

**Society of Recorder Players  
Wessex Branch**

**Committee Meeting Minutes  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present:**

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

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved and signed.

**2. Matters Arising**

Colden Common have not yet charged for the additional half hour booked for the February meeting.

**3. Finance**

The current balance is £4,002.87.

The invoices from Colden Common have reverted to the pre-discount cost.

The branch now has 49 members.

**4. February Branch Meeting**

Sophie Middleditch's conducting was enjoyed by more branch members than usual since the lack of heating in the hall reduced numbers.

**5. March Branch Meeting**

Angie Jones and Debbie Drouet-Lewis will share the conducting in March.

The committee agreed that, should a conductor have to print pages of music for a branch meeting, the branch will pay 10p per side and will retain the pages paid for.

**6. Programme for 2023/24**

Julia McKinley will contact Liz Alexander (June) about her fee.

There are now four players available for the conducting workshop. The committee agreed to pay the £30 to Central rather than charge players.

**7. Graduates of Level 2 Conducting Course**

Steph Sutherland has sent an email to say that graduates of the level 2 conducting course don't always have an opportunity to conduct groups. Jean Campbell has emailed her with the suggestion that they get in touch with U3A groups. Some SRP branches have also been in touch with Steph to say that they would like to have guest conductors.

**8. Voting at Conference**

Pippa Belas has emailed Jim Grant (National Chair of SRP) following discussions with him by Jean Campbell and April Munday, which have caused some confusion. Jim responded with an

extract from the rules that makes it clear that the branch cannot influence its delegate to vote in a certain way, but can provide information to him/her. April Munday recalled that the wording in the rules arises from legal advice obtained when the rules were being rewritten in 2019. She will check this with Moira Usher who was the chair of the sub-committee tasked with rewriting the rules.

Jean Campbell asked whether Wessex's delegate might also be Dorset's delegate, since she is a member of both branches. Pippa Belas will follow this up with Sue Tipping. *[It was later confirmed that Dorset's delegate is someone else].*

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Julia McKinley has confirmed that the Playing Day with Helen Hooker will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025. April Munday will book the Gloucester Hall.

There is now efficient heating in the Gloucester Hall.

Barbara Law has written generously about the SRP in the editorial of the latest edition of *The Recorder Magazine*.

Ann and Steve Marshall have sent music for the Music Shelf in the next *Wessex Recorder Times*: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by Thomas Tompkins.

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Minutes approved by:

*P. Belas*

Date:

*15th April 2024*