

SWORD DANCE UNION

Annual General Meeting of the Sword Dance Union

Minutes of October 12, 2013, held in Ripon

The minutes of 2011 (there was no meeting in 2012) were circulated and accepted.

In attendance 2013

Brian Pearce, *Redcar Sword Dancers*; Ashley Powell, *Grenoside Sword Dancers* and 6 *Jolly Miners*; Ron Day, *Stone Monkey Sword Dancers*; Jenny Day, *Triskele Sword Dancers*; Sally Wearing, *Mabel Gubbins Rapper*, Aubrey O'Brien, *Sallyport Sword Dancers*; Phil Heaton, *Snark Sword Dancers*; Richard Bojanowski, *Barnsley Sword Dancers*; David Shaftoe, *Claro Swords*; John Pitts, *Handsworth Sword Dancers*; David Webster, David Shaw, Keith Thompson & Grandson, *Goathland Plough Stots*

Date and place of next AGM

Saturday 11 October, Richmond, organised by Sallyport Sword.

Elections

All committee posts were elected as in the agenda, i.e. all existing incumbents.

Ian Davis and Edwin Dyson were ratified as committee members.

Secretary's Report

Website: Edwin will update the website and then maintain it.

DERT 2013 made a profit, which will be passed to DERT 2014.

DERT 2014 will be in Leeds, then DERT 2015 in Cardiff or Manchester.

SDU Banner: to be remembered for next year.

Goathland Reading Room – report from Keith Thompson

Reading Room will be 113 years old next year. It was intended as a social building, to be open daily. If it was not used for its intended purpose, ownership would revert to the Duchy of Lancaster.

They had considered refurbishing the Reading Room about two years ago and got tenders for the work. It was discussed with the Duchy of Lancaster. Cost would be at least £65,000, to create small performing arts venue, which would be HQ of SDU and of GPS.

But they have now decided that they can build something better and bigger for about £20,000, to their own design.

Committee includes Vince Rutland, Jeff Lawson, Phil Heaton, Aubrey O'Brien, Doc Rowe, plus builder.

Doc Rowe is currently digitizing Goathland Plough Stots' archive.

Doc Rowe holding concert on 6th December in Whitby and proceeds will do to project. Can make £6,000 if sell out. GPS already have £5,000. Will be fund raising appeal.

Hoping to have it built by 2015.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts circulated. About £1,900 in bank.

Subs now due.

Awards

1. Waiting for new design, from Ron Day.

Publications

2. Bos (Handsworth) now selling Ivor's books.

Joint Morris Organisation

3. Melanie Barber taking over as new president Morris Federation.
4. Possibility of SDU joining JMO to be pursued.

Ivor Allsop's Archive

5. Phil H currently paying for storage.
6. Cost of storing should be reducing. If not, SDU could help.

Longsword Competition

7. Keith Thompson said that, if the SDU wanted to encourage children, they should have been put on first. They got cold and did not enjoy waiting.
8. It was suggested there should be a set time for performances.
9. Better to hold it inside.
10. To be held in Goathland & Whitby in 2015.