

# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2007

Held at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin, Herts.

### PRESENT:

Dick Pyper	Chairman	Andrew Short	Chairman, NYRO
Alistair Read	Secretary	Evelyn Nallen	Musical Adviser
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer	Eileen Silcocks	Musical Adviser
Jim Rowley	COS	Helen Jones	Committee
Moira Usher	Training Co-ordinator	Caroline Jones	Committee
Mary Tyers	Competition Admin.	Petrina Lodge	Committee

**1 Apologies for absence:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and said apologies had been received from Margaret Shearing; Andrew Collis; Beryl Craven; Colin Touchin; Mary Steele; Jane Sellek; and Madeline Seviour.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** held on 1 April 2007 were AGREED. Proposed: Mary Tyers; seconded: Caroline Jones and approved *nem. con.*

### **3. Matters arising**

The question of the provision of financial assistance to members was discussed. This followed the discussion that took place at the last Conference. It was emphasised and AGREED that centrally the Society was not in a position to provide assistance to members as it would be difficult for the National Committee to be aware of individual circumstances. It was, however, agreed and understood that there was no reason why branch committees offer financial assistance for such matters as subscriptions, and course fees.

**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 *News Editor:* It was agreed that guidelines would be drafted with the News Editor's assistance for distribution to branches in an effort to improve our columns in *The Recorder Magazine*. The use of decent amateur photography was also suggested. (Action: Chairman/News Editor.)

4.2 The *Training Co-ordinator* said that a course in music theory would be held at Bentley, Ipswich, Suffolk, on 3 November. Details and application form were on the website or could be obtained from her (see Membership List for details).

4.3 *NYRO/NYTRO* Andrew Short said that two K $\ddot{u}$ ng great basses and two Paetzold contrabasses with cases and stands had been ordered from Germany at a cost of €8,600 (£6,143.00), estimated to be about 14.5% cheaper than being purchased in the UK.

4.4 The *Treasurer* tabled her report on Income and Expenditure for 2006-07, together with draft Accounts for year ended 31 August 2007. There still were minor adjustments to be made before submitting the latter to the Independent Examiner. It was AGREED that York Branch and Edinburgh Branch be reimbursed with one-third each of the profit made on the Festival 2007 and on the Scottish Recorder Festival respectively. Proposed: COS; seconded: Competition Administrator. (Since the meeting the cost of producing the Membership List 2007 was reported as being £411.88 plus £121.79 for general printing).

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**5. Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commissioners**

5.1 The annual report for 2006-07 was tabled by Andrew Short. It was AGREED that this would be submitted once the audited accounts for the same period were available. Proposed: Eileen Silcocks; seconded: Caroline Jones.

5.2 Andrew also presented a paper on Charity Regulation in England/Wales and Scotland (attached for reference). He stressed that the Society is now a registered charity in Scotland; with effect from 31 March 2008 we shall be obliged to include that registration number on documentation as set out in his paper. The number is SC038422 (the third character being a zero not an alpha O).

**6/7. SRP Working Party/Gift Aid**

Dick Pyper's Report was tabled In addition to the Gift Aid received from HM Revenue & Customs as reported it was noted that the Committee's May meeting every year had now been dispensed with in order to save money. This meeting was now held immediately after annual conference. Thanks to Dick and members of the Working Party were proposed by Andrew Short; seconded by Moira Usher. It was AGREED that a paper be prepared for distribution to branches to assist them in claiming Gift Aid on local subscriptions and donations.

**8. The Secretary** This item was considered *in camera*.

**9. Anthony Rowland-Jones** This item was considered *in camera*.

**10. Any other business**

10.1 The Secretary reported that he had written to the chairman of the Beds & North Herts Branch regarding falling membership and had sent publicity material for dissemination in libraries, music shops, civic centres, etc.

10.2 It was AGREED that the Society was not prepared to offer financial assistance to Dan Laurin in respect of commissioning a work by Peter McGarr.

10.3 Ulli Burchette, as organiser of the 2008 Festival, said that she had entered into an very favourable agreement with a Tonbridge hotel. It was AGREED that festival conductors and conference delegates should be encouraged to stay there if at all possible. If they elected to take accommodation elsewhere they would only be reimbursed up to the level of the Tonbridge Hotel.

10.4 The Treasurer said that branches should consider putting the amounts of money they have in deposit accounts into COIF where the interest rate was in the order of 6.00%. Contact her for details.

10.5 It was AGREED that Evelyn Nallen should approach composers such as James Macmillan and Howard Goodall with a view to commissioning a work that could be used in the branches.

10.6 It was AGREED that the Society's website should carry no advertising matter.

**11. Date of next meeting**

Sunday, 17 February 2008 (provisional date) at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin

(NOTE: Since the meeting the venue has been changed to St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Epsom Road, Merrow, Guildford)

Minutes (final), 14.10.07

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