**Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society**

**Held on Saturday 5th September 2015 in Gloucester**

# Present

Chris Walker, David Wright, Andy Richards, Fiz Markham, Bob Tyson, Rebecca Parris, Donald Reid, Gwilym Davies, Mary-Jo Searle, Terry Mann, Rob Guest, Gillian Guest, Steve Rowley

# Apologies

Bill Tuck, Frances Tucker, Mark Whitcombe, Alice Harrall, John Puntis, Barry Lloyd

# Minutes of the last meeting

With the omission of the line ‘Marketing Officer – Catherine Cruise’ the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. (Bob/Rob)

# Matters Arising

Dixon pipes. The Society held a large stock of Generation pipes, so no alternative had been considered immediately. Mary-Jo and Andy said that Dixon pipes are not always in tune, and that the Generation is more reliable as a beginner’s pipe. Steve agreed to look at the Dixon products when he is next at Marcus Music (who stock a range).

Publicity Leaflet. It was agreed that there is a need for a publicity leaflet. Rebecca has explored re-enactor websites, but had not found a contact who could distribute leaflets. It was suggested that Rachel of the Crafty Beggars might be in a position to give us a lead on this. Terry offered to take leaflets to Greenwich. Rob distributed TTS cards to those at the meeting.

# Treasurer’s Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015

Accepted (Gwilym/Andy)

# Chairman’s Report

Steve presented his report

Accepted (Rob/Andy)

# Election of Officers

It was proposed that the Society officers be re-elected en bloc (Chris/Andy) and this was accepted. The following officers were thus re-elected:

Chair – Steve Rowley

Treasurer – Rob Guest

Secretary – Gillian Guest

Director of Symposium – Bill Tuck

Archivist – Rebecca Parris

Digital Archivist - vacant

Marketing was discussed and it was suggested that a (weekly) presence on Facebook might be more effective than the Yahoo group, though that line of communication needs to be retained for non-Facebook users. Rebecca suggested posting a job vacancy for someone to maintain a Facebook page.

A winter weekend gathering was mooted, preferably in the north so that northerly members could more easily attend.

Steve was keen to publish a recording of taborers. There are recordings made by Peter Kennedy and others by Andy with Russell Wortley, and these should be made available as a record of English taboring.

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 4.20pm and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS**

General Meeting

Present – personnel as above

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Andy confirmed that he would help with the website. Steve will give him and Gwilym access, and check that Fiz is registered as an administrator.

The Folk Museum is not interested in displaying any pipe and tabor information.

Future Festivals

It was agreed that the 2016 Festival will be in Gloucester again, to coincide with Gloucester Day (first weekend in September). Ideas were sought to attract new members and to encourage more members to attend IPATF. It was suggested that we set up a competition for new compositions for pipe and tabor, and Andy volunteered to help with this. Also it was suggested that we might commission new music, involving lower pipes, and part-playing.

Other Events

Steve indicated that Cecil Sharp House are not interested in publishing articles about TTS as we are not affiliated to them.

It was suggested that a P&T instructional for Morris could be organised through the Morris Federation, possibly in February.

Waites and Measures (Gwilym Davies) has held a mediaeval music event for schools in Tewkesbury, and it was suggested as a possibility for the society to run others.

It was noted that the Pitt-Rivers Museum in Oxford has an annual open day and may welcome events/demonstrations relating to their exhibits.

Projects

Projects were summarised

* Commission new music
* Recording
* Competition for new tune

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.00p.m.