



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751/SC038422

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 16th February 2020

Lancaster Hall Hotel, London

PRESENT:

Jim Grant	Chair	Moira Usher	Chair, WBF
April Munday	Secretary	Pamela Flanagan (by telephone – see note below)	Musical Adviser
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer		
Helen Hooker	Musical Adviser	Steph Sutherland	Committee

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present and congratulated them on overcoming the difficulties presented by Storm Dennis. Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Langdon (Competition Administrator), Mary Tyers (Committee), Sandra Foxall (Central Branch Secretary), Penny Clarke (Membership Secretary), Jill Taylor (Committee) and Debbie Nicholas (Committee).

Pamela Flanagan's plane was cancelled as she was about to board it due to Storm Dennis. She then intended to join the meeting by Skype, but this was prevented by a problem with the internet.

2. Minutes of previous Committee meetings, and matters arising therefrom

The minutes of the meetings of 13th October 2019 were accepted, subject to amendments to items 6.2 and 20.

Matters Arising:

2.1 **Festival Finance.** At the previous meeting the committee discussed paying Festival conductors out of any surplus arising from the Festival. Whilst the principal was agreed at that meeting the details were not. The committee agreed that any surplus would be shared between the branch putting on the Festival, the Central Fund, the Walter Bergmann Fund and the conductors, each receiving one quarter.

Proposed: Treasurer **Seconded:** Helen Hooker **Carried**

2.2 **West Dorset Branch.** West Dorset Branch has decided that it can no longer operate as a branch of the society. The Secretary will ask them to return any music, instruments and financial assets.

Action: Secretary

2.3 **Affiliates with unpaid subscriptions.** The "Recorder Orchestra" has not paid its subscription, despite many prompts, and will be removed from the list of affiliates.

Action: Jill Taylor and Central Secretary

3. Any Other Urgent Business

3.1 The Chair would like to invite Tina Friedrich, the webmaster, to the committee meeting in June in order to discuss ways of obtaining a website, membership package and a finance package that work with one another. This was agreed.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 In the light of increased costs of Conference in 2019 and on the principle that subscriptions should increase a little each year, the Chair proposed increasing the subscription fee to £27. This was agreed. Household members' subscription will increase to £40.50, that of affiliates to £54 and Corporate members to £81.

Proposed: Chair **Seconded:** Secretary **Carried**

4.2 The Secretary proposed that the cap on workshop tutors' accommodation be fixed at £75 per night in line with what had previously been agreed for Visiting Conductors and Conference delegates. This was agreed with the proviso that tutors unable to find accommodation within that cap can apply for an increase to the Chair and the Secretary. The Treasurer will write a report for the next committee meeting on costs of accommodation for workshops in recent years.

Proposed: Secretary **Seconded:** Chair **Carried**

Action: Treasurer

4.3 There was a surplus from the 2019 Scottish Festival. The Treasurer proposed that it be split equally between the Central Fund, the branch putting on the Festival and the Walter Bergmann Fund.

Proposed: Treasurer **Seconded:** Moira Usher **Carried**

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 The Membership Secretary had provided an update on the position with the printed membership list. Some branches still need assistance with inputting information into the system, but it looks as if the list will be ready in time for Conference. The committee agreed that the list would include an advert for the Bravo Bonsor CDs. It also agreed that it would only carry an advert for NYRO if NYRO paid for it.

6. Trustees' Report

Helen Hooker proposed that the Trustees' Report and the society's accounts be agreed.

Proposed: Helen Hooker **Seconded:** Moira Usher **Carried**

Action: Secretary

7. Revision of Rules

7.1 The members of the committee thanked the sub-committee for what they have done. The Chair is in the process of obtaining quotations for the legal review. It was agreed unanimously that the sub-committee will be delegated to deal with queries from the solicitor.

7.2 The sub-committee proposed that the Central (formerly Country and Overseas) Secretary be removed from the list of officers. This was agreed unanimously.

8. Timing of Conference

The Secretary has written to all the branch secretaries to ascertain the preferences, if any, of branches for the day of Conference. The deadline for responses is 28th February, but sufficient responses had been received to identify a preference. This was to have the Conference on the Friday

afternoon of the Festival weekend. The Secretary will notify Edinburgh branch to assist them with timing for the 2021 Festival.

Action: Secretary

9. Grant Application from NYRO

There was insufficient time to review NYRO's grant application, but the committee agreed unanimously that NYRO had met the conditions to allow the full grant awarded in February 2019 to be paid. The Secretary will notify the NYRO administrator.

Action: Secretary and Treasurer.

10. Schools Affiliation Programme

The Chair has had some discussion with a music hub that is interested in becoming an affiliate of the SRP. The committee agreed that music hubs as well as schools could become affiliates.

Proposed: Chair **Seconded:** Secretary **Carried**

11. Photographs at Festival 2020

Jean Campbell, the editor of the SRP pages in The Recorder Magazine, has asked for some specific photographs to be taken at the Festival for those pages. These would be in addition to the photographs requested by Suffolk Branch. It was agreed unanimously that Helen Hooker would be paid £100 for all the photographs and that this would be split equally between the branch and the Central Fund.

12. Agenda for Conference 2020

The Chair proposed that voting on the resolutions take place before the election of the officers. This was agreed.

Proposed: Chair **Seconded:** Secretary **Carried**

The next committee meeting will take place on Sunday 7th June 2020