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Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 19th June 2004

Present: Winston Girling, David Salter, Sandra Pereira, Trevor Hughes, Rolie Whiting, James Smith, David Mulrenan, Robert Scase, Eric Bull, John Taylor, Stefan Labedzki, Richard Knight.

Apologies for absence were received from, John Pereira, Maurice Rose, Richard Gates

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been previously circulated, were agreed unanimously with the correction of a small typing error.

Matters arising

Web site. John Pereira continues to keep this up to date. Stephen Young has not yet taken over.

Database. Still ongoing. NW district have not sent in their membership list for 2004. Secretary to chase.

Ridgman Trophy. It had not been possible to raise a team this year. The date had caused a problem as it clashed with Guild events. The master was hoping to have a ten bell occasional practice, from which a team for future years might be formed.

Annual Report. It was decided to form a small sub committee to look at the format of the report and the method of its production. James Smith and Sandra Pereira agreed to be on this. Secretary to set up a meeting with Ruth Suggett.

Peal to celebrate 90 years of the diocese. Two attempts were made on 25th March. One of which was successful. *not successful.*

Frame at St Peter's Sudbury. Richard Knight had pursued the suggestion of painting the frame. This matter was now in the hands of Simon Pilsbury.

Public Relations Officer

Following the failure to find a Guild PR officer at the AGM, Bruce Wakefield had contacted the chairman and secretary offering to fill this post. His offer was gratefully accepted by the meeting. He would be invited to the next GMC.

Correspondence

Leaflets had been received from the Central council containing its advice on child protection in the ringing chamber. These had to be circulated to all towers. Secretary had arranged for them to be distributed with the Summer newsletter.

Financial Statement

Eric Bull presented the accounts for the year so far. Subscriptions appeared to be about 10% down on last year, whilst insurance had risen by 10%.

Ringling Master's Report

The Ringling Master reported that both Striking competitions had been won by St Mary le Tower.

Mary Allum had recently rung her ^{1000th} peal. Only the second Suffolk born lady to have done so. It was agreed to send a card of congratulations, and also one to Stephen Pettman on his 1000th peal.

Plans for the loyalty service were well under way and some 60 people had already indicated that they would be attending. Brian Redgers was liaising with the Bishop. There would be ringing before the service, three leads of Kent Treble Bob, rung by members with 40+ years service, half way through, and open ringing at the end.

He reported that all four Suffolk representatives had attended the central Council meeting at Colchester, and gave a brief report on that meeting.

Sub Committee Reports

Belfry Advisory

A meeting had taken place on June 11th. Report attached. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would be resigning as chairman of the BAC at the next AGM.

Recruitment and Training

A meeting had taken place on 7th April. A number of initiatives had been suggested including, a permanent display about ringing that could be put in well visited churches in the diocese, a Ringing Roadshow type event held in this area, displays at the Ipswich Historic Churches Trust Open day, Ringing at local Festivals and craft weekends, A day of Rejoicing, or Bells Sunday, and hand outs could be designed for all these events.

It was suggested that the Public Relations officer be involved in these initiatives.

Two training days were planned. A Plain Bob Doubles/minor day on 18th September on the Shotley peninsula, and on the 16th October, coinciding with GMC meeting day, three courses in the north west, Bell Maintenance, Conducting and Teaching Teachers.

It was hoped to set up some 10 bell practices, and rejuvenate the eight bell surprise practices that were on the wane. A beginners' day was also planned.

Radio Norfolk had undertaken to record all the bells in the valley between Diss and the Sea. This would be sold as a CD with the profits going to a restoration project.

Applications for Grants

Wickham Skeith. When the bells had been removed, cracks were found in the crowns. These would need welding, and the meeting agreed to grant a further £540 towards this work.

Ratification of Non-resident Life Members

There were none

Any Other Business

A letter had been received from Mr A Cooper at Monks Eleigh resigning from the position of Tower correspondent.

David Mulrenan requested that we move the February meeting to somewhere warmer than Buxhall village Hall. It was agreed to look at this later, as the hall had to be booked during the summer.

John Taylor thanked the meeting for the financial help given to Earl Stonham's restoration, and invited members to the dedication on July 4th at 3:00 pm.

Robert Scase reminded the meeting about the Veterans' Day at Debenham on July 14th.

Badge stock. Secretary was asked to check the badge stock and reorder if necessary.

Date of next meeting: October 16th 2004 at 6.00pm at Buxhall Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

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