

## Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the North East Early Music Forum DRAFT

Held on Sunday 15 March 2012 at the Priory Centre, York, commencing 1.35pm.

*Present:* Graham Coatman (Chair), Marion Bolton (Membership sec.), Joanna Rowling (Newsletter Editor), Thomas Green (IT manager, acting sec.), Janet Hilton, Janet Foster, Margrit Healy, Mike Oswald, Jonathan Bynoe, Anna Lomax, Helen Sanders, David Harbour, Sally Guthrie, Lian French, Liz Emsley, Jo Green.

*Agendum:* To consider the NEEMF accounts for the financial year to April 2011.

Copes of the revised accounts for the financial year to April 2011 were given to attenders.

Graham explained why the accounts presented at the preceding AGM had been withdrawn for revision and not put to the vote, *scil.*, the accountants had made errors and omissions, so that the committee had been unable to answer certain questions relating to those accounts. In particular, the income received from Gift Aid had not been included. In the revised accounts now presented Gift Aid had been included (page 1 of the sheets passed out), the amount being £427, a slight drop on the previous year but well in line with typical values over the years.

Graham also addressed the issue of why the committee had recommended a small increase in subscriptions and workshop fees, explaining that NEEMF income has remained level over the years while costs, especially travel costs for workshop directors, had increased. Since the AGM, he had noted that other forums had made similar moves, so NEEMF is not getting more expensive relative to other forums. There had been concern at the AGM that subscriptions and fees were being raised to subsidise HISS, the summer school, but that was not so. HISS had made a significant loss, as was to be expected in its first year, but that fell outside the financial year covered by these accounts. In any case NEEMF assets were well able to cover the loss, and this year's HISS was well on track and was expected to cover its costs. In the future, HISS accounts would probably be kept separate to alleviate any concerns.

Turning to page 2 of the sheets passed out, presenting the overall picture, Graham noted that the overall income was slightly less than last year, but that the increases in workshop fees should mean that most workshops should break even this year.

The accounts were opened to discussion by the meeting. After a few questions of clarification, noting for instance that the NEEMF lute was itemised differently from the NEEMF chamber organ because the lute was on loan and therefore was not depreciated year on year, it was proposed that the revised accounts should be accepted as a true and accurate statement (*prop.:* Sally Guthrie; *seconder:* Marion Bolton). The motion was passed *nem. con.*

The meeting closed at 1.47pm.