

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

Annual General Meeting September 7 2009

Pat Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Sylvia and Stan Wade, Mike and Dianne Bird, Elizabeth Spendlove, Pauline Kinch, Mr and Mrs Lorrison, Mary Oughton and Pat Gibbs.
In attendance were Margaret and John Pollard, Keith Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Doug and Maggie Weston, Ian and Patsy Paterson, John and Pauline Osband, Richard Spendlove, Jenny Crane, Pat Crane, Richard Parsons
2. Minutes from the AGM of Sept 8 2008 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters Arising; there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
4. Treasurer's report
The Financial statement was submitted showing an increase in net funds of £61.05
5. 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. In addition to the regular activities the committee has been busy producing a Child Protection Policy and a website and thanks are due to Keith O for his efforts here.
6. Membership Secretary
Pat Crane, the membership secretary, reported that membership within the county was 88. It was noted that, although EFDSS includes folk singing activities, the vast majority of members in the county were folk dancers.
7. Election of Officers and committee members.
Pat Crane proposed and John Pollard seconded that Keith Oughton be elected treasurer and this received unanimous agreement.
Patsy wishes to come off the committee but all the other members are prepared to stand. They were accepted unanimously
The committee now consists of:
Chairman, Pat Crane; Secretary, Geoff Weston; Treasurer, Keith Oughton; with members Mike Bird, Keith Clifton, Jenny Crane, Richard Parsons, John Pollard, Richard Spendlove and Doug Weston..

8. Planned events and other activities were discussed. These included the upcoming Symonds Yat weekend on Oct 2-4 2009, Christmas mix on Dec 5, Day of Folk on Feb 27, 2010 and the Playford Ball on Oct 9 2010. The ball will be held in the Braunstone Civic Centre with Hilary Herbert and The Falconers.

9. Any Other Business:

In a recent issue of Set and Turn Single, Katey Spicer, EFDSS chief executive, invited comments about the operation of the society and this general point was discussed. The outcome was that the committee would write to her outlining the opinions expressed. Pauline Osband had also written to her concerning the fact that the wall hanging, to which Leicester members had contributed, had been moved from its prominent place in the entrance to a much less frequented place upstairs. The ongoing policy of sponsoring Jane Pfaff was discussed and confirmed and Richard Parsons asked how schools got to hear about Jane Pfaff. Jane herself had contacted all Leicestershire schools, and the committee learned of this from Jenny Crane, who is a teacher; our involvement started then. Patsy will pass on information about Jane to Richard Parsons and to Doug.

The meeting adjourned at 8.55pm