

A combined general meeting of the Stockton and Middlesbrough associations was held in St Georges Hall (Choir room) Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, on Saturday evening January 24th 1948 at 7.0 p.m.

The meeting opened under ^{the} Chairmanship of Mr. F. Tonkiss with a rather disappointing number of members present.

Apologies were received from Mr. Hugh Leary and Mr. S. Bragg (Stockton) and Mr. Ellis (Middlesbrough).

The first item for discussion was the fusion of the Stockton and Middlesbrough Associations.

It was proposed by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Inghit and carried unanimously that the two associations amalgamate. The name of the association to be 'The Teeside Organists and Choirmasters Association.'

It was proposed by Rev. H.A. Wareham and seconded by Mr. P. Price that the Presidency should alternate annually between North and South of the Tees.

Mr. Gosland suggested that the alternation of the Presidency should not be too rigid. Mr. Baker suggested that for a commencement the alternation should stand. Mr. Wareham's proposal was then carried.

Committee

It was proposed by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Webster that the Committee should consist of equal members from Stockton and Middlesbrough for the first year and that the Committee should number six members with the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, serving as ex-officio members. This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Routledge and carried that 5 members should form a quorum.

Presidency

It was proposed by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the Rev. J.H. Wright (Middlesbrough) be invited to become President for the first year.

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Price and unanimously carried that,

that Mr. Maddocks be made chairman. At this point of the meeting Mr. Maddocks took over the chair, at the invitation of Mr. Tonkiss, amidst applause from the members.

Secretary

On this matter there was something of a deadlock. The previous secretaries of the old associations (Stockton and Middlesbrough) felt they could not spare the time to continue and as no further names were forthcoming for this post it was decided to discuss this matter at the first meeting of the executive committee.

Treasurer

It was proposed by Mr. Tonkiss, seconded by Mr. Allison and carried that Mr. Ainsworth be appointed Treasurer.

Personnel of Committee

The following members were elected to form the Committee.

Mr. Wright (M'bro)	Prop.	Mr. Gowland	Sec.	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Tonkiss (M'bro)	"	Mr. Wright,	Sec.	Mr. Price.
Mr. Woods. (M'bro)	"	Rev. Jackson.	Sec.	Mr. Hummard
Mr. Bragg. (Stockton)	"	Mr. Routledge	Sec.	Mr. Slater.
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Mr. Vaughan (")	"			

Subscription

It was proposed by Mr. Slater, seconded by Mr. Tonkiss that the annual subscription be 7/6 due on the night of the general meeting. It was thought that although the Middlesbrough members had still 5 months to run before their last annual subscription ran out, they would forgo this period and start as from to-night with a subscription of 7/6.

Dates of meetings

It was decided that as far as possible the monthly meetings should be held on the third Saturday of the month.

Rest of Rules

It was decided that the formation of the remaining rules be left to the executive committee.

February 14th 1948. was then fixed for the executive committee to meet. This meeting to take place at St. John's. at 7.0 pm.

This concluded the meeting.

J. Maddock
Chairman 14 Feb 1948.

The first recorded events for 1948 were as follows:

March - Lecture - Dr. A. J. Bull.

April - Organ Recital Dr. Melville Cook.

May - Visit to Durham Cathedral with the Newcastle and Sunderland Associations

The months of June, July, and August being holiday months to be left free of meeting.

September - President's evening

October - Christmas lecture - Mr. Stanley Bragg.

This concluded the business.