

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 18th November 2017

Members Present

President : R A Smith

Master : J J Wakeling

Secretary : I F E Smith

Jonathan Shanklin

Sam Johnson

Martha Radbourne

Alistair Benford

Benedict M'Caw

Rachel Anderson

Courtney Spoerer

John Hutchinson*

David Richards

Peter Daws*

Melissa Nash*

*Elected during the meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Luke Smith.

2. Minutes of the Lent term business meeting 2017

Several amendments were proposed :

The title was corrected from 'Michaelmas' to 'Lent' and 'held is' to 'held in'. The 'Minutes of the 2015 Lent term business meeting' was corrected to the 'Minutes of the 2016 Michaelmas term business meeting'.

With these amendments the minutes were proposed as a true account by the Master and seconded by Courtney Spoerer. They were accepted unopposed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Relevant matters from the AGM

James Ellison arrives.

Sam Johnson mentioned the library. Alistair Benford said he was not present at the AGM but nothing had happened to the library. It was mentioned that the full list of books is on an excel spreadsheet on the website. The President said the books are currently stored in Claire's room in Newnham but she would like them moved out. Alistair did not know if he had access to the library. The president stated that the University Library does not want to store any of the books and the only solution seemed to be to sell the books as we have no other place of storage. He said there was a specialist book seller in Whitney who could give a professional evaluation of the more expensive books. Rachel Anderson mentioned that she had seen the library and there were a lot

of books. It was noted that a lot of stuff is junk or could be recycled but there were also some books worth a considerable amount of money. Peter Daws offered to possibly store the library as an alternative.

5. Relevant matters from the Guild Week Meeting

David Richards reminded everyone that the memorial peal had happened in November.

6. New Members

The following people were elected to membership of the Guild. They were proposed by Sam Johnson and seconded by Benedict M'Caw:

Peter Daws (Trinity)	Ellen Bower (King's)
John Hutchinson (Selwyn)	Peter Bailey
Melissa Nash (Emmanuel)	

In addition, Danya Zhumabayeva (Selwyn) was proposed by the Master and seconded by Benedict M'Caw. All were elected unopposed.

7. Cambridge towers

Martha Radbourne reported that she had checked the bells at StAG and they were fine.

Sam Johnson stated that he was now the tower captain of St Bene't's. He said the bells are the same as normal and that new boxes for the tower were expected soon. Jonathan Shanklin was thanked for being the tower captain for about 30 years.

David Richards mentioned that the 12 bell competition was happening at GSM on the 23rd of June.

Richard Smith said 'the catholic' bells haven't been rung this term because the clock is "knackered". Peals and quarters and guild ringing has been cancelled due to this. The clock will hopefully be fixed by the end of the month. Richard noted that the bells have a new set of ropes and that they are the "best 8 in East Anglia".

Sam Johnson said that things are still progressing at St Clements but it will take a long time. They have sorted the finance for their big renovation project and will start putting bells up when that is done. Sam's dad wants to make St Clements a dedicated educational centre for ringing but it will be several years before anything happens. He also said that the "deal with the Russians has gone through".

8. Diary Dates

London Outing - 18/11/17

Guild Dinner - 17/03/18

Imogen Smith stated that the Guild Dinner this year will be held at Downing college.

Richard Smith said the Guild Week will be happening on the traditional week from Fri 17th – Wed 22nd of August. Jonathan Shanklin said he was looking into Boston, Lincolnshire however, the issue is that he will be away from Dec-Feb which is when things are normally organised. Kent was also mentioned. It was asked whether the Guild holiday would be in competition with the Guild Week, even though their dates do not overlap, but Sam Johnson stated that this week is very much a holiday and that the Guild Week is very much about ringing. Jonathan Shanklin stated that one of the constraints on Guild Week was trying to find affordable accommodation for students. Joe Wakeling said that the general interest in the Guild Week by students was reduced but still there and the weekend will probably be well attended. Rachel Anderson said that a lot of the Guild were now graduates and so had less holiday also that Guild week is quite daunting for young Guild members if not a lot of students are going. Joe Wakeling encouraged everyone to come to Guild Week. Jonathan Shanklin said that it would be nice if people were notified in good time about when and where Guild Week will be because diaries fill up quickly.

9. Any other business

Safeguarding was mentioned by David Richards. He said we should comply with the recommendations and advice given by the house of Bishops. GSM have offered to help with this. There are online training courses which shouldn't be too onerous. A list of the safeguarding requirements should be assembled. Sam Johnson mentioned that he had been taking a register at St Bene't's to show that many people with DBS checks were attending.

Benedict M'Caw also mentioned the sticker chart was still going for Sunday morning ringing at St Bene't's.

Richard Smith talked about the motion at the AGM for the junior officers wanting to co-opt a training officer. It was stated that Megan Bardsley was the training officer.

Sam Johnson asked whether we want to encourage the new learners to become members. Joe Wakeling said yes.

The Master closed the meeting at 21:44.

I F E Smith