

**Society of Recorder Players
Wessex Branch**

**Committee Meeting Minutes
24th January 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 13th December 2023 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

Colden Common are going to give a rebate for the November and December invoices.

The membership was surveyed regarding a possible increase in the Central part of the annual subscription. There were 27 responses – 24 in favour and 3 against.

Julia McKinley has discussed with David Burgess the possibility of him bringing some of his pupils to the January meeting, but there is a youth orchestra rehearsal that day.

3. Finance

The bank balance is £4,252.96.

Jean Campbell raised the question of whether or not a visitor who has paid to attend a meeting but doesn't turn up should have a refund. The committee agreed that there should be no refund unless there is a reason given in advance for not attending.

The committee discussed the pricing and structure of future playing days.

Jean Campbell provided a paper clearly setting out the financial advantages of having a separate playing day and the committee agreed that, if possible, there will be a branch meeting as well as the playing day in October 2024. April Munday will contact Colden Common about the hall's availability. It was agreed that the price for the playing day in October will be £15.

4. December Branch Meeting

Due to the lack of heating numbers were reduced, but it was an enjoyable afternoon.

5. January Branch Meeting

David Burgess will conduct the meeting.

6. Programme for 2023/24

The programme is complete.

The committee agreed that, when conductors turn down a fee for conducting, they will be given a bottle of wine.

7. Playing Day 2025

The committee discussed potential conductors for the playing day in autumn 2025. Helen Hooker, Marg Hall and Ian Wilson are all possibilities.

8. Conference Delegate


Julia McKinley is willing to be the branch's delegate, but does not yet have a place. Pippa Belas will ask the branch at the next meeting whether anyone has a place with a view to them being the branch delegate and writing something about the Festival for The Recorder Magazine.

9. Any Other Business

Steve Marshall has sent a piece for Music Shelf 14.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 19th February 2024.

Minutes approved by: 

Date: 