

Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society
Held on Sunday 4th February at 2.00pm
At the home of Bill and Barbara Tuck

Present

Stephen Rowley, Gwilym Davies, Bill Tuck, Barbara Tuck, Rob Guest, Gillian Guest, Frances Tucker

Apologies

Bob Ellis, Mary-Jo Searle, Dennis Sherman

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record (Steve/Gwilym)

Matters Arising

A vote of thanks was expressed to Steve for organising a very successful IPATF

Repertoire A vote of thanks was given to Dennis for organising the music for the festival and it was agreed that the taborers forum on the web had been a successful means of sharing the music.

Treasurer's Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 30th November 2006 (attached)

Rob reported that organisations were so pleased to host P&T festival activities that they either refused to accept rental payment (National Centre for Early Music), or only requested nominal fee Barley Hall, All Saints Church). This has resulted in the society having a basic fund for beginning to organise this year's festival. Rob also reported that the bank has changed its system and no longer gives interest on the account.

The treasurer's report was accepted (Steve/Bill)

Rob noted that while TTS has 25 members, there are 93 members of the Yahoo list, a big potential membership. He proposed that the membership fee of £10 should be a joining fee, with no annual subscription at the moment, and that the festival ticket price should include the joining fee for non-members. Seconded Frances. Carried unanimously

Steve proposed a vote of thanks to Rob for having organised the finances of the society.

Chairman's Report

Steve presented his report (attached)

Steve noted that the York festival had a narrower focus than usual, and being unable to offer billeting to participants, was more expensive. The society should

aim to recover numbers by holding a festival with wider appeal, with a Morris emphasis.

Steve noted that this year TTS became established as an entity. It has raised the profile of the instrument and the York contacts think of us as a society and members.

Gillian reported that she had written a short article about TTS participation in the York Mystery Plays and sent it to the Early Music Shop, the Recorder Society and EDFSS. The Recorder Society has replied and intend to publish it in their newsletter.

A vote of thanks was given to Steve for chairing the society (Gwilym/Rob)

Election of Officers

The current office holders, with the addition of a Festival coordinator, were returned. Frances/Barbara

Chair – Steve Rowley

Festival Coordinator – Bill Tuck

Treasurer – Rob Guest

Secretary – Gillian Guest

Affiliation to other organisations

EDFSS no longer offers public liability insurance to corporate members so TTS will not become a corporate member.

Bill will investigate the Association of Festival Organisers and report back to the committee by email.

Steve will ask the Pipers where they obtain PLI.

It was suggested that TTS might consider affiliation to NIMA and the National Early Music Association. Investigations into the benefit for TTS to be made,

Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.45pm