**Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society**

**Held on Saturday 6th September 2014 in Gloucester**

# Present

Allan Swales, Alice Harrall, Chris Walker, David Wright, Andy Richards, Fiz Markham, Geoff Huggins, Barry Lloyd, Bob Tyson, Rebecca Parris, Aahmes Quince, Tony Pearson, Stefan Llwyd, Rod Gay, Rob Guest, Gillian Guest, Steve Rowley

# Apologies

Gwilym Davies, Bill Tuck

# Minutes of the last meeting

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

# Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

# Treasurer’s Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014

Accepted (Chris/Rebecca)

Bob suggested that TTS investigate the possibility of offering Dixon pipes in preference to Generation ones. Dixon also make a plastic pipe, and perhaps a choice could be offered on the website.

# Chairman’s Report

Steve presented his report

# Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected:

Chair – Steve Rowley

Treasurer – Rob Guest

Secretary – Gillian Guest

Director of Symposium – Bill Tuck

Archivist – Rebecca Parris

Marketing Officer – Catherine Cruise

Digital Archivist - vacant

It was agreed that further committee members should be co-opted as and when necessary.

It was agreed that publicity should be carried out by all members. Fiz volunteered to spread publicity to Morris sides and Rebecca will investigate re-enactment people. Alice suggested that a publicity leaflet would be useful to take to re-enactors markets, folk days, workshops etc.

Andy Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for running the society.

**The business of the AGM being completed, the meeting closed at 4.35pm and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS**

General Meeting

Present – personnel as above

Future Festivals

The meeting agreed to continue with Gloucester as the venue for IPATF for the foreseeable future, to coincide with Gloucester Day. This is the first Saturday in September. Other day or weekend gatherings elsewhere may still be arranged.

Tony Pearson is organising an Eel Day event in Ely again, which will be over the early May bank holiday.

We have also had invitations again to the Jack in the Green festival in Hastings on Monday 4th May.

Workshops and Supporting Materials

These have been held at various places including Sidmouth and Gloucester, and are going well. There has been good feedback from the YouTube workshops, and it was suggested that there may be a need to develop follow-up workshops maybe a month after a beginners one, as well as intermediate workshops. Suggestions were made to hold workshops at Cecil Sharp House, where the education section often holds 6-week courses.

Our Profile on the Internet

This was agreed to be increasingly important. Steve is running the website; Steve and Dennis the Yahoo group. Andy volunteered to be an emergency helper for the site, and Fiz offered to be a Yahoo moderator and also an extra moderator on Facebook. The TTS website needs to be kept up to date (the details of the 2014 festival were very late appearing). Steve asked members for good quality recordings that he could link to on the site.

There are still the 2 Yahoo groups, the TTS one and the public one based in the USA.

Folk Museum Exhibition

The museum has removed the pipe and tabor exhibit without notification, and has returned the artefacts to their owners. Steve, Rob and Glosfolk have all written to the museum about this. The space is now occupied until 2015, but the museum is willing to discuss the matter. Suggestions are sought for ideas for a more modern, interactive display.

TTS Banner

The TTS banner has been made and is very eye-catching. It was used to great effect in York at the Mystery Plays, and again in the Gloucester Day parade.

Publishing Papers

No advances have been made in this matter.

Carles Mas

Carles Mas ran his taboring course in August in Oxford as part of Chalemie. 7 TTS members attended and recommended it strongly to those who did not go.

2015 Festival

2015 will be the 15th year of full festivals, and it is hoped to make it a landmark event. Ideas are welcomed! Suggested guests are: Carles, Rafel, Teresa, Poul Hoxbro, Henrique Gaitero and Mike Chandler who could be invited to talk about taboring and Jim Jones.

With such guests we should try to market the concert and find an angle to attract a larger audience. It was suggested that we try to obtain some funding for this, and market it to groups who might be interested, such as early music.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.05p.m.