



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, 1 April 2007

Held at The Mount School, York YO24 4DD

PRESENT:

Dick Pyper	Chairman	Andrew Short	Chair, NYRO
Alistair Read	Secretary	Beryl Craven	Committee
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer	Helen Jones	Committee
Moira Usher	Training Co-ord.	Caroline Jones	Committee
Margaret Shearing	Membership Secretary	Jane Sellek	Committee
Mary Tyers	Competition Admin.	Mary Steele	Committee

1 Welcome/Apologies for absence: Before the meeting opened proper, the Secretary welcomed Dick Pyper as the new Chairman and wished him well in his endeavours. Thereupon Dick took the chair welcoming everyone and especially Caroline Jones and Jane Sellek, recently elected. Andrew Short was also welcomed in his capacity as Chairman of the NYRO subcommittee. Apologies had been received from Jim Rowley, Andrew Collis, Petrina Lodge, Evelyn Nallen, Madeline Seviour, Eileen Silcocks, and Colin Touchin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 February 2007 were AGREED. Proposed: Margaret Shearing; seconded: Mary Steele and approved *nem. con.*

3. Matters arising

Minute 11: Payment to SRP Trustees. It was AGREED that, as payment to trustees for professional musical services was below Musicians' Union (MU) Rates, the Society was not in breach of Charity Commission rules. The 2008 Act would obviate this, however. It was felt that, for the sake of transparency, fees paid to trustees would be noted for inspection. The difference in English/Welsh and Scottish law had still not been resolved in the matter of cross-border charities. The Committee was grateful to Andrew Short for agreeing to act as the liaison point with the Charity Commission.

4. Conference 2007

Andrew Short, Chairman, NYRO, said that NYRO needed big instruments and was pleased that Conference had agreed for purchase of these to be funded from the Arthur Ingram Fund (AIF). He estimated that a Great Bass would cost in the order of £1,500. Loans outside NYRO usage would be assured and administered by Naomi Winterburn, NYRO Administrator. It was PROPOSED by Moira Usher; SECONDED by Beryl Craven that the Society should underwrite purchase of large instruments from AIF from a preferred supplier for loan to NYRO. The instruments would be the property of the SRP. It was further AGREED that capital up to the value of £5,000 could be spent on the purchase of large instruments, size being at NYRO's discretion. The Chairman pointed out that Gift Aid reimbursement could be used to offset these purchases. It was the Chairman's intention to seek reimbursement for Gift Aid for the Tax Years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 as well as for 2005/2006.

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5. Standardisation of forms

5.1 Branch Annual Accounts: The Treasurer presented a draft form for branch annual accounts. It was AGREED that copies should be distributed to treasurers for appraisal. A copy would be posted on the web.

5.2 Membership Application/Renewal forms: The Secretary said a few branches had sent copies of their present forms; many, however, admitted that once a member had joined they were not used again. He then presented a draft for discussion. It was AGREED to distribute it for branch reaction.

6. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13.55 hr.

7. Date of next meeting

The Secretary confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Sunday, 14 October 2007 at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin.

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