

**Society of Recorder Players
Wessex Branch**

Committee Meeting Minutes
18th October 2023

Present:

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

1. Approval of Minutes

After corrections to the spelling of the names of Annabel Knight and Allan Rosenheck, the minutes of the meetings on 20th September 2023 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. Finance

The bank balance on 14th October was £4,663.96.

There were two visitors at the September meeting.

The total income for the playing day, including donations for music was £680.50. The expenditure was £774.14, of which £433.30 was refunded by Central SRP, as Michael Graham was a pastoral visitor. The final income to the branch was £339.66. It was a success financially for the branch.

Subscriptions for 2023-24 have now been received and the capitation sent to Central SRP. The branch has 45 members.

John Kitcher has completed his examination of the accounts for 2022 to 2023 and the signed copy has gone to the Central SRP Treasurer. The branch had £3,232.86 on 1st September 2022 and on 31st August 2023 the amount was £5,421.20. The branch is, therefore, in a very stable condition financially and can safely undertake new projects.

There will undoubtedly be an increase in the Central portion of the subscriptions next year.

The committee agreed that it would retain the anonymous £50 that was paid into the branch account at least until the end of the calendar year.

4. September Branch Meeting

The September branch meeting went well.

5. Playing Day

The Playing Day was a great success. There were many positive comments and members asked that Michael Graham be invited to conduct the branch again.

Given the confusion over the unexpected attendance of a group of visitors, April Munday will change the booking information to state that a booking is not firm unless an attendee has received a confirmation email.

6. October Branch Meeting

Joyce Rudall will conduct the October meeting. She appreciated the visiting conductor's letter.

7. Programme for 2023/24

Julia McKinley will conduct in November and December's meeting will be conducted by in-house conductors. She is still looking for someone to conduct in March.

Jean Campbell suggested that in-house conductors use some of the pieces from Ann and Steve Marshall's Music Shelf in Wessex Recorder Times.

8. Membership

The branch has lost five members and gained one. There are 45 members, most of whom paid their fees by BACS.

9. AGM

The AGM will be held during the November meeting. April Munday will let members know at the October meeting and confirm by email. She will send the Officers' Reports to members at least a fortnight before the AGM.

10. Any Other Business

Jean Campbell brought the following items from the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held in July.

- The cost of the discussed pdf version of The Recorder Magazine would depend on the number of people interested in it. Postage and paper costs have increased.
- A member in Bristol is interested in helping with the membership system.
- Val Giltrow-Tyler is stepping down as secretary next year and someone is interested in taking on the role.
- The society's expenditure is still more than its income, but this should change now that branches are no longer entitled to two pastoral visitors a year.
- The surplus from the Festival was divided between the branch putting it on, Central, the Walter Bergmann Fund and the conductors.
- There have been 66 pastoral visits in the last year. Only four branches have never had a pastoral visit in the last five years.
- The Musical Advisors will draw up guidance for branches commissioning music for Festivals
- The trustees will review all policies annually.
- The Trustees' Committee is in the process of appointing a new president of the society.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 20th November 2023.

N.B. This date was later changed

Minutes approved by:

Date: