

Society of Recorder Players – Notts Branch

Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Present: Nick Wynne, Tessa Rolph, Allyn Richardson, Bridget Terry

1. **Apologies**

Sarah Allen

Terry Gill and Gwen Bragg attempted to attend the meeting but went to the wrong venue due to communication difficulties. Terry joined the meeting by telephone .

2. **Matters arising from the committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Flyers

SA had created a new flyer. AR agreed to ask SA to email this to members to print off their own copies should they be involved in an event where they could be displayed or distributed. **Action AR.**

AR would print off some hard copies that could be taken to the monthly meeting for members to take if they wanted to. **Action AR**

TR showed the meeting some copies of the Branch card which used to be available to members to hand out. AR would ask at the AGM if someone would be willing to produce a new one. **Action AR.**

AGM minutes

The MDs report had been added. AR would ask SA for the minutes to send out with the AGM agenda. **Action AR.**

Funding sources

SA had not been able to discuss this with Bridget. It was agreed that the aim of securing additional funding sources was unclear and agreed that this should be agreed before pursuing any funding enquiries. This would be discussed at the next meeting. **Action AR.**

Gift Aid

TR confirmed that SRP branches were not automatically entitled to gift aid. Each branch was managed differently and HMRC rules were open to interpretation. SRP guidance to branches was to look at the rules regarding gift aid and decide whether to make a claim. At the last committee meeting it had been agreed to suspend the gift aid application.

Donation to Walter Bergman fund

This had been sent and a letter of thanks had been received.

Pastoral visit

Adam Dopadlik had attended the pastoral visit at short notice in August. AR reported that Steve Marshall would attend the Pastoral Visit at the May

2014 meeting and this would be advertised on the SRP website. It was suggested that the pastoral visit could last for a day rather than for an afternoon. It was noted that this would increase venue costs and that members attending the morning session would have to pay an extra charge. AR would raise this as an item for discussion at the AGM to find out if members would be willing to pay an additional cost and contact Steve Marshall accordingly. **Action AR**

#### Technique workshop

SA had sent a cheque for £208.00 to central SRP

### **3. 2014 workshop**

It was proposed that a Tudor and Stuart dance workshop would be arranged for Sept/Oct 2014. This would take place on a Saturday which was not a branch meeting day. AR would contact Moira Usher, the SRP training coordinator, to see if a date during this period could be arranged. **Action AR**

### **4. Preparation for AGM**

The following reports would be given:

- Musical Director – TG
- Treasurer – AR would present this in SA's absence. **Action: SA to email AR with any relevant information/comments.**
- Secretary – AR
- Schools Group – AR would contact Alan Smith with regard to giving a report from the schools group. **Action AR**

TR would step down from the Committee, although it was noted that the committee could appoint additional members if necessary.

It was noted that there was a vacancy for Chairman. Nick Wynne had agreed to stand for election at the AGM.

SA had submitted the accounts and the committee approved these subject to approval from the auditor.

It was agreed that the branch would be asked to approve the following increases in subscriptions:

Branch member: from £32.00 to £35.00 (which meant that Associate Members would pay £12.00)

Visitors: £4.00

AR agreed to point out at the AGM that visitors and members of other branches could save money by joining as members/associate members.

**Action AR**

AR would make a request at the AGM for someone to take responsibility of refreshments for November and December as BT would not be available.

**Action AR**

AR would email members the date of the AGM, agenda and minutes of last year's meeting. **Action AR**

#### 5. **Playing day**

23 people had definitely booked and there had been further interest from people who might turn up on the day.

TG confirmed that the music had been arranged.

AR had booked the venue.

BT would collect the key to the hall on Friday morning at 10.00am and would deal with refreshments on the day. **Action BT**

NW would open and close the day and pass the new SRP leaflet to visitors.

**Action NW** (AR would request more leaflets in time for the AGM **Action AR**).

AR would ask SA to take email addresses of people who wanted to be on the branch email list. **Action AR/SA**

#### 6. **Concerts**

The possibility of a concert was discussed. It was suggested that something which prevented people joining in concerts was a lack of rehearsal time, both on their own and with other players.

It was noted that in the past much of the concert organisation had been left to TG without much support. It was agreed that the role of Concert Organiser be created on the committee and advertised along with other notices for the AGM. This role would be to plan and organise a concert. **(Action AR)** AR agreed to take on the role if someone else would take on the role of Branch secretary.

#### 7. **Branch meeting venue**

AR reported that Trebeck Hall was unavailable for most of the coming year. The RC hall was suggested as venue but the hourly rate was higher. The following points were noted:

- There were parking charges at the Methodist Hall unless members parked elsewhere
- Using a mixture of venues was off putting to visitors
- The RC hall had free parking
- The location of the RC hall might mean that members who came to meeting on some bus routes would have to walk further.

Consideration was given to asking members to pay a meeting fee to subsidise the increased cost, however it was agreed that, providing the venue proved to be satisfactory on 14<sup>th</sup> September, it would be booked for the year and the increased cost would be paid by the branch. Trebeck Hall was expected to be available in the 2014/15 year and it would have to be decided early in 2014 if the Branch would return to Trebeck or stay at the RC hall, in which case a more sustainable way of financing venue hire would be required, ie a meeting fee.

AR would contact TG following the playing day to check if the venue was appropriate for further use and book it accordingly. **Action AR**

**8. Email addresses for branch visitors**

AR would put a sheet of paper by the signing in book at monthly meetings asking branch visitors if they would like to provide their email address to go on Branch circulation list. **Action AR**

**9. Any other business**

None

**10. Date of next meeting**

AR would send out a doodle poll for a meeting in February with the minutes. **Action AR**