

Foresters Morris & Sword Dancing Club

Minutes of the 2010 AGM held on Monday 8th February 2010

Started 8:05pm at the Queen's Walk Community Centre, The Meadows

Present:

Ken Bramman, Martin Burgess, Arthur Dexter, Frank Earp, Joe Earp (Deputy squire), Eric Foxley (Bagman secretary), Paul Gadsby (Bagman treasurer), Colin Higgins, Cecil Laughlin, Phil Mallard, Vic Martin, Dave Middleton, Steve Moore, William Pearse, Stewart Thompson (Squire)

1. Apologies for absence were received from

Simon Hopper, Ciaran Laughlin, Andy Sowter, Mike Stevens, Barrie Whittamore.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (9th February 2009)

The annual subscription should read £25, not £30. These were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

3. Engraving the Squire's staff of office. This has not progressed. Stewart will investigate and cost replacing the whole silver engraving which has become difficult to read.
8. Charity details have been added to our handout. The water pump is in and working.
11. More musical instruments were appearing at practices.

4. Items for AOB

Items were invited for AOB, see below.

5. Squire's Report

The Squire's report (no apostrophe this year) included the following points. He welcomed our new member Martin. He congratulated Phil on being awarded his badges. He said it was good that Frank had survived yet another heart attack; Frank agreed. We must not default on bookings due to lack of men, we need spare members at every booking, more than 6 + musician. Hangers on should not get freebies and free admission to events.

The Squire's report was accepted.

6. Bagman Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted. There were only 2 defaulters of subscriptions this year. During the year we have given in total over £900 to charities. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to the bagman treasurer.

7. Subscriptions for 2010

It was proposed and agreed that we continue with a standard subscription of £25 for all members.

8. Charity for 2010

It was agreed that we now pay £300 from club funds to Rainbows Children's Hospice.

After discussion of alternatives (including CLAPA [cleft lip and palate association] from Frank) it was agreed to continue with last year's charity "Rainbows Children's Hospice", a children's hospice in Loughborough for one more year.

9. Election of Officers for 2010 / 2012

It was agreed to re-elect all existing officers as below for another 2-year period.

Squire : Stewart

Deputy Squire : Joe

Bagman Secretary : Eric
Bagman Treasurer : Paul
Foreman : Vic
Captain of Sword : Steve
Captain of Mummers : Ken
Keeper of Animal : William
Keeper of Scrapbook : Vic

10. Tours and shows for 2009

Members went through the list of bookings distributed by the bagman.

Please inform the bagman of *Monday tour details* as soon as possible, in time for a handout on St George's day.

The bagman emphasised that we are thin on numbers but **MUST HONOUR OUR PAID COMMITMENTS** and not get a reputation for being unreliable.

10a. Arrangements for visit of Adelaide Morris Men

The Adelaide Morris Men (here through a contact from Colin) would be here in May, arriving Friday 28th May and departing Tuesday 1st June. We would put them up for the four nights. They would dance out with us on the Sunday (Hoveringham, the service to dedicate the memorials is 11.30 or 12 but we dance after lunch at the Tractor Rally, then a BBQ at Cecil's) and Monday (Wellow and Sherwood Forest and evening at the Trip to Jerusalem). Saturday they are dancing with others, perhaps Mortimer's and Dolphin. Colin asked for volunteers to accommodate them.

11. Social Evening

It was agreed to use Bottesford Paul's again. Dave would organise a meal for Thursday 20th May at Paul's Restaurant, Bottesford.

12. Any other business

Regalia - Fleeces

The bagman has not done anything about fleeces. William suggests we choose something we could wear while dancing. Barrie Whittamore has agreed to take this over and will report back with possibilities.

Sticks

Dave suggested that anyone who breaks a stick provides a stick. Vic has provided more sticks than anyone else. We need a good supply of sticks; members should always be on the lookout for sticks 33" long.

The Morris Ring Questionnaire

The bagman mentioned the questionnaire from the Ring to all clubs, which we had completed.

Bagman's musings

The bagman summarised Ring emails on CRB checks and public performances

Musicians

Stewart The team's existing musicians were thanked for their contribution to the side's activities.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm, 2 minutes earlier than planned. Members retired to the bar.

[Bagman secretary Eric Foxley]