

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

Annual General Meeting September 6 2010

Pat Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Sylvia Wade, John and Pam Forgham, Chris Cawte, Roy and Norma Garrington, Baz Butler,
In attendance were Margaret and John Pollard, Keith and Mary Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Doug and Maggie Weston, Ian and Patsy Paterson, John and Pauline Osband, Richard and Elizabeth Spendlove, Jenny Crane, Pat Crane, Alice Little, Keith Clifton, Dennis and Mary Bradley, Mike Bird and Pauline Kinch.
2. Minutes from the AGM of Sept 7 2009 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 £607.28. This increase was due, not only to good budgeting of events but also to the generous grants received from Blaby DC and Voluntary Action Leicester.
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 ratified its Child Protection Policy and consolidated the website. Thanks are due to Keith O for his efforts in these two last items. The committee had continued with its policy of sponsoring days of dance at local schools, but administrative problems meant that only one of these took place in 2009-10.
6. Membership Secretary
Pat Crane, the membership secretary, reported that several old members had not renewed but several new ones joined. Even so, membership within the county had gone down from 88 to 79. Club/band membership was up by 2.
7. Election of Officers and committee members.
Geoff Weston proposed and John Osband seconded that Keith Oughton be elected treasurer and this received unanimous agreement.
They were accepted unanimously
The present committee 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.. These are all prepared to continue and as there were no additional nominations, will be next year's committee.

8. Planned events and other activities were discussed. These included the workshop to be run by Jane Pfaff on Sept 12, the Playford Ball on Oct 9, Christmas Mix on Dec 4 and the visit to CSH on Dec 19. The district weekend of dance at Symonds Yat will take place on Oct 7-9 2011 and forms for this will go out in Feb.
9. Reports were read out from three clubs: Quorn, Friday Folk and Glenfield Folk. These will appear in a future newsletter.
10. Any Other Business

Patsy Paterson pointed out that, in the recently-received Business Matters, reference is made to events being covered by EFDSS insurance if EFDSS had been made aware of them. The document did not describe how this should be done. The secretary will contact HQ seeking clarification.

Geoff Weston reported that EFDSS had sponsored a concert and had had a publicity stand as part of the The Big Session in Leicester in June. The secretary will find out if this will happen next year to see if there are ways in which we could publicise local clubs and activities.

Keith O encouraged people to use the website, especially to publicise their events. The meeting concluded at 8.55.