



## Richmond Rhythm Club

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting 25th March 2025 – 4:15pm at the Twickenham Club

- ◇ Attendees from committee: Ian (Chairman), Peggy, John, Nick, Lyn, Rob.  
Apologies from Peter, Jim
- ◇ Attendees from Membership: Max, Rona, John, Mary, Nigel (Fox), Miriam, Joe.
- ◇ The Minutes of the AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were approved.
- ◇ Chair Report.  
Ian noted that the Club has hosted a good mixture of musician guests, the end-of-term trios have been well accepted and bi-annual gigs well-attended, and trusts that this successful formula can be maintained. John added thanks to Peggy, Max and Lyn for their administrative work behind the scenes.
- ◇ Treasurers Report  
Nick gave his report on the finances of the Club. Our closing Balance is £1820.59, which shows a gain of £160.80 over the 16 months since previous report. Mary asked for clarification about 'Anita Wardell' (a charitable donation to a recent guest singer who has had a stroke) and 'Christmas/Staff' which related to tips for bar staff at gigs. The committee thanked Nick for his excellent work in managing the finances.
- ◇ Event Organiser Report  
Peggy was happy to report that future dates up to the end of the Summer term (apart from the end-of-term trio on 1 July) have been successfully filled. Max added his thanks to Peggy.
- ◇ The following changes to RRC Constitution were agreed:
  - Increase max committee members to 10.
  - Incorporate changes to the membership criteria as agreed at an AGM in May 2023. (Briefly: anyone who has paid for at least ten individual meetings or anyone who has paid at least one term subscription within the last year is automatically granted membership and is entitled to vote at the AGM. There is no other consequence of membership.)
  - Remove requirement to send notices and minutes of all committee meetings to all on the email list.

The issue of 'membership criteria' having been clarified, the changes to the Constitution were proposed by John and seconded by Max and it was noted that the Constitution is now available to view on the website.

- ◇ The following Committee Members were re-elected
  - Chair – Ian Kerr
  - Treasurer – Nick Hartfree
  - Event Organiser – Peggy Hannington
  - Website – Peter Jones
  - Membership Communication – Jim Trimmer
  - Committee Members – Rob McKeith, Lyn Wild, John Wilkinson
  - Max has stood down.
  - There was a request for one more to join the committee, but no-one came forward.
- ◇ General Business
  - Bi Annual Evening Gigs: These were agreed to be successful events and that we should continue to stage them. The Committee will meet to discuss the Summer gig in the near future.
- ◇ AOB
  - Joe Pagetti raised a number of points ...
    - (a) Relating to late-comers, he felt that people should be in seats when the speaker has started (or start the meeting 15 mins later). A note will be sent out encouraging all attendees to be in seats before the 2pm start.
    - (b) Joe requested that we re-configure the room or move the position of the speaker as some at the back of the room have trouble seeing/hearing the speaker. (Solution: sit nearer the speaker)
    - (c) Joe requested that people don't video on their phones, particularly when the blinding spotlight is on. This was agreed.
    - (d) Joe requested that we donate to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund a sum in memory of the late Tony Kinsey. This was supported and a sum of £50 was agreed.
  - John Wilkinson requested that Max's contribution to the Club over many years should be acknowledged in the Minutes.
- ◇ The date of the next meeting is tbd.
- ◇ The meeting was closed at 16:45