



AGM 1996

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st September 1996 at the Regis School of Music, 46 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis.

Committee in attendance: Richard Prior (Chairman) Pam Davis (Librarian)
 Sasha Levtov (Artistic Director) Jonathan Parrott (Treasurer)
 Alastair Ridley (Press Secretary)

1. Chairman's Address

The chairman declared the AGM open and welcomed those assembled. He thanked Sasha & Nina Levtov for their supreme efforts in the preparation of the new premises in readiness for the start of the 1996/97 season.

2. Artistic Director's Report

The Artistic Director stated that those present had already received a printed copy of his report in the Notice for the AGM and there was no need for him to cover the events of the preceding year. He expressed his delight with the new building and conveyed to those present his high expectations for the coming year with concerts by Charles Ramirez and Nicola Hall and a concert and masterclass by John Mills already confirmed. The new premises are to be used for the guitar section of the Chichester Festival and the Arun Young Musicians Festival. The premises offered many possibilities with its recital hall and stage, green rooms, teaching rooms and a permanent home for the library. The sound system made it feasible to hold record music evenings where members could share their favourite tracks with each other. He concluded by wishing those present, members and the club a very successful new season.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the club accounts as at the 31st July 1996 were as printed in the Notice for the AGM and stood at £513.48; this total included the grants from Arun District Council and South East Arts for the new season. The previous season had seen the club introduce the newsletter, enhance its video and photographic records of professional and club evenings and expand the range of the library; all of this had been possible due to the growth in club membership and concert attendance. He expressed the need to identify new sources of income in the form of grants, sponsorships or fund raising and would gratefully receive any suggestions from those present. In conclusion he stated that the club's success was down directly to the support of it's

membership and hoped that all those who had not as yet renewed their membership would soon do so.

The accounts were approved and adopted.

4. Librarian's Report

The Librarian stated that the library had expanded into the field of CD recordings which had been a successful venture with their popularity only being exceeded by that of the videos, it was anticipated that several more CDS would be added to the collection during the coming year. The loan recording system although manual and simple had worked well but was very reliant on the borrowers returning the loans at the next evening they attended, it was very rare that a friendly reminder had been required. Thanks were expressed to all those that had helped during the past year in the running and support of this important part of the club's social activities.

5. Press Secretary's Report

The Press Secretary expressed his thanks to all those who helped in the distribution of posters highlighting how important it was to have this local advertising, any additional assistance that could be offered would be most welcome.

6. Election of the Committee

The Chairman stated that no application to stand had been received from any non-serving member and that as those incumbent in the posts were prepared to serve for another year the committee was re-elected unopposed.

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that no items had been notified by post and concluded that there was no other business.

8. Close

The Chairman thanked all those present and declared the Annual General Meeting closed.