The Society of Recorder Players

Registered Charity No. 282751, SC038422
President: Philip Thorby

Minutes for SRP Trustee Meeting
Tuesday 17th March 2026 (Zoom)

Present:
Trustees: Moira Usher (Chair), Erica Crabtree (Treasurer), Rod Callow, Jill Taylor, Pamela Flanagan, Liz Bassett (Secretary), Deborah Nicholas, Steph Sutherland
Jane Sellek, co-opted as Personal Membership Secretary
Musical Advisors in attendance: Lyndon Hilling, Sandra Foxall

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Penny Clarke (membership secretary)

2. **Conflicts of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest relating to the agenda

3. **To approve the draft minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on January 12th 2026**

Moira proposed that the draft minutes of the Trustee meeting November 25th 2026 be approved unanimously, subject to the correction of a surname in item 11.1. Steph seconded this and it was agreed unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising from 25th November 2025 not otherwise covered by the agenda.**

Matters Arising from the last meeting not elsewhere on the agenda:	Comments on actions
MU and LH to draw up a draft business plan which could be presented to possible music shops.	ongoing
Pamela to send Liz a word and PDF version of the approved rules including emboldened changes to send out to delegates.	Completed action 30th Jan Huge thanks to Pamela on her work with the Rules revision working party.
Jill to follow up on how the Lancashire Project went **Moira to follow up on the Stockport Recorder College with Janice Ormerod** **Liz to follow up on Miriam's curriculum** **Steph to feedback on her work with Pip taking ensembles into schools**	Feedback received so far has been very positive. Moira will check with Janice as some recruitment difficulties. All ideas will be discussed further with regards providing examples of good practice.
Moira to email memsecs asking them to work with Steve **To send a reminder that costings for branch subscriptions need to come in by July ready for the August deadline.**	Complete – Steve's work with branch memsecs is underway. Good comments from people about how he has helped setting up things for branch secs.

Rod to send an Email to Wessex to invite people on to the website.	Complete – working party set up – Moira, Rod, Erica, our two webeditors, Jean Campbell (Wessex Branch) and Steve Caddy (Chair, Nottingham Branch) to attend the working group meetings.

5. Financial updates from Treasurer

Erica provided written updates and reported that the year is progressing as expected.

Trustees will review subs and expenses in September 2026 for September 2027. The cost of the membership system will need to be considered when discussing this and Erica will provide forecasts. No concerns for this year so subs will remain the same.
There has been some confusion over subs with the new membership system – Erica will show both years of subs on the branch return and she will talk to branches about how to show two lots of subs in one year.

The Independent Examiner has worked through the process of examining the 2024-2025 accounts. All suggested edits from Heather have been completed by Erica and Liz. Moira proposed trustees approved the year end accounts for 2025, subject to any further revisions that the Independent Examiner might have on completing their work.
Debbie seconded this and it was agreed unanimously though concerns were expressed that deadlines given to the Independent Examiner have been missed.

6. Discussion of any resolutions

Two questions have come in from a delegate so far about the Rules Revision Document:
a)branch rules 2.7 'must' should be inserted: The committee of the Branch, who are members of the Society
b) 2.8 d states that a Delegate to Conference must be a full member of the branch s/he is representing. But the previous paragraphs do not state that all branch committee members must be full members of the SRP.
Following discussion, it was agreed that the wording of the proposed Branch Rules 2.7 (currently in the SRP 2020 Branch Rules 2.6) should remain unaltered.
There have been no branch resolutions.

7. Grant Applications from Heidi Fardell and the Saltaire Early Music Shop

7.1 Heidi Fardell – trustees questioned whether CDs still sell. Heidi's response was comprehensive and it was felt generally CDs do still sell well. Following discussion trustees felt that while they would not fund the recording process itself, they would be interested in sponsoring and contributing to funding of the publication of a volume of recorder duos and trios arising from the recording. This would contribute to the recorder repertoire and bring more accessible compositions by females to a wider pool of recorder players.
Action: Liz to inform Heidi of the decision and ask her to contact us again when planning the publication.

7.2 Early Music Shop Saltaire Recorder weekend request for money to support the Fringe. Trustees are inclined to fund this activity but wish more detail from EMS before deciding on the amount. The schools work is being considered by WBF and they are also awaiting further information before making a decision.
Action: Liz to contact EMS to request more information about the Fringe groups attending and the number of young people involved in the Fringe; the timetable for the Fringe events.

8. Updates from Officers
8.1 Liz updated trustees on the following:

- Liz is having a zoom with Michael Duffy on Wednesday 19th March on his request, to talk about our work as a society and discuss what more Benslow might include in their offer. Trustees offered some suggestions – courses for contemporary music from current composers a way to advertise the venue for possible new tutors as courses there are being well received.
- Making music subscription – trustees will explore the current subscription and current members (able to have up to 100 members attached) to ensure we are getting the most from the subscription.
- Liz checked organisation for the conference – tables; power points etc.

Action: Erica and Liz to explore current situation and any future actions required

8.2 Penny reported that we are now up to 1370 members.

9. 2027 Festival
Ulli Burchett has reminded trustees that 2027 will be the society's 90th year. Ulli has offered to get in touch with the Weald of Kent School again as they were too late in their offer as a venue last year. Trustees were pleased to accept her offer of potentially organising a festival.
Action: Liz to contact Ulli.

10. SRPI Constitution

The Trustees requested some modifications be made to the document to ensure consistency of approach, and Pamela will follow these up.

There was a question about whether we will need to submit a report each year for the Irish Charity Regulator in the same way we submit a report to the Scottish Charity Commission. Pamela will check with the ICR.

Moira proposed that (subject to the requested changes being made) the document be put forward to the appropriate authorities in Ireland. Trustees agreed.
Action: Pamela to relay the modifications requested by the trustees to the SRPI committee, and then to submit the document. Pamela also to check whether a yearly report will be required from the Irish Charity Regulator.

11. AOB

11.1 A score and parts of the commissioned works at the festival will be provided to each branch and affiliated group - downloadable and in PDF - Moira is happy to print the score and photocopiable parts and would charge 20p for a double sided A3. This seems a helpful solution. 11.2 Steph asked if the SRP wish to be involved in Philip Marples project. Trustees felt it was a good to bring children together and are happy to be involved in funding the project. **Action: Liz to ask Pip to keep us involved and informed.** 11.3 In addition to the report of the last meeting, Jill informed us that the WBF have funded an application for work involved in creating a digital recorder book for school children. The project has been funded twice and in line with current practice, the committee usually fund organisations only twice for similar projects requested by the same person. 11.4 The Irish branch have requested long service certificates for two of their branch members. This prompted trustees to discuss the current certificates and whether they need improving. **Action: Liz, Sandra and Pamela to review the current certificates**
12. Date of next meeting: to be arranged after Conference – 19th or 26th *May* as possible dates **Moira finished the meeting with huge, grateful thanks to Debbie and Penny as this is the last meeting of their term of service.**
Items for future agendas (to be agreed and added to during the meeting) *Website work – update and communication to members; updates from the working group once formed; how to appoint someone to design it; consideration to budget to afford a web designer.* *Privacy Policy (in the light of changes to the membership data base)* *Unacceptable Behaviour Policy* *Philip Cole Bursary – how to make schools more aware* *Amendment of rules/organisation for the SRP/Moeck competition as requested by Sarah Bronnert* Miriam's ideas as emailed Payment of euro invoices Person to take on managing insurance Feedback from Michael Duffy