

**Society of Recorder Players
Wessex Branch**

Committee Meeting Minutes
13th December 2023

Present:

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

Apologies: Penny Smith

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 20th November 2023 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

April Munday has contacted the national web team and the branch's address has been corrected on the website.

Bob Whitmarsh has resolved the issue with the meetings page on the branch's website.

When asked at the last branch meeting, members said that they enjoyed the Music Shelf items in Wessex Recorder Times.

3. Finance

The bank balance is £4,304.66.

The invoice from Colden Common for November has been paid, but there was no discount to account for the lack of heating. April Munday will take this up with them.

The committee agreed to send the £50 from an anonymous donor to the Walter Bergmann Fund.

4. November Branch Meeting

Despite the lack of heating in the hall, the meeting went well and there were positive comments about the choice of music.

The AGM went well.

5. December Branch Meeting

Julia McKinley will replace Penny Smith for the second half of the afternoon and April Munday will take the first half. There will be prizes for Christmas jumpers and hats.

6. Programme for 2023/24

Angie Jones and Debbie Drouet-Lewis have confirmed that they will conduct the March meeting.

7. Lack of Young People in the Branch

This issue was raised at the AGM.

The committee would prefer to invest time and effort in attracting adults to the branch, as children tend to give up the recorder when they become teenagers. There are also safeguarding issue. Julia McKinley will ask David Burgess if he wishes to bring any of his pupils when he conducts in January. He has had the necessary DBS checks to enable him to do this.

Jean Campbell said that she is trying to get her U3A members to attend a meeting and asked Pippa Belas to write and invite them. *[She will do this once the heating issues in the hall are resolved or the weather is warmer].*

9. Any Other Business

The Trustees' Committee has been discussing the increased costs of The Recorder Magazine.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Minutes approved by:

Date: