

The Society of Recorder Players
NYRO sub-committee

5th meeting on Friday 27 January 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
at 2 Regent Close, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7PL

Present: Andrew Short, Naomi Winterburn, Colin Touchin, Jean Murray, Dianne Charles,
Rosemary Bye.

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 21 October 2005 were approved as a true record.
2. All matters arising from the Minutes appeared elsewhere on the agenda.
3. 2006 course, Wellington School, Crowthorne
 - i. 71 applications have been received of which 3 had withdrawn. Of the 68 remaining, 32 are new applicants. After audition 34 have been allocated to NYRO and 20 to NYTRO. 14 remain to be auditioned in London, Birmingham and Scotland.
 - ii. Eileen Silcocks, Helen Hooker, Marion Scott, Ross Winters and Patrick Richmond have accepted the offered positions on the music staff. Helen needs to leave on the Friday as she is chair of the Recorder Summer School; it was agreed that this would not affect the fee. Patrick has asked what his duties as assistant tutor will be. He will be allocated in general terms to NYTRO but will also be available for sectional tutoring and stand-in conducting of either orchestra and coaching chamber groups.

An application for the post of Matron has been received from Frances Dodd, who is known to Dianne. It was agreed that one of the references would be checked and, subject to that, she would be offered the post.

Other house staff are Dianne, Judy Sherwood, Alex Emerson, Sharon Willerton and Nigel Martin, also Barbara Johnson from Friday.

London SRP branches will be asked to assist at the concert.
 - iii. Concert details. Regent Hall has been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 29 July and Mike Skeet for sound recording. Pre-concert chamber music was popular last time and this time will be in the hall itself. Ticket prices were set at £10 or £5 for under-18 and full-time students. Prices for course members booking in advance will be £8 and £4. Programmes will have a single-colour cover and cost £2. Advertising will be offered at £70 for an A5 page, £50 half and £30 quarter.

There will be a post-concert reception with wine, fruit juice and nibbles. The SRP committee will be asked to nominate guests.

Possible reviewers were discussed, with intention of attracting high-profile journals.

The programme is not completely finalised but will include a tribute to Dennis Bamforth with a 5-minute performance of one of his works and a composition by Colin. David Bellugi will perform the Vivaldi C major sopranino concerto with NYTRO and another work with NYRO.
 - iv. Concert dress was defined as: smart and co-ordinated with the ensemble; white shirt or blouse with NYRO tie for boys; black trousers (or ankle-length skirt for girls), black socks or tights, black shoes; no jeans.
 - v. Child Protection and Health and Safety documents supplied by Jean were edited and agreed for NYRO/NYTRO.
 - vi. Colin tabled notes from the tutors' meeting on 10 December 2005 (comment not required here).

- vii. As this will be the 5th course, former orchestra members will be invited to come on the Friday and perform in the combined NYRO/NYTRO items at the end of the concert.
4. 2007 course, north-east England.
 - i. Naomi has written to 17 schools, 11 have replied, 4 are available and two appear suitable; Barnard Castle and Pocklington. She will visit these two in the Easter holiday.
 - ii. The Sage Gateshead, hall 2, seats 370 and the charity rate is £840 including 8 front of house staff and 1 technician.
 5. Other projects
 - i. NYRO at the Northern Recorder Course 2007. Colin is tutoring at NRC 2007 and has discussed the possibility of a concurrent NYRO course for the last 3 days, joining the NRC orchestra as well as practicing separately. The first move is to enquire if there is interest among NYRO members.
 - ii. Commission of a composition. Colin has in mind a piece with a soloist to perform with NYRO and suitable also for other orchestras. He is preparing a paper for the SRP committee on 5 February.
 - iii. NYRO recorder playing day 2006. Dianne and Ross have checked with Birmingham Conservatoire and have been offered the new lecture theatre on Sundays 30 April, 7 and 21 May. The arena foyer was thought more suitable and its availability will be checked. Dianne will budget for this to break even. The transactions will pass through the NYRO accounts.
 - iv. International Congress of Recorder Orchestras 12-15 October 2006, the Netherlands. Colin has estimated a cost of £360 per person and will ascertain if there is interest among members. A question whether a future ICRO might take place in the UK will be referred to the SRP committee.
 - v. While it would be possible to recruit administrative help for these projects, there would be considerable disadvantages and additional work caused by splitting administration. Naomi spends 1 day per week on the summer course and auditions. She estimates that she could manage the other projects without auditions in an extra half day a week and would be willing to do so from September 2006 if this is agreed now, to give time to withdraw from school work.
 6. Finance.
 - i. Rosemary reported that the final outcome for NYRO 2005 was a surplus of £949. David Beare has still not supplied details of transactions from 1 September 2004 to 4 February 2005, including unitemised net expenditure of £829.89 and three cheques totalling more than £2000. Naomi suggested that the largest cheque, £1745, would be for CD production and will ask Paul Arden-Taylor. Andrew noted that David was a charity trustee until October 2004 and would be held responsible with other trustees for inadequacies in the accounts. Rosemary agreed to phone David. Andrew said he would re-enter the correspondence when asked. A “best possible” account will be presented to the SRP committee on 5 February.
 - ii. Rosemary calculated that the break-even point for NYRO 2006 is 63 players and 68 players would produce a surplus of £2500.
 - iii. The change of bank account is in progress.
 7. Publicity.
 - i. The following will be produced, most with a single colour. Dianne will design.

General leaflet A4, triple fold	10,000 to 30,000
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General poster A4	1000
Concert 2006 poster A4	300
Concert 2006 flyer A5 b/w	5000 to 10,000
CD sales flyer A4, triple fold	5000
Brochure 2007, 2 A4 folded	1000

Responsibility for distribution still needs to be agreed

- ii. The next newsletter will be in May 2006 and will include an analysis of expenditure by Rosemary.
 - iii. Sharon Willerton has drafted a website (comments invited) and has registered the name nyro.org.uk.
8. Other
- i. Recorder groups in Norway and the Czech Republic have expressed an interest in UK tours. Colin will see whether meetings with NYRO are possible.
 - ii. Naomi noted that NYRO property is not covered by her own insurance and includes CDs to the value of £2500. Andrew will discuss this with Dick Pyper.
 - iii. Naomi will send monthly backups of NYRO documents on CD-ROM to Andrew.
9. Next meeting: to be agreed by email, with 28 April and 26 May under consideration.
10. The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m. with thanks to Dianne for her hospitality.