

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

Annual General Meeting September 3rd 2007

Pat Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joan Crump was introduced. She is Programme and Marketing Manager at Loughborough Town Hall and has been invited to address the meeting about her recent activities encouraging folk dance activities in schools. It was decided that she should speak after Matters Arising.

1. Apologies were received from Sylvia and Stan Wade, Dorothy Winfield, Joyce Lawson, Paul St Clair, Elizabeth Spendlove, Richard Parsons, Roy and Norma Garrington, Maureen Knight.
In attendance were Margaret and John Pollard, Mary and Keith Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Doug and Maggie Weston, Keith Clifton, Corinne Male, Ian and Patsy Paterson, Jean Forrester, John and Pauline Osband, John Fear, Mike and Dianne Bird, Richard Spendlove, Dennis and Mary Bradley, Jenny Crane, Pat Crane.
2. Minutes from the AGM of Sept 4th 2006 had been circulated. Mike Bird proposed their acceptance; seconded by Doug Weston and carried unanimously.
3. Matters Arising; there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
4. Joan Crump was welcomed to the meeting and invited to address the gathering. Joan explained that she is Programme and Marketing Manager at Loughborough Town Hall and described the recent programme to take folk dancing into schools in the North Leics district. Joan also briefly outlined her activities since joining the EFDSS Educational Advisory committee and her recent co-option onto the EFDSS National Council.
5. Treasurer's report
The Financial statement is attached. Stated funds are high as a result of payments received but not yet expended on the District weekend.
It was proposed (John Osband) and seconded (Mary Oughton) that the statement be accepted and was passed unanimously. John Pollard had indicated at the previous AGM that 2006/7 would be his last year as treasurer. He has done the job for 7 years and the meeting thanked him for all his efforts.
6. Secretary's Report
Geoff Weston read out his report in which he outlined the events of the year and commended those involved with their organisation. The merging of the Diary Dates and Newsletter had been accomplished successfully but he expressed the opinion that the Newsletter was under-used. Clubs and members are reminded of its existence and are encouraged to publicise activities and events. A request was made to see if a way could be found to re-introduce mulled wine to the Christmas mix.

7. Membership Secretary

Pat Crane, the membership secretary, reported that membership within the county had increased from 77 to 83. It was noted that, although EFDSS includes folk singing activities, the vast majority of members in the county were folk dancers.

8. Election of Officers and committee members.

The present committee consists of:

Chairman, Pat Crane; secretary Geoff Weston, treasurer, John Pollard, members Mike Bird, Keith Clifton, Jenny Crane, Pat Crane, Keith Oughton, Richard Parsons, Patsy Paterson, Richard Spendlove, Doug Weston. John Pollard will no longer be treasurer but wishes to remain on the committee. All other members are prepared to stand again. John Osband proposed and Margaret Pollard seconded that the committee be re-elected in its entirety and this was passed unanimously.

Pat Crane proposed and John Pollard seconded that Keith Oughton be elected treasurer and this received unanimous agreement.

9. Reports from Friday Folk and Quorn dance clubs had been received and included in the papers for the meeting. Patsy Paterson noted that it may be possible to include reports from recalcitrant clubs in the December newsletter.

10. Planned events and other activities were discussed. These included the Symonds Yat weekend, the NYFTE concert and dance on Oct 29, Christmas mix on Dec 15, Day of Folk on Feb 23, 2008 and the Playford Ball on Oct 4 2008. The ball will be held in the Braunstone Civic Centre with Charles Boulton and Deo Volente.

11. Any Other Business

Mike Bird reported that there were six tickets left for their ball in November in Quorn. Pauline and John Osband will be calling at that ball and also at another at Rushden earlier in the month. They assured those present that the two events would have distinctly different programmes.

There being no other items of business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.