

# THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2005

Held at Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin, Herts.

### PRESENT:

Andrew Short	Chairman	Margaret Shearing	Committee
Alistair Read	Secretary	David Scruby	Committee
Brian Fraser-Hook	Treasurer	Ulli Burchette	Committee
Jim Rowley	COS	Helen Jones	Committee
Moira Usher	Training Coordinator	Dick Pyper	Committee
Helen Hooker	Musical Adviser		

1 **Apologies for absence:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and said apologies had been received from Andrew Collis; Beryl Craven; Sandra Foxall; Madeline Seviour; Colin Touchin; and Mary Tyers.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 15 May 2005 were AGREED. Proposed: Dick Pyper; seconded: Ulli Burchette and approved *nem. con.*

### 3. **Matters arising**

7.1 The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts (including NYRO) for the year ended 31 August 2004 had been lodged with the Charity Commissioners with six days to spare.

7.6 The Treasurer confirmed that the grant of £2K, as previously AGREED, had been paid to Woodhouse Recorder Course. COS undertook to contact Annabel Knight with a view to it affiliating to the Society.

9.1/2 The Secretary confirmed that new editions of the *Panel of Visiting Conductors* and the Society's *Rules* had been published and distributed in the summer, a copy of the latter having been lodged with the Charity Commissioners and for which acknowledgement had been received.

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 *Treasurer:* Brian Fraser-Hook tabled his report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2005, a copy of which is appended to the Officers' Reports. He brought to the Committee's attention the fact that data for the NYRO accounts for the period September 2004 to February 2005 had still not been presented by David Beare. The Chairman undertook to contact David. Brian stressed that, until this information was available he was unable to complete the accounts for the period under review. He went on to say that the treasurer to the new NYRO sub-committee had produced her figures.

4.2 *Competition Administrator:* Mary Tyers report was tabled but a late development concerning foreign adjudicators' travelling expenses was discussed. It was AGREED that Paul Leenhouts' and Pierre Hamon's expenses should be increased to £250 each to recognise the cost of international flights, domestic fares and hotel expenses. The Committee was of the opinion that this increase should be split between EMS, Moeck and the Society. Proposed: Margaret Shearing; seconded Dick Pyper, and carried *nem. con.* In view of the fact that this year there were four finalists rather than three, it was AGREED that the SRP prize money should be up to £1,000, taken from the Arthur Ingram Fund. Additional costs of £565 have been raised by Trinity College of Music for

the provision of services, including security staff. It was AGREED that the Society would take one-third share of this cost.

4.3 *Country & Overseas Secretary's* report was tabled.

4.4 *Training Administrator* said that conducting and technique workshops were continuing and undertook to let the Secretary have a note for inclusion with these Minutes.

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

The Chairman read to Committee the Trustees Annual Report (CC65(C)) to the Charity Commissioners for the financial year 2004-05 which was AGREED by Committee. Proposed: David Scruby; seconded Moira Usher and approved *nem. con.*

## **6. National Youth Recorder Orchestra (NYRO)**

As Chairman, NYRO sub-committee, Andrew Short tabled minutes of meeting held 21 October 2005, NYRO Course Evaluation Form 2005 Feedback; and the NYRO 2005 course budget/actuals. It was AGREED that student membership of NYRO for one year be offered to all who took part in or auditioned for NYRO courses without cost to NYRO, administered by COS. The Committee were interested in the idea of a work commissioned for a future NYRO course and asked that Colin Touchin be prepared to give a paper on it at the February 2006 meeting when cost implications would be considered. The Festival guidelines will include a requirement that NYRO be provided with a stall for publicity and the sale of CDs and other items. A NYRO proposal that they perform at annual festivals was recognised as having merit, however the Committee did not agree that organisers should necessarily be required to provide this facility. NYRO should initiate discussions with organisers at an early stage. In the matter of NYRO foreign visits, the Committee noted that future tours, unlike those in 2004 and 2005, would be activities for which the SRP committee is ultimately responsible.

## **7. Appointment of deputy treasurer**

The Committee was sorry to learn that David Scruby was no longer in a position to take up this post. The question of the appointment of a treasurer and an auditor post Conference 2006 was held over to the February 2006 meeting by which time the Chairman and the Secretary would have taken soundings.

## **8. Disability Discrimination legislation**

It was AGREED that The National Federation of Music Societies' Information sheet no. 45C should be distributed to the branches and festival organisers for their reference

## **9. Redesignation of Branch Review Editor**

It was AGREED that Madeline Seviour's post be retitled SRP News Editor which would more accurately reflect her work. Proposed: Alistair Read; seconded Ulli Burchette and carried *nem. con.*

## **10. Any other business**

10.1 *Branch Music Library Catalogue:* Nikki Whitelock (LON) was now unable to proceed with preparing a catalogue. The Committee was grateful to Moira Usher for offering to investigate whether she would be able to take on this project.

10.2 *Venue for 2009 festival and conference:* The Secretary said that Mike Wilkinson, secretary, Weald of Kent Branch, had been in touch with regard to his branch's tentative offer to host the 2009 event. To date no suitable venue had been identified but he undertook to contact Alistair Read when progress had been made.

10.3 *Insurance for non-SRP members attending SRP events:* The Committee AGREED that all attenders at events organised by the SRP were covered by either its own public liability insurance or that of the venue's insurance. It was also confirmed that such attendees were deemed to be temporary members for the duration of such an event.

10.4 *Colin Martin:* Margaret Shearing reported that Colin Martin had made available all his music to the Manchester Branch. It would be listed on the website and all branches were welcome to borrow items. The Committee took the opportunity to send Colin their best wishes and thanks for such a magnanimous gesture.

**11. Dates of future meetings**

11.1 Sunday, 5 February 2006, at Little Benslow Hills, Hitchin (confirmed)

11.2 Festival/Conference, Kirkby Stephen, 1-2 April 2006

11.3 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.

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