

Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Management committee meeting 19th February 2000

Present: Brian Whiting, Stephen Pettman, Sandra Pereira, Alan Mayle, Barry Pickup, Trevor Hughes, Robert Scase, Jonathan Stevens, Owen Claxton, Alan Moulton, Winston Girling, Maurice Rose, Rolie Whiting, Richard Gates, Brian Aldous, Isabel Rivers, Peta Luckley, John Pereira

Apologies for absence were received from Hav Wilkins, Paul Stannard

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record with the amendment that the last newsletter had cost £110 not £250 to produce.

Matters arising

North West district expressed disappointment that David Salter was not elected to Life membership. It was decided by a majority of 5 to 4 that not to reassess a decision made at a previous meeting.

Database: Chairman reported that few members had replied to the plea in the newsletter. Representatives were asked to encourage members to submit information for the database.

SW District simulator. Still in hand. David Salter has yet to contact Rolie Whiting with a view to installation at Nayland.

Les Mills Commemorative plaque. No further information.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from Stuart Harrison at Orford, expressing thanks for the grant towards the work there.

Financial Statement

The treasurer had sent in the 1999 accounts. These were accepted.

Subscriptions and donations for 2001 were agreed as follows for submission to the AGM:

Subscriptions

Full subscription £11.50, Reduced to £5.75 for those over 65 or in full time education.

Proposed by Barry Pickup, seconded by Stephen Pettman

Peal fees 75p per rope, of which half goes to restoration fund. Proposed by Trevor Hughes seconded by Alan Mayle

Non resident life members £6.00 proposed by Alan Mayle seconded by Stephen Pettman.

Donations

Cathedral	£30.00
St Peter's Sudbury	£30.00
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	£30.00
Donations in lieu of wreaths	£20.00

All proposed by Stephen Pettman seconded by Rolie Whiting

Affiliation scheme to remain at minimum donation £10.00. Winston Girling asked that this scheme be encouraged.

The treasurer is retiring at the AGM having completed five years. Chairman asked that the committee consider possible replacement.

Ringling Master's report

Millennium ringling had been a great success. 121 towers had rung at noon on January 1st.

Brigadier Gurdon, from Burgh, had requested that bells be rung to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Nelson's return from the Battle of the Nile, as they were on November 5th 1800. This to be mentioned in Newsletter and on Web page.

There would be a "9-19" coach outing in May half term week. Further details in Newsletter.

A guild outing, hopefully to York, would take place in the Summer.

Guild striking competition would be at Wingfield and Horham.

A team would be entered for the Ridgman trophy. (10 bell competition for Eastern counties associations) on May 20th at Wymondham.

Sub committees

Belfry Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on 12th February. Winston Girling asked for the committee's approval for John Pereira to join the BAC. This was agreed.

Alan Moulton requested that grants for bell frames should not be passed unless the frame is concreted in with Portland Cement. This was agreed in principle. Alan Moulton would produce an exact wording for condition of grant for next management meeting.

Concern was expressed at the situation at East Bergholt. A plea would be made for documentation about ringling there in the newsletter and on the Web page. Stephen Pettman agreed to contact East Bergholt to ascertain the current situation.

Winston Girling proposed a Guild seminar on Maintenance. Suggested this to take place in the Autumn.

Next Meeting Friday 9th June. Preceded by ringling at Tostock.

Recruitment and Training

A meeting was held on 12th January

A fun striking competition will be held at Stowmarket on September 30th

Guild training day would be 16th September

Recruitment and retention of young ringers, ideas to be discussed at next meeting on May 15th.

Applications for grants

A quote had been received for work at Haughley, amounting to £2548 + VAT. (Total £2994). It was proposed by Trevor Hughes, seconded by Alan Moulton that we give £450 towards this., subject to the conditions re concreting the frame are met. This was agreed.

Ratification of NRLM

The belfry election of

Tony Hopkins of Dickleburgh at Reydon on 3rd July 1999

Peter Marriott of Ticknell at Rotherham on 23rd October 1999

Adrian Moreton of Wakefield at Rotherham on 23rd October 1999

David Mitchell of York at Rotherham on 23rd October 1999

Judith Reading of Sheffield at Sheffield on 24th October 1999

Anthony Cotton of Derby at Sheffield on 24th October 1999

Were ratified.

Annual General Meeting; Boxford 29th April.

Programme: Ringing at towers en route to Boxford

Open ringing 1:00pm at Boxford

Service 2:00 pm conducted by Lawrence Pizzey

Meeting 3:00pm

Tea 5:00pm

Ringing after tea.

Towers to be arranged. Rolie Whiting to advertise in Ringing World. Stephen Pettman to arrange handbell ringing in service.

Any Other business

Annual report.

This was well under way. Two quotes for printing had been obtained. It was agreed to accept the lower from Sotheran if they could produce equal quality to our present printers.

Peal ringers. It was proposed by Stephen Pettman, seconded by Barry Pickup and agreed by all, that NRLM's who now live within the boundary of the Guild or ex members who have returned to live within the boundary of the Guild should be full members if they wished to participate in peals. This to be put in the newsletter, and followed up by Chairman and secretary.

Calendar

2000

AGM	29 th April	Boxford
Striking Competition	20 th May	Wingfield & Horham
Management Meeting	17 th June	Buxhall
Veterans Day	14 th July?	Debenham
Outing	19 th August	York?
Training Day	16 th September	
Fun Striking Competition	30 th September	Stowmarket

Management Meeting	21 st October	Buxhall
Seminar	21 st October	
2001		
Management meeting	17 th February	Buxhall
AGM	21 st April	North East District

Central Council Meeting

Chairman requested 20 volunteer stewards for 29th May plus offers of bead and breakfast.

Fund raising. The St Edmund clapper for fund raising is at present at Offton. Chairman suggested resurrecting the competition for best fundraising for this trophy. To be discussed at next meeting.

Two posts needed to be filled at the AGM, treasurer and assistant news letter editor. Latter requiring DTP skills.

A concern was raised re telephone numbers on the web page. It was agreed to contact all tower correspondents via districts and deanery reps to obtain consent for inclusion of tower correspondent's telephone numbers on the web page. Secretary to contact districts.

Rolie Whiting queried the insurance position of non paying over 65 members. He was assured that all members were covered until 75.

Rolie Whiting asked about certificates for Millennium ringers. This had been left to individual towers to arrange.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Rolie Whiting
17 June 2000.