

Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting held in St Bene't's church, Cambridge on Friday 24th February 2017

Members Present

President: R A Smith

Master: O P Bardsley

Secretary: J H J Ellison

Joe Wakeling

Samuel Johnson

James Dann

Courtney Spoerer

Andrew Carlotti

David Richards

Jonathan Shanklin

Catriona Shearer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Imogen Diver, Megan Corless and Claire Barlow

2. Minutes of the 2016 Michaelmas term business meeting

Several amendments were proposed;

"Alan winter" was corrected to "Alan Winter", "STAG" to "StAG", "David Richards for coving" to "David Richards for covering", "The present noted that" to "The President noted that", "Andrew Brown" to "Andrew Browne" and several amendments (considered to be typos) were made to the paragraph describing the rule change such that it actually "made sense".

With these amendments the minutes were proposed as a true account by the Jonathan Shanklin seconded by the Master. They were accepted unopposed.

3. Matters Arising

David Richards confirmed that James Dann was not bringing his proposed rule change motion to the Lent meeting and hence would not be proposed at the AGM.

4. New Members

No new members were proposed.

5. Cambridge Towers

Sam Johnson reports that St Bene't's has nothing to report. Also that St Celement's progress is slow. The church is still in favour of bells being installed, and the dioceses supports it but money for the project has yet to have been raise. Jonathan Shanklin also stated that money applications have been

made as have architect's drawings. The President mention that the Russian Orthodox church now shares St Clements but this should not have any effect on the Bell ringing progress.

The Master stated that STAG has nothing to report.

6. Diary dates

Guild Dinner at Peterhouse - 18/03/17

ITTS Course – 29/04/17 Contact the Master

AGM – 07/05/17

Guild Week - 04/08/17 till 09/08/17

The Master reports that there are 10 Quarter Peal slots on dinner day, although he is unsure if all of these are to be used. There is also potential for hand bell quarters. The President noted that the Boy Smith or another such venue needs to be booked for the AGM.

The President reiterated that Guild week would be a 2 centre event; 2 ½ days in St Albans followed by 2 days in London. The London areas focusing on the City of London and the City of Westminster. Unfortunately, Westminster Abbey was unavailable at the time available. Dickon Love and Brian Meads are organising, itinerary should be available shortly.

7. Any Other Business

David Richard said that following Luke Smith's rule change not be proposed at the last meeting he was following up on this rule change. The proposed rules are to the effect that we have a disciplinary procedure in place to remove people from the Guild and that the senior treasurer be either a member of the regent house or approved by the proctors. Also to make it such that the Guild could not change the rules on who can be senior treasurer without proctors' approval. Exact wording is under discussion, although there is suggested wording from the proctors which David Richards recommended using, due to the complexity of the rules. He stressed this is a recommendation not a requirement at the present time. It was noted the Guild knows Tim Milner who will be senior proctor next year.

David Richards, following a question from Sam Johnson as to the negatives of accepting the rule change, stated that it risked the senior treasure being distant from the Guild and most likely an academic. The disciplinary action would likely have little effect due to the infrequency of it needing to be used.

Jonathan Shanklin asked why the Guild appear to being targeted by the proctors as the Astronomy society did not have such restrictions on their senior treasurer. David Richards replied it was likely that we had been noticed because of the rule change last year.

The President said regarding Guild week 2018 Jonathan Shanklin was organising a "more traditional" Guild week and had looked at a map to investigate this. The President enquired as to what part of the Antarctic peninsula he had chosen. Jonathan Shanklin replied that the area he was looking at was Dorset, Lincolnshire area. There is an agricultural college just north of Lincoln which looked

favourable for accommodation. There was no clear boarding school in the area. A report will be given at the AGM even if Jonathan Shanklin is absent.

The President thanked Jonathan Shanklin for his efforts and said it would be a nice return to tradition and hoped it might improve the social aspect of the week.

The President chastised the Secretary for forgetting the Gavel.

The President closed the meeting at 21:32

J H J Ellison