

FRMS Committee Report 2020

The Federation Committee has met on six occasions in the year 2019/20.

The first meeting after the AGM in Weston-super-Mare was on **Saturday 7 December 2019**. **Board Meeting:** endorsed the formal confirmation of the Independent Account Examiners appointed at the AGM. The Accounts and Balance Sheet approved at the AGM were accepted. **Committee Meeting:** review of the Weston-super-Mare AGM. Initial discussion about 2020 AGM in Leicester. Confirmation of Director changes with Companies House. Final confirmation of individual society membership numbers sought in order to make settlement to PPL and PRS. Jim Bostwick proposed, and unanimously agreed, to fill the vacant Vice President role. Bank balance: £27,710.09

Committee meeting 29 February 2020: some membership numbers still awaited in order to make final settlement to PPL and PRS. These would be pursued. Details of Leicester AGM agreed and payment of deposit to hotel arranged. Update on Ilkley music weekend. Jim Bostwick had accepted the Vice President role. Bank balance: £26,441.53

Committee meeting 23 May 2020: first meeting using Zoom technology. Notified that John Davies, one of the Vice Presidents, had sadly passed away. Review undertaken of societies that seemed to be defunct in order to ensure accuracy of records. New date in October agreed for Ilkley weekend. Uncertainty over the Leicester AGM and whether it would take place.

Committee meeting 18 July 2020: payment to PPL and PRS finally resolved. Uncertainties over both Ilkley and the Leicester AGM, but limited contact with both hotels so this is currently on hold. Agreed that future committee meetings would be held using Zoom, but it was not felt that this was appropriate for the AGM which would remain a face to face meeting.

Committee meeting 22 August 2020: resignation of Mick Birchall as Minutes Secretary. The Secretary would now take minutes of regular committee meetings, but help would be sought for the AGMs. Agreement finally reached with PPL and PRS. Subscription rates for next year to remain unchanged. Problems, though, with the latest insurance quote which showed a dramatic increase. This would be queried by the Treasurer. Invoices to be sent to societies once resolved. Ilkley now postponed to the end of March 2021. Likewise, the Leicester AGM would be postponed until November 2021. This year's AGM would be held by Zoom technology in order to fulfil constitutional obligations. The Secretary would now arrange for the first mailing detailing arrangements. Signatures would be waived for this year only on the nomination forms. The newsletter would now be finalised and would include: guidance on re-starting meetings; updates on Ilkley and the 2020 AGM; an article on the Bradford-on-Avon initiative with West Wilts radio; from the Chairman's Desk, including a thank-you to Mick Birchall for his sterling service.

Committee meeting 3 October 2020: discussion over the number of societies who have temporarily suspended their affiliation following the coronavirus pandemic. Many can no longer use their customary venues. The situation should be clearer in 2021. Problems with the insurance have been resolved, although a new invoice has not yet been issued. Returns would be made to PRS/PPL in November when numbers are clear. Discussion of the Constitution and proposed changes to be presented at the AGM.

FRMS Committee List for 2020/21 from nominations received:

Allan Child (Jubilee Music Circle (Derby)) – Chairman
George Steele (Rochdale GS) – Vice-Chairman
Adele Wills (Street & Glastonbury RMG) - Honorary Secretary
Paul Corfield Godfrey (Committee Nomination) – Honorary Treasurer
Ron Mitchell (Leicester Music Society) – Website/Committee
Tony Sanderson (Northampton RMS) - Committee
Simon Rawlings (Weston-super-Mare MAS) - Committee
David Wherrell (Letchworth RMS) – Committee

As per the Constitution (6.6.1) there are now four committee vacancies.

