



THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

Registered Charity No. 282751/SC038422

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday 5th July 2020 at 10.30 am by Zoom

PRESENT:

Jim Grant	Chair	Moira Usher	WBF Chair
April Munday	Secretary	Pamela Flanagan	Musical Adviser
Ulli Burchette	Treasurer	Steph Sutherland	Committee
Helen Hooker	Musical Adviser	Jill Taylor	Committee
Penny Clarke	Membership Secretary	Sandra Foxall	Central Secretary
Ciara Flanagan	Committee	Debbie Nicholas	Committee
Sarah Langdon	Competition Administrator		

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Mary Tyers (Committee).

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

The minutes of the meetings of 7th June 2020 were accepted, subject to the amendment of item 4.1 to clarify that Marg Hall has been compensated for 2 visits and of item 4.3 to clarify that it relates to the possible impact of Covid-19.

Proposed: Jill Taylor **Seconded:** Helen Hooker **Carried.**

Matters Arising:

Item 7.1 Debbie Nicholas and Mary Tyers will meet Tina Friedrich on 12th July 2020.

Item 10.2 Moira Usher has written to Parandrus, but has had no response.

Item 5 Pamela Flanagan said that members in Ireland have not yet received their copies of the printed membership list. She will contact RecorderMusicMail to find out what has happened to them.

3. Any Other Urgent Business

3.1 The American Recorder Society would like to have Sarah Jeffrey produce a video on her YouTube channel to promote membership and have asked if the SRP would like to participate. It's not yet known what the cost would be and things are in the early stages of planning. The committee agreed that it was worth pursuing. Louise Findlay, the Publicity Officer, is in touch with the American Recorder Society.

Proposed: Chair **Seconded:** Pamela Flanagan **Carried**

3.2 The Secretary proposed that the committee should find out the cost of participating in the video rather than discuss a cap on expenditure without knowing the cost.

Proposed: Secretary **Seconded:** Moira Usher **Carried**

3.3 The Chair said that he receives a large number of scam emails through his SRP inbox and suggested that the committee send an email to branches to warn them. The members of the committee who are also branch secretaries said that they receive very few scam emails via their SRP email addresses. The committee agreed not to take any action at the moment.

4. Conference 2020

4.1 The Secretary told the committee that fewer than 20 branches have sent the names and email addresses of their delegates to her. She asked the officers who had sent her reports earlier in the year to update them so that they could be sent out to delegates, branches and Musical Advisers before Conference. The committee discussed a question raised by a Musical Adviser not on the committee about why they no longer receive minutes of the Conference and committee meetings. The Secretary replied that all members receive a notification when the minutes are uploaded to the website, so there is no need to send them separately to Musical Advisers.

4.2 The Conference will be recorded and made available for any member who wishes to see it. This means that fewer observers will need to attend, making it easier to manage the Conference as a virtual meeting. Moira Usher and Helen Hooker will be co-hosts.

5. Proposal to make Anthony Hall an Honorary Life Member

The Treasurer proposed that Anthony Hall be made an Honorary Life Member of the society, since he has spent so much time on improving the website and helped so much with printed membership list. This was agreed and will be put to Conference.

Proposed: The Treasurer **Seconded:** Pamela Flanagan **Carried**

6. Format of Future Committee Meetings

6.1 The Chair said that Zoom meetings have worked well in terms of cost and people being able to attend. Helen Hooker suggested that the committee could have more, but shorter, meetings if they were held by Zoom. The benefits of a new committee member's first meeting being face to face were discussed. The Chair proposed that there be six meetings a year, two to be face to face and four by Zoom. The June and February meetings would be face to face. The Chair and the Secretary will send out dates of the next meetings.

Proposed: Chair **Seconded:** Helen Hooker **Carried**

Action: Chair and Secretary

6.2 Moira Usher proposed that the SRP pays for the Chair's Zoom subscription that was taken out to enable the committee meetings to take place. This was agreed.

Proposed: Moira Usher **Seconded:** Pamela Flanagan **Carried**

7. Proposal from Michelle Holloway

Michelle Holloway asked the committee to consider allowing Zoom recitals to count as visits from Visiting Conductors. Moira Usher pointed out that the Visiting Conductor programme is for the

benefit of all members of a branch, but not everyone has a good enough broadband connection for a Zoom recital to be viable. The Treasurer said that such recitals should not be funded, as money should be retained in the Central Fund while we don't know what will happen in the next few months. Members of the committee whose branches have put on Zoom recitals reported that few people wanted to attend, but that those who did attend enjoyed them very much. It was agreed that branches that want to put on a Zoom recital will fund it themselves.

8. The London International Festival of Early Music

There was no recent information about the London International Festival of Early Music. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Covid-19

Restrictions have been easing and some information has been made available about the safety of musicians playing in enclosed spaces. Some research is being carried out about wind players and singers. Helen Hooker suggested that the SRP lobby to ensure that recorder players are included in the research. The Treasurer had some information about a study in Freiburg, which suggests that good ventilation is the main requirement to allow wind players to play together indoors. Moira Usher said that an expert had told her that it was unlikely that wind players would be playing together before a vaccine is available. The Secretary will write an update to send out to branches.

Action: Secretary

10. Revision of Rules

The Chair had not been able to get in touch with the solicitor since the previous meeting. Since the Conference will take place on 16th August, 26th July is the latest date that the rules and constitution could be sent to delegates and give them time to read through them. Moira Usher proposed that she discuss them with a solicitor who is a member of Eastern Recorder Orchestra. This was agreed.

Action: Sub-committee

11. Members Only Area On Website

A members only area on the SRP website has been discussed in the past, but not pursued, as it is believed that it would have an adverse effect on the society's charity status. Moira Usher said that she would telephone the Charity Commission and ask them if that was the case.

Action: Moira Usher

12. Festival 2021

The decision about whether or not to proceed with the Festival in 2021 has been deferred until September. Since the October meeting would be too late, the Secretary proposed that the committee have a short meeting by Zoom in September with this being the only item on the agenda. This was agreed and the meeting will take place on 13th September at 2.00 p.m.

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

13. Online Membership

The Membership Secretary asked for clarity about who should be able to join online so that the sub-committee looking into online membership will have a clear remit. The Membership Secretary said that she thought that initially it should just be CoS members and then it could be extended to branches, although this would be more complicated, given that the subscriptions would have to be sent both to the relevant branch's bank account and to the Central fund. The Treasurer said that it would have to be very clear what the money was for when it was paid into the bank from PayPal. The Membership Secretary said that it also has to interact with the membership system. Moira Usher reminded that committee that the original intention was to allow young people to join easily, not to allow CoS members to renew membership. There were fears that the facility for members to join online could become impersonal, but it could also save a lot of work. The committee had previously given a sub-committee the authority to develop online membership and the Membership Secretary was happy that the brief was now clear.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting finished at 1:30 pm

The next committee meeting will take place on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 10:30. This will be held by Zoom. A short committee meeting to discuss the 2021 Festival in Edinburgh will be held on 13th September at 2.00 pm by Zoom.