

## **British Forum for Ethnomusicology**

**Annual General Meeting, London, 15 April 2005**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Those Present**

Martin Clayton (Chair), Ruth Hellier-Tinoco (acting secretary), Barley Norton, Andrée Grau, Jacqueline Witherow, Laudan Nooshin, Peter Cooke, Silvie Po..iow, Laura Leante, Hwee-San Tan, Rich Jankowsky, Richard Widdess, Nicolas Magriel, Alex Knapp, Keith Howard, Angela Impey, Stephen Davies, Jan Hendrickse, Alessandra Lopez y Royo, Carmencita Palermo, Aranthi Medim, Li-Hua Ho.

#### Apologies

Andrew Killick, Caroline Bithell, Janet Topp-Fargion, Tina Ramnarine, Henry Stobart, Iain Foreman, Ian Russell, Rachel Harris, Sharon Meredith

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 15 April 2004**

The Minutes were approved

#### **3. Matters Arising**

None

#### **4. Chairs Report**

Name of BFE

There is still discussion concerning the name of the organisation.

There is a suggestion that some members/former members may be disenfranchised by the name beginning with 'British'.

It was noted how the name of the journal has changed to present an organisation with an international presence.

It was noted that there is now a wider international representation at conferences, but that BFE is still the ICTM national committee and as such has to fulfil a role and relate to national bodies, e.g. AHRC and HEFCE.

It was suggested that there be a period of consultation via email, in which thoughts and questions can be fed back from members and that any decision regarding the name should not be left for the committee to take, as they are all British.

Caroline Bithell would act as the point of reception for this feedback and this would be noted in the newsletter.

Martin noted that he was standing down and resigning from the committee as from the AGM.

He noted that he is one of the members of the Music Sub-Panel for the RAE 2008, and, acting on instructions from RAE officers, he would therefore be advising BFE (as a subject association) on matters occurring throughout the process. He noted that he would be very happy to do this.

## **5. Officers' Reports**

### a) Barley Norton (Treasurer/Membership Secretary)

Noted that the finances were generally in good order. With regard to Routledge, the relationship is generally good, but that when making enquiries to Routledge with regards membership the subscription to EF is offered, but not membership of BFE, which is actually more expensive.

### b) Henry Stobart (Publicity and Website)

Martin Clayton and Ruth Hellier-Tinoco gave a brief update on the situation with regards the website.

It was decided that the membership at the AGM pass a resolution telling the committee that they should get the website up and running.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

'The membership are deeply concerned at the lack of progress regarding the new website. The membership requests that if Lastfield does not complete the work as agreed by the end of April 2005, the committee should withdraw from the contract forthwith'.

Written reports were received from: Rachel Harris and Tina Ramnarine (Journal Editors); Iain Foreman (Newsletter Editor); Ian Russell (conference organiser, Aberdeen 2004)

### c) Rachel Harris and Tina Ramnarine were thanked for their editorship of EF

### d) Iain Foreman (Newsletter editor)

Further reflections were noted regarding the future of the newsletter:

i) whether this would become entirely electronic, or would also continue as a paper copy; It was generally felt that both formats are needed because of fieldwork (i.e. it is not easy to get email in some places; it is not easy to get post in some places). It would also be in pdf format on the website.

ii) the format of the newsletter – whether this might be more in the style of the SEM newsletter (which was considered to be too 'corporate' for BFE, and seemed to be driven by the software. It was generally felt that the SEM newsletter was not the best model. The membership ask Iain to look into electronic possibilities and to look into another format.

e) Ian Russell (conference organiser, Aberdeen 2004) was given thanks for his role as conference organiser.

## **6. Committee membership**

Martin Clayton, Barley Norton and Janet Topp Fargion came to the end of their term.

Martin Clayton and Janet Topp Fargion stood down

There were 3 vacancies on the committee – 2 elected and 1 co-opted.

Three members were nominated for the two vacancies and, following a vote, Barley Norton was re-elected and Steve Cottrell elected.

Rich Jankowsky offered to act as honorary auditor.

## **7. Forthcoming Conferences**

- a. ICTM 38<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Sheffield in August 2005 (3 – 10).  
It was noted that BFE is putting money into a reception during this conference.
- b. One-day meeting – possibilities are being explored. Peter Cooke is to look into the possibility of holding it at Birmingham University.
- c. Annual Conference 2006  
It was noted that there had been recent difficulties, because although 2006 and 2007 were planned (Newcastle and Leeds respectively), both were now a problem, because the accommodation in Newcastle is being knocked down and Vic Gammon, who was to organise the conference in Leeds, has now re-located to Newcastle.

So, Ruth Hellier-Tinoco has recently looked into the possibility of University of Winchester and this is now being planned, to have one joint day with the already planned Counter-Narratives conference (3 – 6 April).

Thus: University of Winchester, 31 March to 3 April 2006

A reduced fee for both conferences will be looked into and almost certainly offered.

## **8. A.O.B.**

Thanks were given to Keith Howard, Sareata (admin), Owen and Jerry (technical support) for the current conference at SOAS.

## **9. Date of next AGM**

To be held at the annual conference in Winchester