**Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society**

**Held on Saturday 3rd September 2016 in Gloucester**

# Present

Chris Walker, David Wright, Andy Richards, Fiz Markham, Bob Tyson, Barry Lloyd, Geoff Huggins, Bill Tuck, Clive Du’Mont, Atsufumi Ujiie, Rob Guest, Gillian Guest

# Apologies

Steve Rowley, Rebecca Parris, Mary-Jo Searle, Tony Pearson, John Puntis, Allan Swales, Alice Harrall, Gez Pegram

As Steve was unable to be present at the meeting, Rob agreed to take the chair.

# Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. (Chris/Andy)

# Matters Arising

Dixon pipes. Nothing further has been done about this. Steve will be asked for advice.

Publicity Leaflet. No further action has been taken on this as it was felt that TTS cards are sufficient for the moment. Cards were made available to those at the meeting.

The winter weekend in Lancaster was most enjoyable, and the meeting expressed thanks to Bob who organised it.

# Treasurer’s Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016

Accepted (Bill/Andy)

# Chairman’s Report

Andy read Steve’s report.

For a variety of reasons Steve has decided that the time has come or him to step down from the chair of the society, having led it from its inception. Steve’s commitment to the Society over the years was noted with appreciation.

There have been great difficulties with WordPress for the website, resulting in information about this festival not being available online and with new members being unable to access the resources in the members’ area. The meeting decided that an email should be sent out to all members explaining the problem and requesting assistance from any member with sufficient IT skills and knowledge.

# Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Chair – Andy Richards (proposed Rob, seconded Chris) elected.

Treasurer – Rob Guest (Chris/Bob)

Secretary – Gillian Guest (Bob/Chris)

Director of Symposium – Bill Tuck (Rob/Terry)

Archivist – Rebecca Parris (Rob/Fiz)

Digital Archivist - vacant

**The business of the AGM being completed, the meeting closed at 4.37pm and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS**

**General Meeting**

Present – personnel as above. The meeting was chaired by Andy and the following topics were discussed:

Future Festivals

Falling attendance at IPATF was noted. This year has seen a conflict of dates with Mediaeval Music in the Dales as well as the Morris meeting. It was thought that joining our festival to MMID would restrict our music choice. It was decided that next year we would hold IPATF in October, probably starting on the Friday evening, with the Symposium on the Saturday morning to enable more members to hear the talks. The date is to be confirmed, and the venue was left open for the moment, but it was felt that somewhere in the east of the country might be a good idea. The Gloucester Day parade could still be attended by local players.

A Northern Winter Meet

It was hoped that Gez might organise this in York early in the New Year.

Competition for a New Tune

A very pleasing six entries were received for this, and it was won by Clive’s composition – Taborers’ Rally. It was decided to run further competitions, but not to make it an annual event. Clive will run a workshop on his piece on Sunday morning.

Promotion

Clive volunteered to liaise with Morris organisations.

Andy has contacts in historical dance societies.

Bill agreed to promote the society within the early dance world.

Fiz has contacts with young dancers.

There are many folk festivals, but people tend always to attend the same one(s), so the society should try to attend and run beginners’ workshops at different festivals whenever possible.

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