

Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 21st October 2000

Present: Brian Whiting, Stephen Pettman, Sandra Pereira, Alan Mayle, Trevor Hughes, Alan Moulton, Winston Girling, , Rolie Whiting, John Pereira, Eric Bull, Hav Wilkins, Jonathan Stevens, Robert Scase.

Apologies for absence were received from Owen Claxton, Richard Gates, Maurice Rose, Isabel Rivers, Peta Luckily,

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record with some minor corrections.

Matters arising

Web site. All but 42 Tower Correspondents had now replied to the letter about the web site. Secretary to contact towers without an entry on web site via District Secretaries.

Badges. 100 badges had been bought.

Database. Secretary had taken this over. Full details on 244 members had been entered plus addresses of a further 181. This out of 692 members. Secretary to devise a new pro forma and circulate to all towers via District Secretaries.

Late Peal. Peal Secretary had ^{received} ~~accepted~~ apologies and explanation from conductor concerned. It was proposed by Alan Mayle, seconded by Trevor Hughes and agreed by all that the peal be accepted. *after Mr. Whiting's letter had been read to the meeting.*

Striking Competition. Stephen Pettman had certificates to hand.

Information leaflet. No further progress.

Les Mills Commemorative Plaque. Still in hand. No reply had been received from Friends of St Peter's. Secretary to follow up.

Correspondence

None.

Financial Statement

Eric Bull presented a summary of financial details for the year so far.

He proposed creating a Restoration holding fund to ensure that funds promised could be identified more easily. This was agreed.

A query was raised about the Rope Pool. As the Rope Pool stock had been expended, it was agreed to write off the value shown in the accounts. It was proposed by Trevor Hughes, seconded by Stephen Pettman and agreed by all, that up to £500 be spent on rope. This to be held by Winston Girling. The amount spent to be recorded as one item of expenditure with rope sales being recorded as income.

It was agreed that the interest from the Jubilee Fund be spent on consumables for bell maintenance.

Ringing Master's Report

Stephen Pettman reported that the Guild had had a disappointing summer. The outing had been cancelled due to lack of interest and the training day had been called off as a result of the petrol crisis. Few members had applied for places on this day.

The Fun Striking Competition had been successful, despite low numbers. Four bands had taken part, three ringing call changes and one bob triples. Hilda Bull would be approached to write a piece for the Newsletter about this event.

He reiterated his intention to retire from the position at the next AGM and requested that some thought be put into finding a successor.

Sub Committee Reports

Belfry Advisory

A meeting was held on 13th October. The minutes of which are attached.

Alan Moulton presented an outline requirement for fixing bellframes which forms part of the Conditions for Grants. This was agreed by all.

John Pereira asked whether some towers need reclassifying as the tower directory in Annual Report was not always up to date. Winston Girling and Alan Moulton agreed to reclassify where there was an obvious anomaly.

Recruitment and Training

The meeting on Monday 4th September 2000 was cancelled when only two people turned up. As a consequence the Information Sheets had yet to be updated.

The Chairman highlighted the apparent current apathy to participate in Guild events, possibly due to the effects of the efforts made for the Millennium ringing. SW and SE districts had each had good attendance of beginners/plain bob practices. This could affect the demand for such events at Guild level. It was agreed that tower captains and deanery reps. should do all that they could to promote Guild events.

Applications for Grants

Haughley. Further work was necessary to reclapper bells and replace headstocks, following the recent work. The extra sum involved was £3898. It was proposed by Stephen Pettman, seconded by Alan Moulton that we allocate £390 towards the work. This was agreed by all.

Wingfield. A letter had been received from the treasurer of Wingfield PCC, concerning work needed on tower and bells there. English Heritage and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust had offered grants towards the tower work. The work on the bells would not then be supported by these bodies. As yet they have no accurate estimate of the cost of work on the bells. It was agreed that we write, acknowledging the letter and outlining our basis for grants, but explain that we cannot make a definite offer without estimates.

Norman Tower. A letter had been received from Ian Holland, explaining that work had been necessary at the Norman Tower to strengthen the frame, replace clappers and clean out bearings. The Friends of the Cathedral had agreed to fund the works, but the cost had worked out higher than the estimate. It was proposed by Stephen Pettman, seconded by Alan Moulton that we allocate £575 towards the cost of the work.

Felsham. Alan Moulton had been approached about the possibility of a grant towards restoration work. Again no estimates had been provided. It was agreed that Alan contact Felsham and arrange for them to provide accurate estimates for us to consider.

Ratification of NRLM

The belfry elections of

Philip W Gay of Keele Staffordshire at Mindinho on 27th May 2000

George W Massey of Frome Somerset at Mindinho on 27th May 2000

Timothy G Pett of Abingdon Berkshire at Mindinho on 27th May 2000

Michael Chester of Coventry participating in the Central Council weekend

Janet Edwards of Tiptree Essex participating in the Central Council weekend

Mervyn C Way of Chumleigh Devon participating in the Central Council weekend

Peter J Shipton of Nairn Scotland participating in the Central Council weekend

Andrew J Howes of Warminster participating in the Central Council weekend

Peter J Waterfield of Downham Market Norfolk participating in the Central Council weekend

Jo Hobson of Cambridge at St Mary le Tower Ipswich on 29th June 2000

Martin Bright of Cambridge at St Mary le Tower Ipswich on 29th June 2000

Ian Fielding of Croydon at St Mary le Tower Ipswich on 29th June 2000

Sue Marsden of Chatteris Cambs at the Norman Tower Bury St Edmunds on 5th August 2000

were all ratified.

St. Edmund Clapper

The Chairman had published an article in the last Newsletter about the St Edmund Clapper. He was now looking for someone to assume responsibility for the competition for fundraising. An article would also appear in the next Newsletter.

Dates of meetings and other events for next year

GMC	Buxhall	17th February
		16th June
		20th October
Annual General Meeting 2001	Palgrave	21st April
Striking Competition	8 bell NW	19th May
Striking Competition	6 bell NW	9th June
Training event		15th September
Fun Striking Competition		29th September
Seminar		TBA
Annual General Meeting 2002	NW	6th April

B. Whiting
17 February 2001.