

THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, 20 APRIL 2008

Held at the Weald of Kent Girls' Grammar School, Tonbridge TN9 2JP

PRESENT:

Dick Pyper	Chairman	Evelyn Nallen	Musical Adviser
Bob Whitmarsh	Secretary	Eileen Silcocks	Musical Adviser
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer	Jim Rowley	Country/Overseas Sec
Moira Usher	Training Co-ordinator	Sandra Foxall	Committee
Andrew Short	Chairman, NYRO	Caroline Jones	Committee
Margaret Shearing	Membership Secretary	Jane Sellek	Committee
Alyson Lewin	Musical Adviser	Mary Steele	Committee

1 Apologies for absence and welcome: There were no apologies for absence other than those reported at Conference. The Chairman welcomed new Committee member Sandra Foxall and the new Musical Adviser to the Committee, Alyson Lewin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 February 2008 were AGREED after making the following changes.

Section 4.6, paragraph 2: Andrew Short pointed out that two separate comments he had made had been conflated. It was AGREED to delete the first sentence of paragraph 2.

Section 13, Any other business. Andrew Short requested that it was recorded that the NYRO Chairman's report had been presented and discussed. It was AGREED that this statement be inserted as Sub-section 13.1 of Section 13.

3. Matters arising

The Committee revisited electronic banking following the previous lengthy discussion at Conference. Andrew Short accepted that some helpful suggestions had been made and confirmed that the proposal had been intended to apply to NYRO and not to the whole of the Society. Eileen Silcocks pointed out that Branches may have to move over to electronic banking eventually. Andrew Short noted that the Charity Commission web site indicates that Trustees could in principle oversee Branch accounts. Mary Steele said she was concerned about the security of an electronic system. Andrew Short proposed that he should take advice including from the Society's bank, National Westminster Bank. It was AGREED that Andrew Short would report back to the Committee in October 2008.

4. Conference 2008

Moira Usher sought clarification regarding information that was printed in the List of Members because some members of the Society did not want their addresses to be published there. Margaret Shearing confirmed that this could be done by amending the Membership Application/Renewal Form. It was AGREED that the form would be amended so that members had to positively indicate, by ticking a box, that they wished only their name to be printed in the membership list.

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5. Any other business

5.1 Pastoral Visitor nominations. The Secretary reported that the names of two conductors had been put forward to join the List of Visiting Conductors. It was AGREED that Bob Berry (Cumbria) and John Hawkes (Newcastle) would be invited to join the list.

5.2 Society's Rule Book. The Chairman noted that the current set of Rules needed updating. Andrew Short pointed out that any changed rules or new rules would have to be approved by the Charity Commission. It was AGREED that the Chairman and Secretary would aim to present a new set of Rules by October 2008.

5.3 It was Proposed by Moira Usher and Seconded by Dick Pyper that Andrew Short remain as the Charity Commission Co-ordinator for the coming year. The resolution was Carried *nem. con.*

5.4 The Chairman asked whether the Charity Commission rules allowed the Society to raise funds for other charities. Andrew Short said that he would check and report back to the Committee.

6. Date of next meetings.

It was AGREED that in addition to meetings on 19th October 2008 and 15th February 2009 the Committee would also meet immediately after Conference 2009, which had recently been moved back by one week, on the new date of 26th April 2009.