

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Members Present**

President: R A Smith  
Master: R K Flockton  
Secretary: I R Diver

A Carlotti*	J R A Dann	M L D Drinkwater
S D Johnson	DCW Richards	J D Shanklin
L T W Smith		

\*Elected during the meeting

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

R L Anderson  
O P Bardsley  
P L H Brooke

**2. Minutes of the Lent Business Meeting 2014**

The minutes had been available online for several months and with no objections they were signed by the President.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Relevant matters from the AGM**

No matters were reported.

**5. Relevant matters from the Guild Week Meeting**

M L D Drinkwater enquired as to whether there was any progress regarding Guild Week 2015. R A Smith will be organising and so gave a report on the current plans. There has been no consensus on changing the date as August works for some and not others. R A Smith believes the younger people (a group in which he includes himself) cannot spare an entire week during the Summer and so the 2015 Guild Week is likely to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Tulloch was briefly discussed as an option, but it is a high risk strategy given that the cost of transport is very high and it is very difficult to only attend for a couple of days. Therefore R A Smith is proposing Worcestershire, with the St. Albans areas a backup. There will be a focus on keeping it affordable students which may involve a scout hut or church hall as accommodation for the younger people and a hotel for the older people. R A Smith will send an email to the global list with all the details.

## **6. Election of new members**

The following people were elected to membership of the Guild. They were proposed by J R A Dann and seconded by S Johnson:

A Carlotti (Trinity)      A Saito (Pembroke)      Y Sun (Girton)      SN Stephenson (Fitzwilliam)

All were elected unopposed.

R A Smith hopes the new members to the Guild will be active for at least the next 60 years. He is not sure, however, whether he will be around to see this.

## **7. Cambridge Towers**

S D Johnson reported that the bells have been checked at StAG with the stay bolts tightened. A locknut has been placed on one of the stay bolts on the third because the original nut would not stay tightened. There has not been much progress with regard to the stay on the seventh. However, it should have a replacement stay in the next few weeks.

## **8. Diary Dates**

The following dates for the diary were provided by the Master:

London Outing: 29/11/13

Lent Term Business Meeting: 23/01/15

Guild Dinner: 14/03/15

A mistake on the agenda was noticed by M L D Drinkwater; the Guild Dinner date is for 2015, not 2014.

R K Flockton reported that the London Outing this year will focus on the West London area, starting at Fulham and then moving towards the centre.

## **10. Any other business**

P L H Brooke emailed the secretary prior to the meeting to raise the matter of the GSM evensong moving from 6:30pm to 5:30pm, making ringing from 4:30-5:30pm. This has meant there are no longer quarter peals every Sunday at St. Bene't's. However, I R Diver noted that there has been the suggestion of holding fortnightly quarters at GSM as an alternative. J R A Dann suggested this be when the services are held at Michaelhouse. M L D Drinkwater encouraged the Guild to hold onto a quarter slot somewhere as they are useful. J R A Dann therefore suggested the Guild ring the occasional quarter at St. Bene't's in order to hold onto the slot.

I R Diver also reported that P L H Brooke would also like to announce that he does not wish to stand for the position of Senior Treasurer again next year. He feels he has too many other commitments and is no longer able to dedicate as much time as he would like to the Guild. R A Smith noted that the Guild are grateful for all the work P L H Brooke does on the accounts.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21:22.

I R Diver  
18/11/14