

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

Annual General Meeting on Saturday 6th November 2010 held at Guiseley Methodist Church, LS20 9EP

Chair: Graham Coatman; **Minute taker:** Marion Bolton.

1. Apologies

Chris Johnson, Simon Hicks, Jonathan Ridy, Felicia McCormick, Eleanor Allibone, Pauline Holmes and John Murdie. 34 members were present (including members of the Committee).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted without amendment. Proposed: M. Bolton, Seconded: Edna Coop.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair:

Graham gave a summary of the report which he will circularise to all members with next Newsletter. Most notable event being the "Playing Day" at Temple Newsam, Leeds in April at which groups (and soloists) performed at intervals throughout the day to visitors to the property. Thomas Green suggested we rename it "NEEMF's day out" as it was so enjoyable. Least successful venture was the HISS (Historically Informed Summer School) which had to be cancelled due to late promotion, and consequent shortage of applicants. Graham said lessons had been learnt, the deposit saved, and things would swing into action earlier next year.

Secretary:

John Murdie, not present, had submitted no report.

Treasurer:

Bill Hunt handed out copies of the accounts which showed that, apart from the lute, NEEMF (30th June 2010) had assets of £10,225, as against £10,737 the previous year. Adoption of accounts moved by Mary Cousen, seconded by Stephen Clarke.

Membership Secretary:

Marion Bolton said that we had 227 members but that 49 of them had not paid this year. She said that it had been proposed in Committee that the "Money Off" token (£3 reduction in any workshop fee) would in future only be awarded to members who paid their subs. before 31st January.

Newsletter Editor:

Joanna Rowling thanked everyone for their contributions to the Newsletter, and asked if people would like a letters page - and please would someone write to her about it. By general acclamation, a vote of thanks was passed to her for her work.

Webmaster:

Thomas Green (our IT specialist, as Thomas preferred to call the post) reported that an average of 442 visits are made to the website each month. He wondered if there is anyone who wished to access it via their mobile phone (one person said yes). A "Good Venues" list is at last available, and payment by Paypal is being examined. Another vote of thanks was given.

5. Election of Officers

Glenis Ridy, who had been co-opted to the committee at the last AGM, was formally approved. Simon Hicks (not present, but offering himself by letter) was voted on to the committee. Proposed: Joanna Rowling, Seconded: Jo Green. Graham asked for a proposal that the entire committee (except for Bill Hunt, who wishes to retire as Treasurer) be elected en bloc. Proposed: Pam Radford, Seconded: Lian French. This meant that we had a committee, but no treasurer. Graham asked all those present for a volunteer, and Edna Coop raised her hand. Proposed: Alice Metherell, Seconded: Joanna Rowling..

6. Past and future events

Members were invited to visit the website, or check newsletter, for up to date information.

7. Date of Next Meeting

October 2011, as nearly as possible, to be held on the workshop day for that month.

8. Any other business

a) Organ: Marion Bolton has been bringing her Ahlborn back and forth to workshops, and wishes to sell it. Thomas proposed that NEEMF buy it (£500) and treat it similarly to the NEEMF Lute, which is lent to members. Graham would be the keeper, and it would be available for hire. (Details, fees, insurance etc to be settled in Committee). This was agreed.

b) Commended to the meeting by Thomas, was a Richmond Voices and Viols day on 16th January 2011; tutors Graham Coatman and Susanna Pell.

c) Likewise Village Carols with Julia Bishop on 4th December 2010 - places still free.

d) Young People. It was suggested that we make more effort to involve young people, especially university music students. Scholarships was one suggestion. A "student representative" was another - someone willing to put up notices on university noticeboards and generally spread the word. Florence Fawcett offered to do this for Leeds University School of Music, and was at once acclaimed "NEEMF Student Ambassador".

The meeting closed at 13:50.

Signed as an accurate record of the meeting:

Graham Coatman, Chair