

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Boys Smith Room, St. John's College, Cambridge on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

**Members Present**

President: R A Smith

Master: R K Flockton

Secretary: I R Diver

RL Anderson	W Bosworth	PLH Brooke
JRA Dann	FH King	DCW Richards

The President was in the chair and the meeting opened at 14:15pm.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

I Anderson	OP Bardsley	CY Barlow
SP Burr	MLD Drinkwater	SD Johnson
DR Love	V Nutton	LTW Smith

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014**

The minutes had been available online for several months and with no objections they were signed by the President. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by RK Flockton, and seconded by JRA Dann.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Matters Arising from the Lent Term Business Meeting 2015**

There were no matters arising from the Lent Term Business Meeting.

**5. Election of new members**

There were no new members proposed.

**6. Cambridge Towers**

JRA Dann reported that four new ropes had been placed on the back four at Bene't's the previous week.

**7. Presentation of the Accounts**

IR Diver explained changes which had been made to the accounts sheet this year. The Dinner and Towerbell accounts were combined with the General Account since all the money within these accounts is held in the same bank account. The St. John's and Handbell Accounts remain separate.

In addition, a new section to the sheet has been added to the bottom showing the total money held in the different Guild accounts.

A historical error was added in the General Account after it was pointed out last year that the totals on the accounts sheet did not add up to the totals in the account.

W Bosworth highlighted the low level of interest which is received and questioned whether some money from the general account should be moved into the savings account. However, PLH Brooke explained that due to the dinner the money entering and leaving the current account each year is significant and thus the amounts should remain as they are.

The accounts were proposed by RL Anderson and seconded by JRA Dann.

## **8. Master's Report**

The Master had not produced a report to be circulated, but read the report he had created to the meeting. He thanked W Bosworth for organising multiple handbell practice to ensure some members of the Guild were advancing their handbell ringing.

The Master spoke of the year's social events, including Guild New Year, held in Swansea, and the SUA. The Master hinted that the loss to Oxford at the SUA was a result of his and JRA Dann's absence, but IR Diver protested this.

The Master also highlighted that the Guild Dinner this year was a success and that all attempted peals were successful.

## **9. Steeplekeeper's Report**

SD Johnson was absent at the meeting and had not provided any form of report on the year. RK Flockton noted that the bells at StAG had been checked, and the stay replaced on the seventh.

## **10. Election of Officers**

The following nominations were made for senior officers:

### **President**

RA Smith	Prop: JRA Dann	Sec: OP Bardsley
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### **Senior Treasurer**

LTW Smith	Prop: PLH Brooke	Sec: RK Flockton
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### **Accounts Examiner**

FH King	Prop: RK Flockton	Sec: JRA Dann
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All were elected unopposed.

For the junior officers, the following nominations were read to the meeting:

### **Master**

RL Anderson	Prop: RK Flockton	Sec: JRA Dann
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### **Secretary**

IR Diver	Prop: JRA Dann	Sec: OP Bardsley
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hoping to organise the photo after exams have been completed as the President is unavailable until the start of student exams and most students are reluctant to give up time during exam period.

FH King added more dates to the above: a second university sermon on 24<sup>th</sup> May, honorary degrees on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, which has a free garden party available for anyone who rings.

The SCY Dinner will also be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and Guild members will be welcome if they wish to attend.

## **12. Any Other Business**

RL Anderson raised the issue of the Guild Library, as outgoing librarian. The University Library have taken the books which they wish to add their collection, however these are very few of the total library. Those which the UL have not taken will be offered to the CCCBR, or an independent book seller. Whilst the original plan was to offer the books to Guild members, this could become difficult for arranging sale and collection to those who live outside Cambridge and so it has been suggested an independent book seller is the easiest option. FH King suggested members could collect the books at Guild Dinner.

W Bosworth asked whether copies of books which may be useful would be kept, but RK Flockton pointed out we have nowhere to store them where they are easily accessible. W Bosworth suggested they could be stored at GSM, with an annual email reminding members which books were available. PLH Brooke noted that there is already a library in GSM belonging to the SCY, and many of the books are duplicates. FH King also added that much of the library is now available online. RL Anderson therefore suggested that the books are passed down with the roles.

RL Anderson also queried whether the Guild could move to an electronic subscription of the Ringing World, since it is very rarely brought to practices, and when it is brought to practices members have often already seen a copy at GSM. Furthermore, there is nowhere to store the hard copies and nowhere people are able to go in order to leaf through previous copies. However, RA Smith told the meeting that electronic copies are only permitted for individuals, and tower copies are not allowed. RL Anderson therefore suggested recent previous copies could be stored in the cupboard at Bene't's, with them recycled after that. PLH Brooke agreed, stating that there was no point in archiving them as archives already exist. W Bosworth seconded this.

DCW Richards raised the issue of the CCCBR methods committee. The CCCBR meeting is approaching and a ground-up review has been recommended. Two Guild members have expressed opinions on the methods committee and DCW Richards asked the meeting's opinion on the matter. There has been a complaint about the mechanism by which the review is done. W Bosworth stated that the Guild trust DCW Richards to represent them. DCW Richards does not feel therefore that there is anything in particular to be said.

IR Diver raised the issue of allowing Anglia Ruskin students to be full members, on behalf of OP Bardsley. DCW Richards suggested the Guild undertake recruitment at ARU this year to gain an idea of potential numbers. JRA Dann noted that ARU students are able to come to Cambridge University's freshers' fair but there have been no sign-ups since he has been a student.

FH King questioned whether ARU was too narrow, and whether the Cambridge Regional College should also be included. However PLH Brooke disagreed as the CRC is not a university, whereas ARU is. RA Smith noted that the University of the Third Age is also in Cambridge, but members from here are probably unlikely.

FH King emphasised the importance of knowing exactly that is being attempted, and there are lots of smaller issues which need to be considered. PLH Brooke agreed, stating there must be a proper

proposal in place. IR Diver reported that OP Bardsley has examined the Guild rules and highlighted the areas which would need to be changed. W Bosworth asked what would need to be changed and IR Diver explained that there would need to be a change in the section stating that all members must be matriculated members of the University of Cambridge. Furthermore, changes would need to be made to the section stating all committee members must be members of the University of Cambridge, instead becoming the majority of committee members, as in keeping with the CUSU rules.

RA Smith stated that other societies are able to accept members from both universities. PLH Brooke added that the Senior Committee members do not have to be senior members of the University of Cambridge, rather the Senior Committee must instead be made from a majority of senior members.

RA Smith suggested that the change to the rules is proposed at the Lent meeting in 2016, and a vote conducted at the AGM in 2016. W Bosworth asked whether much has changed since the last vote on the matter, and FH King stated that the numbers in the Guild have dwindled.

RA Smith reported to the meeting that it is currently the President's job to look after the Loving Cup and that it has been added to his insurance. FH King asked RA Smith whether he uses this cup for his daily drinking. RA Smith requested suggestions for a better place for the cup to be stored. W Bosworth suggested storing in a church, but this was rejected on the basis that it would be in danger of being stolen.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 15:02pm.

I R Diver  
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