



# The Society of Recorder Players

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## Minutes of committee meeting

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 10.30 by Zoom**

**Present :** Jim Grant *Chair*, Ulli Burchette *Treasurer*, Debbie Nicholas, Penny Clarke *Membership secretary*, Stephanie Sutherland *Training Officer*, Mary Tyers, Jill Taylor, Pam Flanagan *Musical Advisor*, Ciara Flanagan, Sarah Langdon *Competition Administrator*, Josee Beeson *Personal Membership Secretary*, Moira Usher *WBF chair*. Also present were Erica Crabtree, Val Giltrow-Tyler (after point 4) and Jean Campbell *News editor* for point 10. In the absence of a secretary, Moira Usher took the minutes

1. **Apologies** were received from Helen Hooker *Musical Advisor*
2. **Changes** to minutes of the last meeting had been taken care of prior to the meeting. After a short discussion it was decided to modify the decision under point 15. In future the Personal Membership Secretary will deal with correspondence to the Honorary Life Members and the Vice Presidents. The Chair will correspond with the president. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

### **Matters arising :**

- a) The new constitution has been accepted and is on the Charity Commissioners' website. We will operate under this from the next Trustees' meeting in February. Jim expressed thanks to all those concerned with the work on this.
  - b) Jim and Penny have been liaising with Katie Stone re issues over the website. Noted that Brexit has implications for GDPR for Ireland and members in Europe.
  - c) Sarah Jeffery has accepted her nomination for Vice President and Sandra Foxall her nomination for Honorary Life Member.
3. **Urgent matters** from Jim :
    - a) Jim is discussing with Jeremy Lunn from East Berks taking over IT co-ordination for the SRP
    - b) It was *suggested* that henceforth this committee will be referred to as the Board of Trustees and will have Trustee meetings, no longer committee meetings. *There was no dissent so it is considered to be agreed.*
    - c) It was agreed that Jim should approach David Grosvenor with a view to putting his arrangements on the SRP site. *All agreed*
    - d) Lyndon Hilling was proposed as an addition to the list of Visiting Conductors *All agreed*
    - e) Mary Tyers requested that the final new constitution and rules be resent to all Trustees.

### **Action – Secretary**

4. The resignation of April Munday from the post of Secretary was noted. Val Giltrow-Tyler from Bristol Branch has agreed to take over this role from the February meeting. Her co-option was proposed by Jim Grant, seconded by Moira Usher, carried unanimously. Val then joined the meeting as an observer.

5. The **reports** from the Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Musical Advisors were noted. Thanks were expressed to them for their reports. A point in the MA reports needs discussion - should the Musical Advisors as part of the role be required to attend Trustee meetings in rotation? At the moment there are some MAs who have rarely if ever attended. Trustees were asked to think about this and a decision will be made at the February meeting.

**Action all Trustees.**

6. **Trustee Statement** to the Charity Commissioners. There were a few minor amendments that needed attending to. All Trustees were asked to read it carefully and send to the Treasurer any changes they felt needed to be made. Ulli will collate these and send round a final version for all to see before it is signed and submitted.

**Action – all Trustees and Ulli.**

7. Virtual Festival in 2021. It was accepted that there will be a Zoom Delegates Conference on **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021** and no playing festival. Jim was keen that there should be a form of electronic festival on the afternoon of **Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>)** with performances and workshops for anyone to attend. Steph, Mary and Ulli will form a sub-committee to discuss the details and work out a timetable for this to happen. Jim was clear that he and his wife could sort out the electronics for this to happen.

**Action – Mary, Steph and Ulli**

8. Arrangements for **Personal Membership** and online joining. Anthony Hall has suggested there is now a possibility of expanding an existing WordPress form for this purpose. He will liaise with Josée over the details required.

9. **WBF** – Debbie Nicholas was proposed by Jim and seconded by Moira to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> trustee on the WBF. Passed with one abstention. Moira will no longer be a trustee from February. There needs to be discussion about the make up of the WBF committee, the chair and trustee representation on the WBF committee. Postponed until the February meeting. The minutes of the last WBF meeting were noted.

10. Jean Campbell joined the meeting to discuss having another A3 sheet inserted into the magazine for the use of the SRP. She had previously submitted an excellent paper on the history of the SRP pages in the magazine and was congratulated on this. Helen Hooker had discussed the idea with Jerry Burbidge and his response with costs had been circulated to the Trustees. There was some discussion about how the new pages would be used and Jean's ideas met with much approval. It was proposed by Jim, seconded by Erica, that we should ask Jerry to run this for an experimental 4 issues. Carried unanimously.

**Action – Jim to talk to Jerry**

11. **Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents** – Trustees were asked to submit to Val names for these categories together with a couple of lines saying why. She will collate these and present them to the February meeting for discussion and decision.

**Action – all Trustees and Val**

12. There was some discussion about the new initiative from the **Charity Commissioners** regarding controlling our finances and preventing fraud. Moira outlined the measures taken by the WBF. Ulli said that she checks the site to make sure we are up to date. It was decided that the current measures are adequate, but it will appear on the agenda regularly to ensure that the issues stay in the Trustees' minds.

**Next meeting Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. All day**

Val will circulate Trustees and MAs asking for their regular commitments and try to find dates that will inconvenience people the least. For the time being all meetings will be by Zoom.