

**Society of Recorder Players
Wessex Branch**

**Committee Meeting Minutes
20th September 2023**

Present:

Pippa Belas (Chair), Jean Campbell (Treasurer), April Munday (Secretary), Julia McKinley (Musical Director), Penny Smith

1. Approval of Minutes

After the following changes, the minutes of the meetings on 23rd August 2023 were approved and signed:

- Item 2 – clarification that it was the Secretary of the Trustees' Committee who sent the email
- Item 3 – clarification that John Kitcher had not begun the examination of the accounts at that point
- Item 5 – 'smith' changed to 'Smith'.
- Item 9 – note that Jean Campbell has nominated Richard Harvey.

2. Matters Arising

- Conducting course – April Munday has checked with those who applied for the conducting course that they have the requisite experience. One person has not and they have been removed from the list. There is a waiting list.
- Mary Steele's Music – No further action at the moment.
- Branch website – Julia McKinley will send next year's programme to Bob Whitmarsh so that he can put it on the website. Members of the committee have commented on the changes to the website and April Munday will discuss these with Bob Whitmarsh.

3. Finance

Bank balance on September 20th: £5,656.20.

The capitation will be paid at the end of September

Playing Day Sept – So far 24 players have paid a total of £360. Michael Graham is conducting the Playing Day as a Visiting Conductor. April Munday will give Jean Campbell the form at the next branch meeting.

Conducting workshop 2024 - 5 payments totalling £75 received. One place remains.

Subs 2023-24 - 43 members have renewed

(N.B. Two more subscriptions were paid on 23rd September)

John Kitcher is currently examining the accounts. 15th October is the deadline for submission.

4. August Branch Meeting

Penny Smith conducted the meeting. The attendance was good for a Bank Holiday weekend. Members enjoyed it.

5. September Branch Meeting

Janet Scott and April Munday will share the conducting.

6. Programme for 2023/24

There is no change to the programme. Julia McKinley will ask an in-house conductor to conduct in March, as the branch meeting is the same weekend as the National Festival.

7. Playing Day with Michael Graham

Twenty-four people have signed up for the playing day so far.

8. Membership

Four members have notified the committee that they won't be renewing their membership due to poor health or family commitments. Some will continue to attend as visitors.

9. Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting

The committee discussed the minutes of the Trustees' meeting in March, the most recent available on the website. They commented on the ability (or otherwise) of all members to access an electronic copy of *The Recorder Magazine* and the benefits of an ongoing Festival bank account.

10. Any Other Business

Autumn Edition of *The Recorder Magazine* – Jean Campbell drew the committee's attention to Barbara Law's editorial in which she addresses the National Chair's comments about SRP members' opinions of the magazine being Marmite.

Jean Campbell mentioned that Annabel Knight has music available on her website at a low cost that would be suitable for branch meetings.

Lorraine Curtis has asked for Allan Rosenheck's Los Angeles Suite to be purchased for the branch library. This will be done.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

Minutes approved by:

P. J. Beles

Date:

18th October 2023.