

North East Early Music Forum (registered charity No. 326282)

Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27th October 2013, 13:35, held at Priory Street Centre, York, YO1 6ET.

Chair: Graham Coatman; **Secretary:** John A. Murdie.

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1. Apologies

Marion Bolton, John Bryan, Ann Christys, Tim Field, Anthony Grove, Sally Guthrie, Ruth Harland, Simon Hicks, Felicia McCormick, Alan Radford, Glenis Ridy, Terry Smurthwaite, Julie and Les Stobbs.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted without amendment and signed by Graham Coatman. Proposed: Leonard Thackery, Seconded: Thomas Green.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair:

Graham Coatman reminded the meeting that his written report had been circulated to all members. He thanked all the Committee for the work they had done this past year, and said we all owed our thanks to John Murdie and Marion Bolton now stepping down from their posts as Secretary and Membership Secretary, respectively. John said that he had e-mails thanking himself and Marion, most particularly from Tim Field proposing a vote of thanks for Marion's work. All concurred.

Secretary:

John Murdie reported that he had resigned as Secretary from this meeting, but wished to be elected non-portfolio member. Marion Bolton had tendered her resignation as Membership Secretary, but Jo Green had been co-opted to act in that post and wished to stand for election. Alice Brunton had been co-opted as IT Officer and wished to stand for election. Thomas Green had been co-opted as non-portfolio member, but wished to be elected as Secretary for one year, as Stephen Clarke had expressed interest in the post from the 2014 AGM.

Treasurer:

Edna Coop referred the meeting to the written report and accounts. She thanked Jo Green for her work with the sale of second-hand printed music to benefit the NEEMF/HISS Bursary Fund for students. A motion for the membership to accept the accounts was proposed by Gill Knowles and seconded by Thomas Green.

Development:

Glenis Ridy, unable to be present, had sent no report.

Membership Secretary:

Jo Green said we had 211 members paid up, and just 8 in arrears. Subscriptions were due, at the same amounts as last year.

Newsletter Editor:

Jo Rowling thanked the members for their contributions, and invited further submissions.

IT Officer:

Alice Brunton thanked Thomas Green for his assistance while taking on her new responsibilities. She thanked Jo Green for taking on maintenance of the membership mailing list.

5. Election of officers

Graham called for a proposer and seconder for a motion to reelect en bloc those members of the Committee seeking to remain in their post. Mike Oswald proposed this motion and Gill Knowles seconded it. John Murdie had proposed Thomas Green as Secretary, and Alice Brunton seconded. Jo Green had been nominated as Membership Secretary by Edna Coop and was seconded by Caroline Smith. Alice Brunton was nominated as IT Officer by Thomas Green and seconded by Jonathan Bynoe. John Murdie was nominated as non-portfolio member by Alice Brunton and seconded by Mike Oswald. The Chair called for a general vote for all these motions, which were carried unanimously.

6. Past and future events

Graham Coatman said that last year's events were listed in the financial report. The Historically-Informed Summer School (HISS) had been successful both musically and financially, and had expanded. The 2014 HISS was to run at the same place, the Scarborough Campus of the University of Hull, and brochures were now available. Alice Brunton said that the date of the madrigals workshop with Clive McLelland in Gateshead was Sunday the 9th February, not Saturday the 8th as previously given. John Murdie said that a request had been made at last year's AGM to re-invite Eileen Silcocks as director, and she was to give a workshop in York in March 2014. There was general discussion about the merits of smaller, specialist, workshops. Jo Green asked the meeting if it thought that higher fees were acceptable for smaller workshops. Graham Coatman reminded the meeting that it was NEEMF's policy to subsidise occasional smaller workshops with any financial surplus from the larger workshops. Edna Coop said that NEEMF's finances were healthy. Graham said he was keen to have a standard workshop fee.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will coincide as usual with a workshop whose date is yet to be announced, expected to be in October 2014.

8. Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 14:07.

Signed as an accurate record of the meeting:

Graham Coatman, Chair