

Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting held in St Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 28th January, 2011

Members Present

President: C Y Barlow
Secretary: G R Harris

J A Agg	J D Shanklin
W J Benfold	H C Smith
P L H Brooke	L T W Smith
N Clements*	T R Walters
J L M Cranfield	E Z Yang
F R W M Manners	

* Elected during the meeting

The president was in the chair and opened the meeting at 21.10

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

J R Ansell
S A Croxall
M L D Drinkwater
C M P Johnson
C C Shearer
R A Smith

2. Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting

The minutes had been available online for several months and were also circulated a week in advance via email. L T W Smith queried how his contribution to the discussion on the Guild Twitter account had been reported in the minutes. It was agreed that he had *enquired* as to further developments in the account, not *reported* on them. The President so amended the minutes and they were signed with no further objections.

3. Matters arising

With regards to the mention of the joint meeting with the Ely District Association, L T W Smith remarked (for the sake of any Guild members that may wish to participate) that the EDA had asked to come to Cambridge in August or September. J D Shanklin said that they had been asked to pick a different time, as many people who may wish to participate might be on holiday in those months.

4. Election of new members

N Clements was elected to membership of the Guild, proposed by the Secretary and seconded by F R W M Manners. He was elected unopposed.

5. Cambridge towers

J A Agg reported that there had been some steeplekeeping work done on St Andrew's the Great, due to learner sessions there last term. The 6th is still lacking a stay after a taster day on 27/11/10. F R W M Manners remarked that he was working on getting some wood for said stay. J D Shanklin said that, as he needed to get some wood for St Bene't's Church anyway, he would acquire some for the Guild at the same time. The President thanked him for his offer.

There was nothing to report from other Cambridge towers.

Though not strictly related to a Cambridge tower, the President raised the issue of the Handbell Restoration Fund. The Secretary commented that the Guild had so far had very generous donations, from John McClenahans and Alan Scholfield, but was looking for some more fundraising ideas. It was felt that it is particularly important to emphasise the wish for donations at the Guild dinner in March. J D Shanklin suggested putting the proceeds from the sweepstake towards the Fund. Although this was not agreed on, the President suggested a bucket for donations to be handed out on the night, before the sweepstake. P L H Brooke suggested the handbell touch band members should ask for donations *not* to ring the touch.

The President asked about the success of the busking attempts last term. The Secretary reported that whilst those attempts had been successful, the participants might not meet with so much generosity if they were to ring carols on handbells at the end of Lent term. The President then asked whether they could attempt some different tunes, but F R W M Manners thought that it was the Christmas spirit that had made last term's efforts so fruitful and that the same would not be said for another time of year; if the handbell fund was still open next Christmas, then the busking should be attempted again then, he said, but not at another time of year.

6. Diary Dates

The Secretary mentioned the following dates for the diary:

University Sermons – 06/02/11 & 06/03/11

OUS Dinner – 05/02/11

Joint outing with the OUS – 26/02/11

Guild Dinner – 19/03/11 at Jesus College

She said that a good turnout for the first university sermon would be particularly appreciated, as many of the current members will be in Oxford that morning due to the OUS dinner. Also on that note, she passed on a reminder from the Master that anyone wishing to go to the OUS dinner should say so before Saturday 29/01/11.

Upon enquiry from the President, J A Agg commented that the joint outing with the OUS is being organised by Oxford this year, so we should hear some details from them in due course. With regards to the dinner, the Secretary requested that people send in their replies as soon as possible, the deadline for replies being the 20th February.

7. Any other business

With regards to gathering photos from the missing Guild photo album, J A Agg reported that he had been emailed some which he could print out, but was worried about potential copyright infringements if he were to do so. The President suggested that it would be a good idea to put a list of photos we need onto the Guild website and be proactive at the dinner about targeting people from any particular eras we need. She suggested that we may not need to worry too much about copyright, as the photographers are no longer in business. She also volunteered to print the photos at her department. Upon mention by the President of whether we could put the photos J A Agg had received on the website, F R W M Manners reported that L D G Simpson is in the process of writing some software to better enable photos to be put up.

The Secretary passed on some messages from the absent Master, including an encouragement to students to come on the cycle outing that has been arranged for the Friday of the dinner weekend (particularly so because it is on a Friday, so non-students are unlikely to attend). The Secretary also mentioned that M L D Drinkwater would like names of people who would like to ring peals on dinner day. She also passed on the Master's request for people to come to service ringing generally, particularly first thing on a Sunday morning.

P L H Brooke remarked, in order to clarify the position, that CCCBR representatives for the 2011-2013 triennium will be elected at the next AGM. The President explained that L D G Simpson is happy to stand again and that R Shipp is keen also to stand; the Secretary remarked that nominations for the Central Council will go out with an email to the global list later this term, along with nominations for senior officers.

The Secretary mentioned, further to a discussion at the Annual General Meeting in 2010 that online banking is not possible for society accounts with NatWest, despite some confusion at the local branch, because of the potential security problems associated with that system.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21.25.

G R Harris
28/01/11