



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2006

Held at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin, Herts.

PRESENT:

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| Andrew Short | Chairman | Helen Hooker | Musical Adviser |
| Alistair Read | Secretary | Colin Touchin | Musical Adviser |
| Brian Fraser-Hook | Treasurer | Ulli Burchette | Committee |
| Margaret Shearing | Committee | Beryl Craven | Committee |
| Jim Rowley | COS | Sandra Foxall | Committee |
| Andrew Collis | Chairman, WBF | Helen Jones | Committee |
| Moira Usher | Training Coordinator | Dick Pyper | Committee |
| Mary Tyers | Competition Admin. | David Scruby | Committee |

1 **Apologies for absence:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and said an apology had been received from Madeline Seviour. The deaths of Peter Robertson, Musical Director, Leicester Branch, and Ron Skins' wife Cynthia were recorded with sadness. Beryl Craven undertook to represent the Society at Peter's funeral.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 30 November 2005 were AGREED. Proposed: Dick Pyper; seconded: Helen Hooker and approved *nem. con.*

3. **Matters arising**

Minute 9: It was pointed out that a Rules change would be necessary to reflect the change in Madeline Seviour's new title as SRP News Editor.

Minute 10.1 Moira Usher said that, owing to family troubles, she had not been able to proceed with work on the Branch Music Libraries but had sorted out a suitable format with Ashley Allerton. Branches that wished to add their list should send it to Moira in spreadsheet form, preferably as an email attachment or on a floppy disk. She confirmed that she was unable to enter details from typed lists.

4. **Officers' Reports**—see attached documentation. Unless the officer had anything to add to his/her written report, details are not repeated below.

4.1 The Secretary said that there had been a certain amount of misunderstanding with the new editor of *The Recorder Magazine* in respect of the Checklist of Courses. It was AGREED that he should have further discussions with Helen Shabetai to see whether she wished to take over collating and editing the Checklist. If she did, then the SRP would have an additional page for their exclusive use. (*Action: Secretary*)

4.2 The Membership Secretary said she still had not received membership dues from three branches. She went on to say that, generally, numbers were down this year.

4.3 The Country & Overseas Secretary tabled his report—see Officers' Reports.

4.4 The Competition Administrator tables her report—see Officers' Reports. It was AGREED that creation of a Junior SRP Solo Recorder Playing Competition was an excellent idea and should be investigated with a view to sharing promotion with Moeck, the Early Music Shop or another company. Proposed: Dick Pyper; seconded: Beryl Craven.

4.5.1 The Treasurer tabled his report—see Officers' Reports. Following discussion, it was AGREED that a recommendation to Conference 2006 be made that subscription

rates should be raised to £17.50 per full member; £28.00 per household membership; and £12.50 for students. That the NYRO Accounts for 2004–05 were still incomplete was a matter of great concern to the Committee; the Chairman was charged with writing to David Beare for a successful and prompt conclusion to his stewardship of administrative and financial matters. Once again, the Society was in grave danger of being investigated by the Charity Commissioners, an action which we had narrowly escaped last year, but which would now almost certainly occur. A legal opinion had been sought and would be acted upon.

5. Conference Arrangements, agenda and election of Officers

5.1 Officers. Save the post of Treasurer, all officers were prepared to offer themselves for re-election.

5.2 Election of branch representatives to Committee. To stimulate interest in the committee's work and involve the branches the committee proposed that the following people be canvassed to stand for election: Joan Reeves (NEW); Bill Cartwright (BTH); Judy Bailey (CAM); Petrina Lodge (CAM); and Mary Steele (WSX). On behalf of the committee, the Chairman thanked David Scruby for his three years' service as a representative.

5.3 The Secretary said that he had written to Evelyn Nallen in respect of her being the next musical adviser to serve on Committee. (Since the meeting he had heard that she was willing to serve).

5.4 The draft agenda was approved.

5.5 Andrew Short gave notice that he wished to stand down as Chairman at Conference 2007.

5.6 It was AGREED that budgets for annual SRP festivals should be lodged with the Treasurer for presentation at Conference prior to the year of event. The Secretary undertook to amend the Festival Guidelines and to write to York Guildhall Branch in respect of the 2007 event. (*Action: Secretary*).

5.7 The Chairman led the committee's thanks for Brian Fraser-Hook's 13 years' service as the Society's treasurer. Ulli Burchette (KNT and committee member) was nominated for the treasurer's post. It was AGREED, subject to election, that professional tutorial assistance would be provided. Proposed: Brian Fraser-Hook; seconded Moira Usher.

6. Walter Bergmann Fund

Andrew Collis's report is attached. He confirmed that the Philip Cole Bursary had an initial donation of £11,500 from a generous friend in 1999. The first award was in 2000 which means that, at a current bursary of £700.00 per annum, we should be able to offer this unique funding for another eleven years. If anyone knows of an event this year featuring younger players (up to 30 years' old) and worth considering a bursary then they should contact Andrew.

7. National Youth Recorder Orchestra (NYRO)

Chairman, NYRO tabled minutes of the sub-committee's meeting, held on 27 January, as its report. The following items were discussed:

7.1 It was AGREED that, in view of the need for increased administrative support, Naomi Winterburn should be offered an increased honorarium from September 2006 to cover approximately 1.5 days per week. Proposed: Dick Pyper; agreed: Mary Tyers.

7.2 Accounts for the period 1 September 2004 to 4 February 2005 had still not been received from David Beare, thus making it impossible for Rosemary Byde to complete NYRO accounts for y/e 31 August 2005. The Secretary said he had sought legal opinion as what action could be taken and a paper was tabled for consideration. It was AGREED that if nothing had been received by 12 February then Andrew Short, in his capacity as the Society's chairman, should write formally outlining what action the Society proposed taking. (*Action: Chairman*)

7.3 It was AGREED that the NYRO subcommittee could investigate the commissioning of a 12–18 minute work for NYRO, the cost, estimated to be of the order of £3–6K being funded from the Arthur Ingram Fund, which should also be made available for branches and other recorder orchestras. Colin Touchin said such a work would probably take two years to write and that copyright could be vested in the Society's favour or the composer's or jointly. Proposed Helen Hooker; seconded David Scruby.

7.4 A national adults' orchestra course would be held at Leicester University 15-17 September 2006 organised by Colin Touchin with Louise Johnson.

7.5 A proposal by Colin Touchin for an international congress of recorder orchestras in the UK was received with interest and will be investigated further by the NYRO subcommittee.

7.6 It was AGREED that names should be forwarded to Andrew Short for inclusion in the NYRO Concert reception guest list.

8. David Munrow Memorial Work

The Chairman said he had heard from John Turner that a work was being commissioned from Judith Bingham to commemorate the 30th anniversary of David Munrow's death. Performance would be at the Lake District Summer Music Festival on 19 August 2006. It was AGREED that the Society should donate £250 towards commissioning fee. Proposed: Colin Touchin; seconded Ulli Burchette. (*Action: Chairman*)

9. SRP Trusteeship

9.1 Dick Pyper tabled a draft form of disclaimer in respect of SRP Trusteeship. Following discussion, it was AGREED that such a form be issued with invitations to candidates for election at Conference 2006. Proposed: Colin Touchin; seconded: Ulli Burchette.

9.2 The Chairman announced that the new Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator would be implementing rules in 2006. similar to the Charity Commissioners of England & Wales. After reviewing the guidance issued to cross-border charities, the committee concluded that it will be necessary for the SRP to register with OSCR in the autumn of 2006. Reports will be need to be lodged with both regulators. Both will accept consolidated accounts, not split by jurisdiction. (*Action: Chairman*)

10. Reimbursement for attendance at SRP Conferences

The Chairman said he considered that no modifications to the Society's Rules were required at this time in respect of expenses for attendance at conferences and took the opportunity to confirm the existing arrangements. Delegates (but not observers) are eligible to claim the cost of travel to and from the venue at second-class rail rate, car mileage at 30p/mile or exceptionally by air in the case of Ireland and Isle of Man branches, together with the cost of one night's bed and breakfast LESS (for branch delegates) the first £30.00. This sum could be recouped from branch funds.

11 Any other business

11.1 An application had been received from the organisers of the Woodhouse Recorder Week. It was AGREED that, on this occasion, we could not meet their request for a grant. Applications for bursaries through the Walter Bergmann Fund would be made available. Proposed: Moira Usher; seconded: Alistair Read.

11.2 Colin Touchin said European Recorder Festival 2006, was to be held in Feldkirch, Austria, from 1–5 November. Further details could be obtained from Peter Bowman whose email address is peterbowman@mac.com

11.3 Ulli Burchette said that the ERTA Conference 2006 was being held at St Swithin's School, Winchester, on 2 June. The Recorder Ensemble Competition for trios, quartets or other small ensembles was open to players under the age of 21.

11.4 The committee reviewed the SRP membership of Making Music and AGREED that it should continue.

11.5 In view of increasing applications to the Arthur Ingram fund and the need to preserve its capital value, the committee agreed to promote fund-raising for general charitable purposes in addition to that for the Walter Bergmann fund. In the first instance a letter will be circulated to members with the magazine, following a model from the American Recorder Society. (Action Chairman)

12. Dates of future meetings

12.1 Conference, Casterton School, Kirkby Lonsdale, 2 April 2006

12.2 It was AGREED that, because of accommodation problems at Little Benslow Hills for the May 2006 meeting, the post-conference committee meeting would be held on site immediately after Conference on 2 April 2006 at Casterton School.

12.3 Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin, on Sunday, 22 October 2006

The meeting concluded at 15.55 hr with thanks to the staff of Little Benslow Hills.

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