

Society of Recorder Players – Notts Branch

Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2014

Present: Nick Wynne, Terry Gill, Sarah Allen, Allyn Richardson, Gwen Bragg

1. Apologies

Graham Dicker

2. Matters arising from the minutes of 01.05.14

a) Website development

The Committee noted that the new website was excellent and agreed that the record of music that was played at branch meetings was really good. The Committee recorded a formal vote of thanks to Graham on behalf of the branch. AR would inform Graham. **Action AR**

b) Future MD arrangements

NW reported that Sheila Richards had enjoyed her visit as conductor in July and was agreeable to leading occasional future meetings. NW would discuss these with Sheila. **Action NW**

c) It was noted that Moira Usher would lead the Pastoral visit in April.

d) Tudor/Stuart Dance workshop

This had been cancelled due to a lack of interest. It was noted that, at the time of cancellation, only 4 branch members were still confirmed to attend. The information had been circulated to all SRP branches, the SRP facebook page, the Nottingham Folk Dance club and other groups branch members had sent it onto. It was suggested that perhaps the time of year had been a factor but noted that when the idea had been proposed at last year's AGM there had been general support of the dance workshop in September/October. It was agreed to raise the issue of what sort of workshops/playing days members would like at the AGM and also what would be the best time of year to hold such events. **Action AR**

e) Bass workshop and pastoral visit with Steve Marshall

The bass workshop and pastoral visit had been a successful event for the branch. Annie Purdy and AR had sent a review of the day for publication in the Recorder Magazine.

f) Concert with Oxtton Singers and Bellringers

This had been a successful event for the branch and a video was available via the website.

g) Purchase of a comfort tenor

SA had submitted our application for funding for a comfort tenor and thanked Sheila Richards for acting as referee. It was noted that the application may not be decided upon for 4 - 6 months. SA would keep the committee informed of any progress. **Action SA**

h) Minutes on the website

AR had not yet updated the website the minutes of previous committee meetings but hoped to do so before the end of the year. **Action AR**

3. Concert with the Dukeries Singers

It was hoped that a concert with the Dukeries singers could be arranged in the Spring, possibly at Laxton Church or Kneesall. GB would liaise with the Dukeries Singers regarding possible dates and the degree Branch participation. **Action GB**

4. AGM planning

Election of officers and committee members

All current committee officers and committee members were planning to stand for re-election. AR agreed to check the SRP rules to see if election was required annually. AR would ask for nominations to the committee when the agenda and minutes of the previous AGM were circulated. **Action AR**

Schools Group

AR would ask Patsy to present a report from the schools group at the AGM
Action AR

Name badges

Badge holders and lanyards had been purchased for the branch but were not really worn. It was agreed to encourage members to wear them, particularly for the benefit of any new members or regular visitors who did not know people by name. SA agreed to mention this when collecting subs. AR would ensure he brought the badges to branch meetings. **Action AR/SA**

Walter Bergmann Fund

The branch had contributed the Christmas raffle money to the Walter Bergmann fund but it was noted that nobody had a definitive idea of the purpose of the fund. AR would find out before the AGM. **Action AR**

5. Financial report for AGM

SA had not been able to have the accounts audited by the meeting but presented the accounts that would be inspected by the auditor and presented to the AGM. **Action SA.** The committee approved the accounts as submitted.

It was agreed that subs would not increase in 2014/15 and noted the branch return to the national had increased by 50p per member.

It was agreed that the schools group membership subsidy would remain at £5.00

6. Committee reports

Chair - none

Treasurer - none

Secretary - none

MD - TG agreed to notify the branch of future themed meetings in advance. It would agreed that these may attract visitors for other local branches and AR agreed to inform them when a themed meeting would take place. **Action TG/AR**

7. Any other business

Branch visiting conductor

It was noted that, for a not for profit organisation of it's financial size, the branch had a substantial bank balance. It was noted that, if a grant for a comfort tenor was received the branch could match this to buy another instrument. It was also suggested that we could invite a 'big name recorder teacher/player' to the branch and pay a fee. Suggestions were Pam Smith and May Tiers. This idea would be suggested at the AGM to see if there was interest from members. **Action NW**

8. Date of next meeting

7.30pm, Thursday 5th February 2015, Terry's house. **Action AR**