		

#### *Branches*

Aberdeen	Douglas Haston	Mid-Herts	Moir Fraser-Hook
Bath	Brenda Hollis	Newcastle	Harriet Gilfillan
Birmingham	Jim Rowley	Norfolk	Audrey Illingworth
Bristol	Sylvia Davies	North Cotswold	Rosemary McClenaghan
Cambridge	Geraldine Owst	North London	Carin Wilkinson
Cornwall	Lydia Holmes	(Observer	Mary Stallebrass)
(Observer	Angela Dumbreck)	Northampton	Sheila Marlow
Cumbria	David Beare	Nottingham	Peter Sturgeon
(Observer	Helen Beare)	Nuneaton	Philip Goode
Devon	Jeanette Hipsey	(Observers	Vivian Grubb)
Dorset	Mary Steele	Peterborough	Jan Theedom
Durham	Caroline Melody	(Observer	Joan Lee)
East Berks	Andrew Challinger	Roxburgh	Mary Bonsor
(Observer	Mary Melliush)	South Downs	Phoebe Williams
Edinburgh	Eileen Finlayson	(Observer	John Williams)
Essex	Marion Panzetta	South London	Margaret Crocker
Glasgow	Ethel Allen	(Observer	Paula Marsh)
Guildford	Margaret Davies	South Staffs	Alyson Lewin
(Observer	Rosemary Whisson)	Suffolk	W Longley
Isle of Man	Suzanne Rose	Weald of Kent	Ursula Burchette
Kent	Helen Taylor	(Observer	Anne Trevillion)
(Observer	Margaret Brook)	Wessex	Ena Pick
Leicester	Sylvia Davidson	West Riding	Roy Corbishley
Lincoln	Anita Spencer	York	Matthew Taylor
Manchester	Margaret Shearing	(Observers	David & Anne Grosvenor)



**The Chairman** welcomed the Committee and Delegates to the Conference and congratulated Suffolk Branch on the success of the Festival.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Edgar Hunt, Emma Moore, Layton Ring, Theo Wyatt and Alistair Read (Officers/Committee and Musical Advisers); and from the following branches: Bedfordshire & North Herts, Hillfoots, Warwick, London and West Dorset.

The deaths were noted of La Noue Davenport (Vice-President), Dick Coles (Musical Adviser), Ken Kenworthy (Former Secretary and Magazine Editor, COS), George Moscrop (COS), Harry Whitcut (Treasurer, Cumbria), Ernest Rogers (Edinburgh) and Laurie Craigie (South Staffs.)

2. **Minutes of last Conference**

2.1 Amendments/corrections:

2.1.1 Amendment: Attendance list to show Sylvia Davies as Observer from Bristol Branch

2.1.2 Amendment: Attendance list to add Aberdeen Branch: Douglas Haston

2.2 Graham Danbury (Committee) proposed and Bob Horsley (Committee) seconded the motion that the Minutes of Conference 1999 as amended be adopted as a fair record of those proceedings. Carried *nem con.*

3. There were no **Matters arising**.

4. **Additional Musical Advisers and Honorary Life Member**

4.1 Conference was pleased to RATIFY the appointment as Musical Adviser of Helen Hooker and Andrew Collis. Proposed by Matthew Taylor (York Guildhall); seconded by Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser). Carried *nem con.*

4.2 Conference was pleased to RATIFY the appointment of Philip Evry as Honorary Life Member. Proposed by Paul Clark (Musical Adviser); seconded by Anne Martin (Committee). Carried *nem con.*

5. **Ratification of new/reformed Branches**

5.1 Conference was pleased to RATIFY the Committee's proposal that the Isle of Man Branch be officially recognised as a Branch of the Society.

5.2 Conference was pleased to note the re-formation of the former Milton Keynes Branch, and to Ratify the Committee's proposal that Milton Keynes Branch be officially recognised as a Branch of the Society with effect from the next financial year of the Society.

6. **Election of Officers and Committee**

6.1 The Chairman said all Officers, and the Hon. Auditor, were prepared to stand for re-election. They were proposed en bloc by Colin Martin (Musical Adviser); seconded by Anthony Rowland-Jones (Musical Adviser) and ELECTED *nem con.* by Conference for a further term of one year.



6.2 Committee Members and Musical Adviser on Committee: As Hilary Oliver (West Riding) and Jim Rowley (Birmingham) were due to retire this year, and Theo Wyatt as Musical Adviser on the Committee, the following nominations had been received:

1. Committee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Margaret Shearing (Manchester) Sylvia Davies (Bristol) Matthew Taylor (York)	Hilary Oliver Moira Usher Sandra Foxall	Alistair Read Anne Martin Hilary Oliver
2. Musical Adviser on Committee		
Eileen Silcocks Colin Martin	Brian Fraser-Hook Denis Bloodworth	Alistair Read Paul Clark

Christopher Hansford (Bath) and Anthony Rowland Jones (M/A) declined nomination.

The ensuing ballot ELECTED Margaret Shearing (Manchester) and Sylvia Davies (Bristol) to serve on the Committee for a term of three years. Eileen Silcocks was elected to serve a similar term as Musical Adviser on the Committee.

## 7. Officers' Reports

The Chairman reminded Conference that written reports from all Officers had been circulated with the papers for the meeting. He thanked the Officers for their work during the past year. Some Officers added to their reports or answered questions:

7.1 Treasurer. Marion Panzetta (Essex) proposed and Colin Martin (Musical Adviser) seconded that the Accounts for 1998-99 be adopted. Carried *nem con*.

7.2 The Membership Secretary circulated a Breakdown of membership for the past 20 years, and a print-out of the membership list for each Branch to be checked.

7.3 The Examination Secretary said that she would be sending information to Branches about proposed conducting classes and asked for responses as to the likely take-up from members.

7.4 The Competition Administrator said that leaflets about the 2001 Competition were now available and she encouraged members to distribute them widely to possible candidates. There was a discussion about the level of publicity for the Competition Winner's Concert at the Wigmore Hall, and the Competition Administrator told Conference that organisation of the Concert, and publicity for it, was solely the responsibility of Moeck. Members felt that greater publicity would be desirable for future concerts.

7.5 The Branch Review Editor's report led to a discussion about the Teachers' Supplement to the *Recorder Magazine*. The Chairman said he had discussed this with the publishers who had stopped the Supplement as they had run out of suitable music. They would be asked to include in a future issue a request for readers to offer suitable pieces for publication.

7.6 The Publicity Officer said that the Society would have a stand on the ground floor at this year's Early Music Fair.

7.7 The Walter Bergmann Fund Chairman said that new brochures were now available. He mentioned the music from Ken Kenworthy's collection which was available



for sale, and increased tax advantages for the Fund from changes proposed in the recent Budget. A question about availability of assistance for older players was referred to the Committee for consideration.

8. **Charitable Status.** The Chairman introduced the draft paper which had been circulated in view of the forthcoming review of the charitable status of various groups of Registered Charities by the Charity Commission. He said that the Commission are now requiring provision of information about each Charity's activities in an Annual Return. In preparation for the Society's review he asked Branches to send him, on a continuing basis, information about activities and special events which could be used as evidence of the public benefit gained from the Society's activities.

9. **Future Festivals.** The following arrangements were noted:

- 2001 Bristol and Bath Branches; 21/22 April at Colston Collegiate School, Stapleton, Bristol.
- 2002 Guildford Branch; 6/7 April at Tormead School Guildford.
- 2003 Manchester Branch
- 2004 Wessex Branch
- 2005 East Berkshire Branch

10. **Resolutions to Conference**

10.1 **Society's financial year.** The Chairman explained that the Committee considered that there would be advantages in changing the Society's financial year end from 30th September to 31st August. After a brief discussion it was AGREED, *nem con.*, that the following changes be made to the Society's Rules:

- (a) substitute 1st September for 1st October whenever referred to in Rules 3(d), 3(g), 9(a)(i) and Branch Rule 1(c).
- (b) substitute 31st August for 30th September whenever referred to in Rules 4(d), 6(b) and Branch Rule 2(d)(iv).

10.2 **Business membership.** The Chairman explained that the Committee recommended that the Society create a class of Business membership for organisations connected with the recorder who may wish to support the Society. Such organisations would not be involved in the running of the Society and would have no vote. The Chairman said that if the proposed rule change was agreed, the Committee would consider the advice of the Data Protection Registrar, which had been requested, before deciding how to implement the new class of membership, and whether the Members' List would be available to Business members. The views of members were requested as to inclusion of email addresses in the next Members' List. Conference AGREED, *nem con.*, that the following changes be made to the Society's Rules:

- (a) Rule 3(a) delete "There" and insert "For individuals there...".
- (b) Insert the following as new Rule 3(k)[this to come between the two existing Rules 3(j), the second of which shall be renumbered 3(1)]: "There shall be one class of Business Membership open to any business ("corporate body") associated with the Recorder. Business Members shall be entitled to such rights and privileges and shall pay such annual subscription as the Committee shall from time to time determine."



11. **Any other business**

11.1 Andrew Challinger (East Berkshire) reported that a member had requested information in the Members' List or Magazine as to the meeting place of Branches. Referred to the Committee for consideration.

11.2 In answer to David Beare (Cumbria) the Membership Secretary confirmed that the Society's Data Protection Registration covered Branches.

11.3 Peter Sturgeon (Nottinghamshire) expressed concern at the lack of young people at Branch meetings. His Branch had formed a group which undertook visits to schools to try to increase awareness of and interest in the recorder. He requested help from other Branches who had attempted to attract young members. There followed a general discussion in which the difficulty of attracting younger members was acknowledged.

11.4 Angela Dumbreck (Cornwall) asked if copies of the Society's current Insurance Policy were available as a copy often had to be produced when a Branch hired premises. Copies could be obtained when required from the Secretary.

11.5 Thanks were expressed to Moira Usher and Suffolk Branch for their organisation of the Festival and Conference, and (in his absence) to the Secretary for all his work in preparing the Conference and throughout the year.

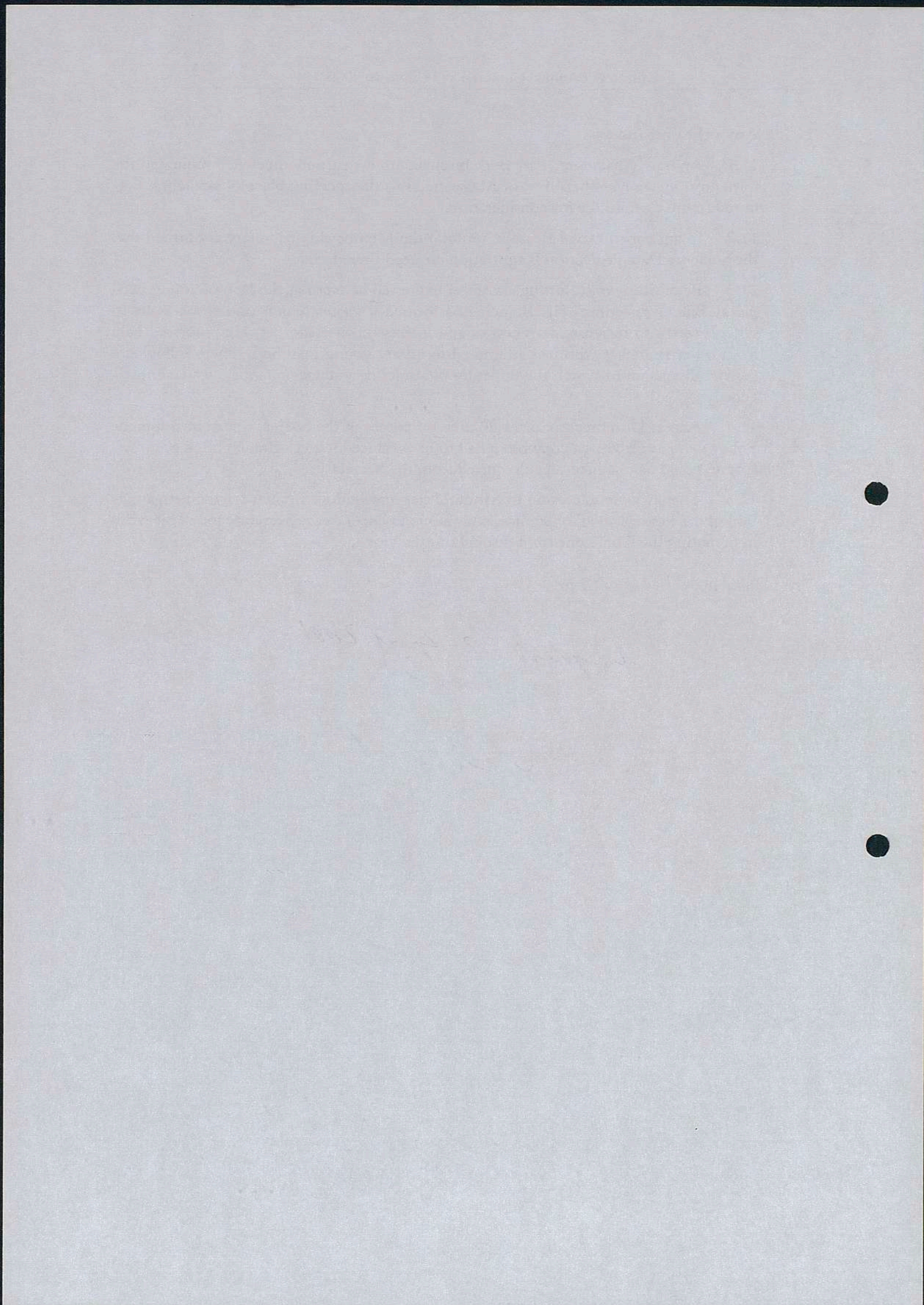
The Conference closed at 11.02 hr.

*Adopted 22 April 2001  
Bristol*

*A D Hunt  
Chairman*

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21.05.00  
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# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

## Treasurer's Report

Annual Conference Felixstowe 30th April 2000

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999

#### CENTRAL FUND

I am pleased to report a surplus of £2,899 for the year ended 30th September 1999. This is larger than forecast at the York conference last April and the difference is mainly due to a number of relatively small variations in the items forecast.

Total income for the year was £20,155. Subscription income of £19,025 was up by £763 on the previous year. We received Bank Interest of £766 and Roxburgh's Festival at Alva in 1998 produced a surplus of £243. £100 was generously given to the Society by Angela Dumbreck.

Expenditure amounted to £17,256. Main items were the cost of the Magazine at £10,554, Pastoral visitors' expenses reimbursement totalled £1,322 and the cost to the Society of the Conference at York was £2,504.

Other notable items of expenditure were Committee Expenses at £571, Phones and Postages at £577, Printing and Stationery at £567 and postage of the 1999 Membership List cost £360. The Early Music Fair and Publicity cost £186, our Internet Presence cost £446 and the Liability Insurance premium was £225 (this figure included an ex-gratia payment to the Irish branch to help with their separate insurance). A registration fee of £70 was paid to The Data Protection Society.

Involvement in the Music Education Council cost a further £102 and the CSRP cost a nominal £31. The SRP-Moeck Competition account produced a negative cost of £507; because £554 registration fees were received in the accounting period whereas the budgeted adjudicators' fee was not paid until the current year.

We made ex-gratia payments of £115 to Aberdeen in respect of their 1997 festival at Alva and £122 to Roxburgh for the 1998 Scottish festival.

As a result of these figures the Society's reserves have been increased to £20,363. at the 30th September 1999.

#### WALTER BERGMANN FUND

Total income for the year was £15,936. The main item was a legacy of £11,500 from Paul Cole in memory of his father. Other donations received totalled £3,603 which included sums in memory of **Herbert Hersom** and **Harry Prosser**. The share of Bank Interest was £756 and £32 was received from sale of goods. Total expenditure was £3,265. Individual grants totalled £2,665 and a £600 prize was given to the Yamaha-Erta Ensemble Competition. The £400 prize for the Moeck/SRP competition was paid in the current year. This resulted in a surplus of £12,671 for the year bringing the Fund's reserves to £28,851.

That concludes my summary of the accounts for the year to 30th September 1999 and I wish to thank Robert Harrison for having audited them.

#### THE CURRENT YEAR

I have now received the audited accounts from Cornwall which show a surplus of £585 for the 1998 Truro Festival together with the expected charge on the Society of £240 to cover the cost of conference hall and delegates' lunches. I have also received the audited accounts from York showing a surplus from the 1999 Festival of £451. As agreed by committee I have made ex-gratia payments to both branches equal to one third of their festival surplus and equal amounts have been paid to the Walter Bergmann Fund.



A cheque for £99.06 was received from Edinburgh as a surplus from the 1999 Scottish Festival which their branch organised but I am waiting for a reply to queries I raised at the end of October.

Organising the SRP-Moeck competition is now an ongoing process with costs and income for individual competitions overlapping each other and spanning more than one financial year so that budgeted costs can, and do, slip into later years.

The central committee is recommending that the Society's financial year-end be changed to 31st August and, on the basis of the year-to-date figures and anticipated developments which I detail below, I predict that we shall show a surplus of £1,000, or so, in the year to 31st August 2000.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>YEAR'S FORECAST</b>
Subscriptions	16426	17300
Festival Surplus - EDINBURGH for Alva 1999	99	99
- CORNWALL for Truro 1998	585	585
- YORK 1999	451	451
Bank Interest	385	600
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17946</b>	<b>19135</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Magazine	5539	8350
Annual Conference [£240 paid to COR for 1998]	240	3000
Conductors Visits	1322	1750
Committee Expenses	419	419
Printing & Stationery	230	500
Phones & Postages	153	400
SRP-Moeck Competition 1999 and 2001	330	1210
Publicity	203	250
Internet Presence	280	350
CSRP	0	50
Music Education Council	0	100
Ex-Gratia Payment - COR for Truro 1998	195	195
Ex-Gratia Payment - EDI for Alva 1999	0	30
Ex-Gratia Payment - YOR for York 1999	150	150
Festival Payments to Walter Bergmann Fund	345	345
Liability Insurance	345	345
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9511</b>	<b>17444</b>

## OUTLOOK

We have a healthy balance sheet and provided the level of income holds up and there are no unforeseen calls on the funds I still see no reason to recommend any change to the rates of subscription or reimbursement at this time.

## HOUSEKEEPING

### SUSCRIPTIONS

Branch subscriptions are **OVERDUE** from **CUMBRIA**, **HILLFOOTS** and **KENT**. They must be paid without further delay.

**BRANCH ACCOUNTS** for 1998-99 have not been received from:-

**CUMBRIA**, **EAST BERKSHIRE**, **HILLFOOTS**, **NUNEATON** and **WEALD OF KENT**. Please ensure that a copy is sent to me as soon as possible.

That concludes my report on the Society's accounts.

B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

16th April 2000



# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity Number 282751

## WALTER BERGMANN FUND

### Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th September 1999

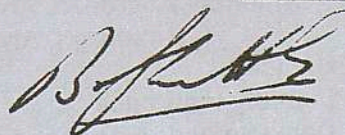
INCOME		1997/98
Bequest from Paul Cole in memory of his father	11,500.00	
Royalties	43.89	
Donations Received	3,413.75	1,920
Sale of Goods	32.00	10
Donations in Memory of Herbert Hersom	120.00	120
Donations in Memory of Harry Prosser	70.00	
Share of HIBA Interest	<u>756.82</u>	915
TOTAL INCOME	<u>15,936.46</u>	3,495
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	2,665.00	3,400
Yamaha-ERTA Ensemble Competition Prize	600.00	500
SRP-Moeck Competition Prize -via Competition Account		
Phones & Postages		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>3,265.00</u>	3,900
NET SURPLUS	<u>12,671.46</u>	-404

## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity Number 282751

### Balance Sheet at 30th September 1999


LIABILITIES		1998
Central Fund at 30th September 1998	17,464.34	14,197
Net Surplus on Central Fund	<u>2,899.04</u>	3,266
Central Fund at 30th September 1999	20,363.38	17,464
SRP Walter Bergmann Fund at 30th September 1998	16,179.80	16,584
Net Surplus on Walter Bergmann Fund	<u>12,671.46</u>	2,117
Walter Bergmann Fund at 30th September 1999	<u>28,851.26</u>	16,179
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>49,214.64</u>	33,644
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank Accounts		
Barclays Current Account	143.05	930
Barclays Deposit Account - Closed	0.00	109
Barclays Business Premium Account	47,074.10	31,567
Bradford & Bingley Share Account	459.29	481
Giro Competition Account	<u>878.77</u>	124
	48,555.21	33,213
Festival Float - Alva 1998	0.00	200
Festival Float - Truro 1998	200.00	200
Festival Float - Felixstowe 2000	200.00	
Petty Cash		
Theo Wyatt, overpayment of print bill.	177.36	
Competition Account	71.16	
CSRP Account	<u>10.91</u>	30
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49,214.64</u>	33,644



B J Fraser-Hook  
Hon. Treasurer

### Auditor's Report

I have examined the vouchers, records and Bank Statements and certify that these accounts are a true and correct summary of the Society's financial affairs for the year ended 30th September 1999.

  
R N Harrison (Hon Auditor)

14th April 2000



# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity Number 282751

## CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th September 1999

### INCOME

			1997/98
Subscriptions		19,025.53	18,262
Festivals - Alva 1998 (Roxburgh Branch)		243.00	231
Royalties		5.87	7
Sales of SRP Guides		15.00	0
Interest - Higher Rate a/c	1,513.64		1,548
Less SRP-WBF Share	<u>756.82</u>	756.82	915
Business Premium a/c		1.91	3
Bradford & Bingley		<u>7.59</u>	9
Total Interest		766.32	928
Donations - Angela Dumbreck		<u>100.00</u>	33
TOTAL INCOME		<u>20,155.72</u>	19,462

### EXPENDITURE

Magazine		10,554.70	10,443
Annual Conference		2,504.20	2,055
Conductors' Visits		1,322.10	1,614
Committee Expenses		571.90	429
Printing, Stationery, M.Cards, M.List	575.04		161
Less Sales to Branches	<u>8.00</u>	567.04	3
Mailing Membership Lists		360.40	0
Phones & Postages		577.37	291
Early Music Fair Expenses		178.60	173
Publicity Expenses		8.29	34
Internet Presence			
Web Space - 3rd year	329.00		293
U-Net Subscription	<u>117.50</u>	446.50	411
CSRP			
Expenses	61.25		73
Less Receipts	<u>30.00</u>		25
Net Cost		31.25	48
Competition Account			
Adjudicators			
Advertising			
Cassette Tapes & Recording	17.04		0
Stationery, Printing Etc.			74
Travel, Refreshments			65
Phones & Postages	29.57		89
Less Registration Fees Received	554.48		0
Net cost		-507.87	229
Music Education Council			
Subscription	90.00		90
Meeting Expenses	12.20		0
Music For Youth Conference	<u>0.00</u>		0
Net Cost		102.20	90
Ex-Gratia Payments - Aberdeen, Alva 1997	115.50		0
- Roxburgh, Alva 1998	<u>122.00</u>	237.50	0
Sundry Expenses			
Liability Insurance		225.00	216
Data Protection Agency Fee		70.00	0
Bank Charges	20.18		0
Less Refund	<u>12.68</u>	<u>7.50</u>	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>17,256.68</u>	16,195
NET SURPLUS		<u>2,899.04</u>	3,266



## Secretary's Report to Annual Conference 2000

The number of unsolicited enquiries via mail, e-mail and telephone has increased over the past year. Although I can never keep track of any uptake other than London Branch (which is a mere 10%), I have no idea whether our literature attracts any new members to the other 49 branches. I have, therefore, started to send to the appropriate branch secretary a copy of each reply in the faint hope that I might someday get feedback. Once again, I thank all the musical advisers who so valiantly have fielded those queries that I was unqualified to deal with. In last year's report to Conference I commented on the growth in the amount of preparatory and post-committee and conference work; this year it has blossomed even further now that officers' reports are circulated prior to our meeting.

My millennium treat was editing the Society's *Rules 2000*, and I take the opportunity to thank Graham Danbury for casting his eagle-eye over my efforts. Even so one small error slipped through—Rule 3(j) has been applied to two clauses. This will be corrected in the next addendum.

Queries from branch secretaries have continued—and are welcomed. The march of IT continues and more branch secretaries now correspond with me by e-mail, which is, of course, both cheaper and quicker than snail mail. As you will know from Conference Agenda, we shall be welcoming one new branch to our number and one that has been re-formed. It is also heartening to report that, during the past year, we have not seen the demise of any branches. Of our branches, 35 have booked the services of a pastoral visitor in the present financial year; three have even done so for 2000-01! This is a slight decrease over the previous financial year but still represents the popularity of this service to branches. I hope that branches will continue to exercise their common-sense when inviting conductors, thus obviating long journeys on the part of conductors and cost to central funds. There are, however, 'special circumstances' such as milestone anniversaries where you will find me not unsympathetic. There has been a record number of new branch secretaries this year, most of whom I got to hear about directly, although some were not brought to my notice.

Alistair Read

## Examination Secretary's Report

There continues to be a steady interest in the CSRP examination, with usually one or two candidates each year, who are typically conductors of SRP branches. This would seem to be a healthy situation, especially if all regular branch conductors can be encouraged to be of at least the standard required for the certificate. The CSRP committee is meeting in April to review the syllabus. The SRP committee is also planning conducting workshops for those interested in acquiring conducting skills.

The Examination Secretary has also undertaken to revise the Teachers' Handbook, for which there are a regular number of requests. This she plans to do in the summer, but at present she is trying to obtain Herbert Hersom's original computer disk containing the text of the guide.

Anne Martin



## From Chairman, Walter Bergmann Fund Committee

The Fund continues to receive a substantial number of applications, mostly from deserving applicants whom we help if we can. However, the Fund's financial resources are not adequate to enable us to help everyone to whom we would like to make a grant. We continue to receive support from a few of the Society's Branches and would appreciate help from others. We would urge Branches who do not already do this to give members an opportunity to make a donation to the Fund when renewing their subscription to the Society.

We are very grateful to Harry Prosser's widow for giving the Fund many of Harry's recorders and various cases, books, music, etc. Sales have already raised over £1,000 for the Fund with more to come.

We plan to make the first grant from the Philip Cole bequest towards the expenses of a Concert next Spring by the winner of the Moeck/SRP Concert.

We are building up a stock of good quality recorders which we offer on loan to applicants who ask for assistance in the purchase of a better instrument. Further instruments for this purpose will be welcome.

The Fund will shortly be receiving a very substantial quantity of music following the sad death of Ken Kenworthy. Theo Wyatt is in the process of sorting the music—he describes the quantity as “a roomful”. We are planning to produce manageable packages which we would like to send to Branches for sale. It will be helpful if Branches who are willing to receive one or more parcels could please let me know.

Finally, it has now become easier for Tax Payers to make donations to charities who can reclaim the Tax suffered. There is now no need to enter into a covenant for a minimum of four years and the previous lower limit of £250 for Gift Aid donations has also been abolished. We will be sending details round to all Branches when the new forms have been received from Inland Revenue but the effect is that subject to completion of one form, any single gift from a Tax Payer will allow the Fund to recover the Tax suffered.

Graham Danbury

## Membership Secretary's Report.

1. Membership (excluding COS, see separate report) continues to be broadly stable, with a modest increase on last year's total. Specifically: 19 branches have gained 55 members, 21 have lost 59 members, whilst 8 branches show no change. This represents a net loss of 4 which is more than balanced by the new Isle of Man branch who have 16 members (3 of whom have transferred from other branches). A more detailed breakdown will be circulated at the Annual Conference.

2. I shall have available for branch delegates an updated copy of their computer record. I shall be glad to know of any errors or omissions. Following the established pattern, we would expect to produce a new address list next year. I would like to know members' views on the desirability of attempting to include mobile telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.

3. As usual, supplies of green membership cards are available for collection after the meeting.

John Allen





## Country and Overseas Secretary Annual Report for 1999

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The table below shows the current breakdown of Country and Overseas (COS) membership, compared with the same position last year:

Membership Figures		
Location	April 1999	April 2000
UK	179	149
Rest of Europe	21	22
Rest of World	16	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>185</b>

This table shows that overall membership has declined this year. Losses have been in the UK as Overseas membership has remained fairly static. 11 COS members are students and 38 are in family membership (compared with 15 and 49 respectively in 98/99). There are also 3 life members.

There have been 40 membership losses during 99/00 which have been for the following reasons:

- 4 transfers to other branches
- 5 resignations
- 30 lapsed members (through non-payment of subscription)
- 1 death

As in 98/99, 30 members did not renew their membership. However, unlike last year these losses have not been offset by the arrival of as many new members (only 9 compared with 38 in 98/99).

In addition, £149 has been donated in memory of Ken Kenworthy, a COS life member, former editor of *The Recorder Magazine*, prolific arranger and member of the Oriel Consort, who died recently. Donors included Ron Plowman, a founder member of the Oriel Consort, and his wife Joy.

Emma Moore

Country and Overseas Secretary

E-mail: [emmam.srp@dial.pipex.com](mailto:emmam.srp@dial.pipex.com)

April 2000



## Publicity Officer's report to Conference 2000

In the past year, as is usually the case, apart from regularly and personally distributing publicity to libraries and music shops on behalf of the three London Branches, I have continued to respond to requests for information about the Society, received via post, e-mail and telephone. The Website continues to be a useful and frequently visited source of information and Eileen Silcocks, our Website Editor, will be pleased to receive details of meetings and activities from individual branches for inclusion thereon. Eileen's details for contact are inside the front cover of the Membership List. As in previous years I assume most branches happily carry out their own publicity as demand for the leaflets has been minimal. The SRP operated a stall at the Early Music Exhibition in October last which we feel is a necessary presence even if tangible results in the form of increased membership are not noticeably forthcoming—arguably there should be an awareness of the SRP's existence at such an exhibition.

Bob Horsley

## Branch Review Editor's Report or Conference 2000

In the four issues of the Magazine which have appeared since the last Conference, plus the one that has just gone to press, 28 branches have contributed at least one report. Last summer I wrote to eleven branches who had not contributed for more than three years - this produced six reports, which are most welcome. Obviously, if every branch wrote for every issue we could not fit everything in. Some branches like to write short reports for every issue; others prefer to write occasionally and at greater length when they have a special event to report. Both these approaches work well in combination—but I feel it would be good to hear from each branch at least once in three years.

Material submitted by branches for the Magazine proved very useful in compiling a list of activities for the Publicity Officer to use on the SRP stand at the Early Music Exhibition last October. It was really impressive to see what branches have been doing apart from their regular playing meetings.

There seems to have been a larger-than-usual number of branch secretary changes during the past year—as well as the formation of two new branches—so I shall be writing to all within the next few months, mainly to outline procedure and requirements for submitting reports. I hope to do this before the next issue (Autumn) goes to press, but cannot guarantee to do so. The copy date for that issue is 1st July, and as it will include reports of the Festival and Conference, space for branch reports will be limited.

The increase in contributions coming by email is most welcome, and ensures a few more years of recorder playing for the Branch Review Editor before the onset of RSI...

Madeline Seviour



## Competition Administrator's Report to Conference 2000

The number of entries (and non-British entries in particular) in the 1999 Moeck/SRP competition indicate that it is growing in reputation both nationally and internationally. Plans for the 2001 competition are in hand and I have already had a number of enquiries from here and abroad.

The final recitals of the 1999 Moeck/SRP Solo Recorder Playing Competition took place on Sunday 31st October 1999 at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London as part of the London International Exhibition of Early Music. There were four finalists who were adjudicated by Piers Adams and Jean McCreery with Walter van Hauwe as chair. The standard of performance continues to improve with all the players offering varied, polished and professional programmes, the repertoire ranging from about 1400 through to the present day. The SRP Walter Bergmann Fund awarded runner-up prizes to Marit Ernst and Dan Selchau and second prize to Katja Beisch.

The winner was Pia Loman from Sweden. She gave the prize-winner's recital at the Wigmore Hall on 25th February 2000. She will also perform on April 7th 2001 at the Northern Recorder Course and is available to give other recitals around that time, including one to be funded by the SRP Walter Bergmann Fund with the interest from a legacy left to the Society. This will be known as the 'Philip Cole Bursary Concert'. Any branch which would be interested in Pia giving this concert in their area should contact me as soon as possible.

Patricia Davies



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## THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

President: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

Registered Charity No. 282751

From: The Honorary Secretary

### AMENDMENT TO SOCIETY RULES 2000

AS AGREED BY CONFERENCE 2000

#### **Society's financial year:**

Rules 3(d), 3(g), 9(a)(i) and Branch Rule 1(c) [pp.4, 11 & 14]:  
Substitute 1st September for 1st October.

Rules 4(d), 6(b) and Branch Rule 2(d)(iv) [pp.5, 9 & 15]:  
Substitute 31st August for 30th September

#### **Business membership:**

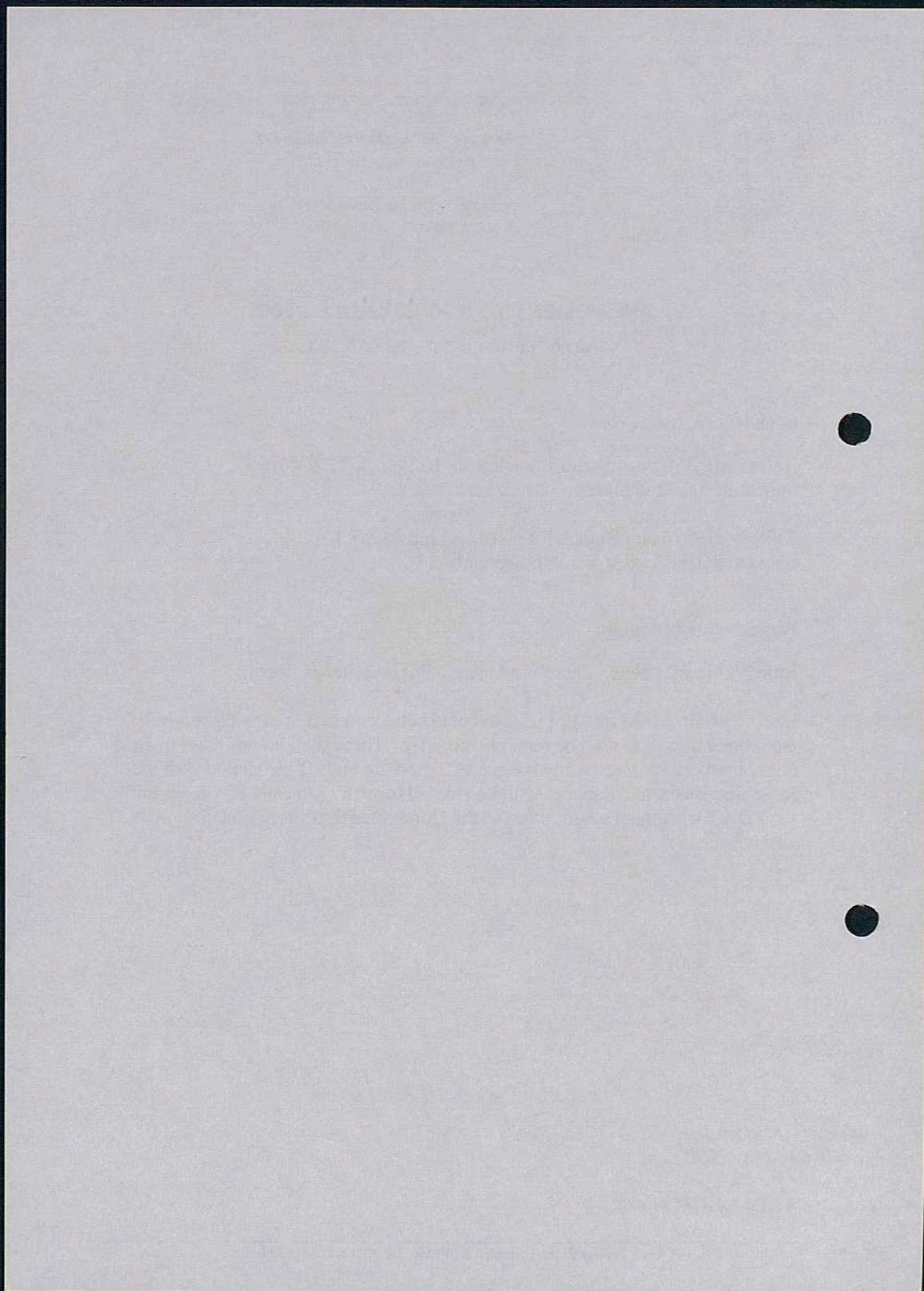
Rule 3(a) [p.3]: delete "There" and insert "For individuals there..."

Insert new Rule 3(k) [pp.4/5] [this to come between the two existing Rules 3(j), the second of which shall be renumbered 3(l)]: "There shall be one class of Business Membership open to any business ("corporate body") associated with the Recorder. Business Members shall be entitled to such rights and privileges and shall pay such annual subscription as the Committee shall from time to time determine."

J Alistair Read  
18 May 2000

ADDENDUM No. 1









# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2000

to be held at Deben High School  
Garrison Lane, Felixstowe IP11 7RF

on Sunday, 30 April 2000, 9.00 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last Conference (18 April 1999).
3. Matters arising
4. Endorsement of Committee nominations for new Musical Advisers and for an Honorary Life Membership
5. Ratification of new/re-formed branches:  
Isle of Man; Milton Keynes
6. Election of Officers and Committee
7. Discussion of Officers' Reports  
Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Country & Overseas Secretary;  
Examination Secretary; Competition Administrator; Branch Review Editor;  
Publicity Officer; Chairman, WBF; Chairman.
8. Charitable status
9. Future festivals
10. Resolutions to Conference, to include:  
Amendment of Society's financial year to 1 September-31 August  
Business membership
11. Any other business

Any two members may make nominations for election of Officers and Committee by sending such nominations (proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, together with a short c.v. of the nominee) in writing to the Secretary not less than FOUR WEEKS beforehand. Resolutions may be moved by any Branch which shall give notice thereof to the Secretary FOUR WEEKS beforehand, i.e., by 2 April 2000. Any branch unable to send a representative to the Annual Conference shall be entitled to claim a postal vote on the election of Officers and Committee Members only. A request for a postal vote form and list of nominations, with a stamped self-addressed envelope, must be received by the Secretary not less than THREE WEEKS before the Annual Conference, i.e., by 9 April 2000. In accordance with a request made at the 1999 Conference, Officers' reports, Resolutions, Nominations for Office and Committee (with supporting statements) and other papers will be distributed about two weeks before Conference 2000.

Alistair Read (Hon Secretary)  
16 March 2000

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