

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of The Rumworth Morris of Bolton held at 14 Church Street, Westhoughton on Sunday 23rd September 2007

Those Present: Jim Fox, Geoff Hughes (chairman), Peter Bearon, Denise Bearon, Alison Whitaker, Norman Bearon, John Kelly, Haydn Thompson, Ian Lomas, Jameson Wooders, Tony Dann, Andrew White (arrived late), Steve Armitage, Keith Taylor, John Green, Linda Green, John Fox

Meeting Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Apologies: Nick Dann, Graham Rollinson, Pete Young, Gary Young, Andrew White (for first part of the meeting)

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were read out and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- Trevor's video
 - Andrew White has a copy of the DVD
 - Norman and Peter hadn't looked for the subs books

Correspondence:

- Simon Wooders had sent an e-mail to say that after much soul searching he had decided not to continue with Rumworth for the time being. The secretary will write back to say that we accept his decision not to dance for the time being, but hope that he will be able to in the future.
- Margaret Nicholson had also sent a letter in which she said that she was now dancing with the Adlington Folk Dance display team and the practices clashed with the Rumworth practices. She therefore felt that she had to resign. The secretary will write back saying we refuse to accept her resignation, but will allow her to become a 'country' member.

Conductor's Report:

- The conductor suggested that we should cut and paste the previous years' reports!
- He was sorry to have missed the Oyster weekend, but the rest of Rumworth had had a good weekend
- Lichfield was enjoyable
- Boatman's has really taken off this year
- It was a pity that we 'lost' Andrew at the end of Sidmouth
- All in all it has been a good year
- Finally, thanks to Jim for organising the previous day's dancing and pub – one of the Jemmers was so impressed that she said 'if ever she came back as a man, she would join 'Horwich' – errm 'Rumworth'!
- John Fox said that the landlord from the Man & Scythe will let him have a copy of all the photographs they took.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer circulated the accounts. We made a small loss last year of £45.46 and the funds currently stand at £732.15.
- The collection the previous day had been a little over £200 which more or less balanced the cost of the meal.

Election of Officers:

- No-one else put their head above the parapet so the current officers remain in post: Geoff Hughes – conductor, Norman Bearon – treasurer, Peter Bearon – minutes secretary.

Team History:

- Haydn's synopsis is on the member's website. Everyone is asked to look at it, and amend/add to/edit this.

Website:

- We need to expand the public part of the website this year.
- A sub-group was set up to look into this consisting of Geoff, Haydn and Andrew.
- If members think that there are any particular photos that should be in the public area – put a comment on the web page.
- Photos should represent Rumworth or the particular dance – we do not want reams and reams of photos like some teams' sites.
- There are already some suggestions on the members' site.

Review of Rumworth:

- With Peter having stopped dancing the previous day, and Simon leaving, we will be struggling on the left hand side this coming year.
- Andrew does not think that his leg will be a long term problem.
- Norman said that he was also suffering with his knee and his hips.
- Jim was hoping that he may be able to dance a little bit more than he has this year.
- Jameson offered to change sides – this may help out.
- Alison said that if her elbow did not recover, she would not drum after Chippenham.
- We need an apprentice drummer as well as more dancers.
- There was some discussion on the perennial problem of getting new members. Geoff pointed out, that with the exception of when we first started, we had always got new members through personal contact. Notwithstanding that, it was decided that we should try the following in the hope it may attract some new members:
 - Jim will talk to the landlord of the Man & Scythe to see if we can get any publicity on the back of the previous day's dancing
 - John Fox will look at getting posters/adverts for musicians in music shops (after clearing any content with Alison and Linda)
 - We will also use posters in pubs and anywhere else appropriate to advertise for dancers
 - We will get the public side of the website up and running
 - Peter will look into the possibility of running some workshops:
 - at festivals (especially in the North)
 - In Bolton/Wigan (trying through the Youth Service/Bolton Lads & Girls Club/Deane Parish Magazine/Dancing for Boys in Wigan)

Kit:

- Both the Holme Chapel and Royton mollies need renewing. We have already got the appropriate materials for renewing the Holme Chapel mollies, but the Royton ones are more important.
- Norman and Denise will look into whether they can get some material/stuffing and do this.
- Jim said that we need new carrying bags, Norman said that he could go ahead and buy some.
- Gold sash material is still a problem.

Music:

- Geoff thanked the musicians for playing during the previous year.
- The male musicians had decided against having red ties. They will now look into buying some blue ones to match the breeches. A few spares will be bought in case other musicians come along.
- We also need gold material for the musicians sashes, although this does not need to be the same as the dancers gold material.

Programme for the Coming Year:

- The following events were considered – not in date order:
 - April - Horwich St Georges Day – we decided not to do this
 - Chippenham Folk Festival + Bampton on the Monday evening
 - September - Liverpool (Hekety Ceilidh) – we decided against this
 - July – Littleborough Rushcart – we decided against this
 - Holmfirth festival – we decided to do this for the Saturday only if we can get a team
 - July – a weekend with Basingclog – we decided against this
 - June – Evesham Morris weekend in the Cotswolds – we thought this sounded good, but not for this coming year as it is too near Chippenham
 - 20/21 September – AGM weekend – we will arrange something nearer the time
 - 1st weekend in July – Rivington Morris may invite us to their 30th (actually 31st) birthday do.
We decided to leave discussing this until we get an invite
- The finalised version of the programme is given at the end of these minutes

Any Other Business:

- Jim said that the Man & Scythe want to arrange a Morris weekend based on the pub. The Parish Church has a brand new church hall which would give the possibility of indoor camping. After some discussion, it was decided that we should suggest the idea of this being a Rumworth weekend of dance on either the 1st or 2nd weekend of July. John Fox and Linda to look into this.

Annual Awards:

Panic Monitor

Nominations:

No nominations:

Geoff Hughes therefore remains panic monitor.

Disorientation monitor - Two nominations:

Peter Bearon for his performance in the Garland Dance

Haydn Thompson for wanting to use his SatNav on the way to the Oyster weekend, then not being able to find it when returning from Kent, only to find out he had left it at home!

Haydn Thompson for his step up/down in Royton

The votes were as follows: Peter 8

Haydn (SatNav) 7

Haydn (Step up/down) 1

Peter Bearon was therefore voted the disorientation monitor

The Dave Bennett Memorial Award - It was decided that for organising the previous day and for generally looking after the kit – Jim Fox should be awarded the Dave Bennett Memorial Award

Wally of the Year - One nomination:

Geoff Hughes for putting Peter Bearon in charge the previous day

The votes were as follows: Geoff Hughes nil votes

Jameson therefore remains Wally of the Year

The meeting ended 12:55

To do list:

Peter/Norman – check if they have the subs book

Peter to respond to Simon and Margaret

Everyone to have input into the team history and website

Geoff/Andrew/Haydn – Web Page sub-group & get public side of website up and running

Jim – to talk to Man & Scythe re trying to get some free advertising on the back of the previous day's dancing outside the pub

John Fox – Check with music shops etc. to see if we can get some adverts/posters pinned up (Alison/Linda to check any wording)

Peter – see what workshops can be organised

Norman/Denise – look into getting material for Royton Mollies & organise making up new ones

Jim – buy some new bags for carrying the mollies

Everyone – look for gold sash material (for dancers and musicians)

Musicians – look for suitable blue ties

John Fox/Linda – discuss the possibility of a Rumworth weekend with the landlord of the Man & Scythe

Norman – respond to Evesham saying not this year, but possibly in the future

2007/2008 dates

2007

Thursday October 18th Practice
Thursday November 15th Practice
Thursday December 20th Practice

2008

Thursday January 17th Practice

Saturday January 26th Practice during day
Social in the Evening at Norman & Denise's

Sunday January 27th Dance out Pack Horse, Culcheth
(if possible & weather permitting)

Thursday February 21st Practice

Thursday March 20th Practice (tbc – Maundy Thursday, may need to be 13th or 27th)

Thursday April 17th Practice

Saturday May 10th Holmfirth Festival for the Day [Peter organising]

Sunday May 11th Practice for Chippenham Folk Festival
(note – if we can't get a team for Holmfirth – this will become a straight practice weekend)

Thursday May 15th Practice

**Friday May 23rd to
Monday May 26th** | Chippenham Folk Festival [Geoff organising]
| + Bampton Monday evening (tbc) [Tony organising]

Thursday June 19th Practice

July (please try and keep both 1st and 2nd weekend free until we know what we are doing)

1st or 2nd weekend We may hold a weekend in conjunction with the Man & Scythe, Bolton [Jim/Linda looking into this]

[Alternatively - we may get an invite to Rivington Morris 30th (or 31st?) birthday – based in Preston 4th/5th/6th]

Thursday July 17th Practice

Thursday September 18th Practice

Saturday September 20th | To be arranged but please keep the date free

Sunday September 21st | AGM

Notes:

Please let Peter/Geoff know by **Saturday 13th October** whether you are available for all the dates in blue. Geoff will be setting up the dates on the web page.

We need to know whether we definitely have a team before accepting the festival bookings or arranging our own events.

Peter Bearon
25 September 2007



The Rumworth Morris of Bolton - Accounts 2006/2007

INCOME

Subs	320.00
Oyster w/e	462.00
Horwich	32.00
Insurance(K Taylor)	1.50
Bolton Collection	149.54
Jemmers w/e (oversight 05/06)	15.00
	<u>980.04</u>

EXPENDITURE

Horwich	40.00
Howcroft	200.00
Oyster Morris	468.00
Deane PCC (Hall hire)	126.00
Open Morris	32.00
Inscape School	30.00
Insurance(K Taylor)	1.50
Sandwiches (Lydiat practice)	20.00
Scrap Books (A Dann)	20.00
Lydiat VH	30.00
Birthday Cake (A Jones)	28.00
Red Sashes (A Dann)	30.00
	<u>1025.50</u>

Profit / Loss on year	-45.46
Balance Brought Forward	<u>777.61</u>
Carried Forward	<u>732.15</u>

Bank statement Sept 2006	641.84
Cash in hand	90.31

732.15

Accounts prepared by:.....

date:.....

Audited by:.....

date:.....