

# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2003

Held at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin, Herts.

### PRESENT:

Andrew Short	Chairman	Ulli Burchette	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	Norma Herdson	Committee
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	David Scruby	Committee
Colin Martin	Musical Adviser	Hilary Oliver	Committee
David Beare	Committee	Peter Sturgeon	Committee

1. **Welcome/Apologies for absence:** The Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from John Allen; Sandra Foxall; Jim Rowley; Bob Horsley; Andrew Collis; Madeline Seviour; and Alyson Lewin.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 May 2003** were AGREED and approved *nem. con.* Proposed: Brian Fraser-Hook; seconded: Ulli Burchette.

### 3. Matters arising

7.3 National Recorder Orchestra: The Chairman said Colin Touchin was now of the opinion that this project should be self-financing and he would not now be seeking SRP support.

### 4. Officers' Reports

4.1 *Treasurer:* Figures for the year ended 31.08.03 are set out in the attached Officers' Reports, *q.v.* Brian apologised for the fact that accounts for the year ended 31.08.02 were still not finalised. He said he hoped to be able to complete these within the course of the next few weeks.

4.2 *Chairman, Walter Bergmann Fund:* As Andrew Collis had sent his apologies for being unable to attend, it was AGREED that he be asked to meet with Alistair Read to discuss the Committee's disquiet that there had been no report or attendance by any member of that sub-committee. It was further AGREED that the WBF sub-committee should set out a pro forma report, detailing such matters as number of approvals and refusals for grants. A note regarding a £1,000 grant to a quartet was also requested. It was noted that the main Committee members as Charity Trustees are responsible in law for the WBF and need to be in agreement on matters of policy with the sub-committee, which has the responsibility of dealing with individual applications. (Action: Secretary).

4.3 *Training Co-ordinator:* There having been no further interest shown in the CSRP since the last committee meeting, Sandra Foxall had nothing to report. The Chairman said that Sandra had taken over the administration of Conducting Workshops from Moira Usher in July but owing to domestic pressures in Sandra's life nothing had been organised on this front. {Since the meeting Moira Usher has agreed to take back responsibility for these workshops and one had been organised to be held in Edinburgh on 28 February 2004}.

4.4 *National Youth Recorder Orchestra:* In addition to his comprehensive report, David Beare said that as a result of the requirements of Youth Music for an outreach programme, members of the 2003 orchestra had been given COS membership for one year and a copy of the new information booklet. He went on to say that the 2003 concert venue at the Royal College of Music had been more expensive than the original quotation but that money saved on the residential course at Haileybury had been used to offset this. David went on to say

that the quantity, quality and transportation of loaned musical instruments continued to be a problem. In a message Colin Touchin said he recognised the necessity of splitting matters musical from administration. He went on to pay tribute to David Beare for all his hard work, to the SRP Committee for its continued support and to all the voluntary helpers for all their hard work. With regard to tenure of the musical directorship, it was AGREED that the Committee would make a final decision following views elicited by David Beare from Colin Touchin and the Musical Advisers. (Action: David Beare). The Committee were pleased to note Helen Jones's note of 03.09.03 with regard to David Beare's input into NYRO's residential week. It was further AGREED that David Beare advise branches who have NYRO members living in their areas. It was noted that Colin Touchin's proposal to form an adult recorder orchestra would be a separate venture on his part and not one under the auspices of the SRP. The Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Colin Touchin, David Beare and all helpers for another outstandingly successful NYRO course and concert in 2003.

#### **5. Election to Panel of Visiting Conductors**

The Secretary said he had been approached by Edinburgh Branch proposing that Pamela Flanagan's name be added to the Panel of Visiting Conductors. He went on to say that, following an approach to Pamela, she had agreed that her name should go forward for consideration. The Committee was pleased to AGREE to this. Proposed: Colin Martin; seconded: Alistair Read.

#### **6. Disability Discrimination Act, 1995**

Alistair Read said that during the course of the Summer there had been an exchange of views on the above. Graham Danbury, as the Society's legal adviser, had produced guidance for branches which would be circulated with these minutes.

#### **7. Festival Guide**

The Chairman thanked David Scruby and his Manchester branch colleagues for copies of the draft festival guide which were circulated for discussion. Following discussion on one or two small points, it was AGREED that the Guide be adopted for use by branches. Proposed: The Chairman; seconded: The Treasurer. It was also AGREED that once the amendments had been made, the Secretary would hold copies for distribution. Alistair said he would distribute copies as soon as possible to those branches already named as hosts for future festivals. (Action: Secretary).

#### **8. Future of Scottish Recorder Festivals**

The Secretary said he had received from Brian Bonsor a paper "Thoughts on the Scottish Recorder Festival, 2003." Copies were circulated to members of the Committee for discussion. The Chairman said, and the Committee AGREED, that these festivals should continue to be backed by the Society. Proposed: The Treasurer; seconded: Hilary Oliver. Andrew Short went on to say that the 2004 event would be held in Edinburgh on 19 June and that he hoped there would be a slot for the new Scottish Recorder Orchestra.

#### **9. National festival and conference, 2005**

Although Essex Branch has made an offer to host the 2005 event, matters still need to be confirmed. The Chairman undertook to clarify. (Action: Chairman).

#### **10. Any other business**

10.1 *Information Booklet:* Copies of the NYRO Information Booklet and Helen Beare's briefing notes were circulated to members of the Committee. Following discussion it was AGREED that copies should be sent to branches for updating and then distributed free to all members of the Society. Proposed: Colin Martin; seconded: Andrew Short. The Committee agreed unanimously that a vote of thanks to Helen Beare for her outstanding work.

10.2 *Teachers' Guide*: The Secretary said he had recently spoken to Anne Martin who had intimated that the Guide was now ready for printing. She was awaiting quotes from two sources.

10.3 *Recorder Teachers*: David Beare raised the matter of the difficulty of finding teachers in response to enquiries. Ulli Burchette said the ERTA website now listed some although this list was not exhaustive; she undertook to contact ERTA on the matter. (Action: Ulli Burchette).

10.4 *Making Music*: Following discussion it was AGREED that the Society continue its subscription. Proposed: Andrew Short; seconded: Colin Martin.

10.5 NYRO fund-raising and instrument loans be deferred to next meeting.

10.6 *Branch Accounts assistant to Treasurer*: The Treasurer said that the Charity Commission had now decreed that branch accounts be included with central fund annual accounts. Brian stressed that he could not undertake the additional job. It was AGREED that David Scruby undertake this post. Proposed: The Treasurer; seconded: The Secretary, with thanks to David for agreeing to this.

10.7 *Gift Aid*: The Chairman said that, subsequent to a Gift Aid enquiry made to the Inland Revenue (IR) by Ulli Burchette on behalf of the two Kent branches, the IR correspondence had been copied to the Charity Commission (CC). The CC has now been in touch with the Society asking for resolutions to conferences and addenda to the Society's Rules dating back to 1982. Andrew Short thanked Ulli Burchette for raising the matter of Gift Aid (which can be claimed on donations to individual branches). The Secretary said that whilst he had custody of all minutes of the Society's conferences and committee meetings, he only held copies of resolutions to conference dating back to 1994 when he came into post. The Chairman said his personal archive and that of Edinburgh branch might well be able to complete the CC's request for certified copies. (Action: Chairman; Secretary).

10.8 *Licensing Live Music*: The Secretary circulated to members of the Committee the latest information received from "Making Music News." It was AGREED that copies should be sent to the branches, together with a covering note identifying the relevant information.

## **11. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting, to be held at Little Benslow Hills, Hitchin, will be on Sunday, 15 February 2004, 10.00 for 10.30 hrs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15.25 hrs.

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