

Society of Recorder Players – Notts Branch

Minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2014

Present: Nick Wynne, Terry Gill, Sarah Allen, Allyn Richardson, Graham Dicker

1. **Apologies**

Gwen Bragg

2. **Branch website development**

Graham had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss proposals for improving the branch website. Graham had been in contact with the SRP webmaster and looked at other branch websites. Although free space was available on the SRP website it was noted that this did not have the software and facilities which Graham would have preferred. It was agreed that the website would be hosted outside of the SRP site but would be linked to from it. This would cost £15.99 per year and the committee approved the expenditure and asked Graham to go ahead and create the website.

Emails to the site would continue to be directed to AR.

While it was agreed that a list of music owned by the branch could be placed on the website it was acknowledged that this was a major and low priority task. TG agreed to work on it as and when time allowed. **Action: TG**

The committee co-opted Graham to the committee as webmaster.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 11.09.13 and the AGM of 12.10.13**

Musical director

Terry agreed to continue as MD for the rest of the year however it was agreed to begin to look for another MD who might be interested in taking over some of the branch meetings. It was noted that Terry currently looked after the branch music which would need to be taken by a new MD. Nick agreed to speak to Sheila Richards to see if she could take the April meeting and possibly some more meetings throughout the year. **Action: NW**

4. **Committee reports**

Musical director

Sarah reported that feedback about the multi part playing day had been excellent and Terry suggested that he might do another if the branch was interested.

Terry was keen to develop themed branch meetings and welcomed suggestions.

Treasurer

The proceeds of the Christmas raffle (£38.00) had been sent to the Walter Bergmann fund.

£150.00 had been received from the playing day

Current branch membership was 22 full members, 5 associate members

Chair

Nick pointed out that nobody had come forward to organise a concert and suggested that it might be easier for smaller events to be organised.

Secretary

Nothing to report

5. **2014 Tudor/Stuart dance workshop**

The date for the workshop was agreed as 27th September 2014. AR would confirm with Chris and Jo Saunders. **Action: AR**

It was suggested that the RC hall may not be big enough and the measurements would be sent to Chris and Jo Saunders. It was agreed that the Great Hall would be the ideal venue but the cost was unknown. AR would find out what the charge would be. **Action: AR**

6. **Bass workshop and pastoral visit**

Steve Marshall had agreed to lead a bass workshop from 1030 to 1300 on the day of the pastoral visit for a fee of £75.00. The hall would cost an additional £54.00. AR reported that 12 people had expressed an interest in attending and therefore it was agreed that there would be a charge of £10.00 per person for the bass workshop.

AR would confirm arrangements with Steve Marshall and branch members.

Action: AR

7. Concert with Oxtou Singers and Bellringers

It was agreed to take part in a concert in Oxtou church with the singers and bellringers on either 24th or 31st May. AR would check which date the singers and ringers were available. It was noted that, due to the pastoral visit on 10th May a rehearsal for the recorder players would be needed. AR would organise this once confirmation that the concert would go ahead had been received.

Action: AR

8. **Events of the past year for Tessa Rolph's report**

AR had send details of the technique workshop and pastoral visit to Tessa

9. **Next year's monthly meeting venue**

AR had asked the branch members for the preferential venue for the monthly branch meeting.

7 people voted for Trebeck

7 people didn't mind either way

9 people voted for the RC church hall

The committee also noted that some members had commented on the pros and cons of both venues.

It was agreed to support the majority vote and book the RC Hall.

10. **Any other business**

Purchase of a comfort tenor

The accounts auditor had pointed out that, for a not-for-profit organisation with the Notts branch turnover, there was a substantial amount of cash in the bank.

It was agreed to buy a comfort tenor which branch members could borrow. This would allow members with smaller hands to have a go at playing tenor. It was noted that this would cost approximately £400.00. The committee approved the expenditure and Nick agreed to organise the purchase and store the recorder when it was not lent to a branch member. AR suggested that this was just the type of capital purchase that organisations such as the Co-op are often willing to contribute towards. AR would ask branch members if they knew of any funding opportunities to liaise with Sarah or Nick. **Action: AR**

11. **Date of next meeting**

7.30pm, Thursday 1st May, Terry's house. **Action AR**