

Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 17th February 2001

Present: Brian Whiting, Stephen Pettman, Sandra Pereira, Trevor Hughes, Alan Moulton, Rolie Whiting, John Pereira, Richard Gates, Isabel Rivers, Anne Brechin, Brian Aldous

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Mayle, Winston Girling, Owen Claxton, Eric Bull, Hav Wilkins, Robert Scase, Jonathan Stevens, Maurice Rose, Peta Luckily, Barry Pickup, Gillian Wakefield.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record with a small amendment to the report on the late peal.

Matters arising

Web site. Still in hand. Anne about to send John more information. The domain chosen had not been accepted by the server. John Pereira to follow up.

Database. Still in hand. Secretary to work on this before next meeting.

Les Mills Commemorative Plaque. Secretary had received correspondence from Roger Green of Friends of St. Peter's suggesting siting plaque in the body of the church for greater exposure. Rolie Whiting had obtained some quotations for wording he had devised. Secretary to produce a full size mock up of wording for the approval of FOSP.

Correspondence

Ian Holland had written with information re this year's Ridgman Trophy competition. This was passed to the Guild Master for action.

A letter had been received from the Central Council seeking information about churches containing bells which remained in-situ after a change of use. Secretary had replied. Any further information to be channelled back through the Secretary.

The Central Council Training committee had written to suggest setting up a Training Network to offer mutual help and support to trainers. This was passed to the R & T committee for action.

Financial Statement

In Eric Bull's absence John Pereira presented the accounts for 2000. He described the new format for recording the restoration fund. Badge and rope pool figures had been

written off during the year. The meeting agreed to accept the accounts as presented. Copy attached.

Subscriptions and fees 2002. A concern was expressed about the fall of members in 2000 and consequent fall in subscriptions. The full effect of free membership to members over 65 with more than ten years membership had yet to be felt, but it was agreed that this would lead to a drop in income as time progressed.

The following were proposed by Stephen Pettman for 2002:

Full member	£12.00
Junior member	£6.00
Associate member	£6.00
Non resident life member	£6.00
Peal Fee (per rope)	£1.00

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

These were agreed by the meeting for recommendation to the AGM

Ringing Master's Report

Little activity had taken place over the winter months, so there was nothing to report. Margaret Lambeth had notified details of striking competitions.

Sub Committee Reports

Belfry Advisory

An informal meeting had taken place in the absence of two officers. Notes are attached.

Recruitment and Training

No meeting had taken place and there was nothing to report.

Applications for Grants

Wingfield.

Belfry Advisory Committee agreed to grant based on the quoted figure of £5365.07. It was proposed by Stephen Pettman, seconded by John Pereira that we offer £700. This was agreed by all.

Rendham.

An application had been received by Alan Moulton from Jonathan Stevens, for restoration and augmentation at Rendham. A quotation of £63,000 had been received. It was proposed by Alan Moulton, seconded by Rolie Whiting that we offer a grant of £5650. This was agreed by all.

Ratification of NRLM

The belfry elections of:

Jo White of Towcester at St Mary le Tower on 15th November 2000

David F Moore at St Mary le Tower on 13th January 2001

were ratified.

Guild Library Insurance

Gillian Wakefield had sent her apologies to the meeting. She has concerns about the Guild library, which is held at her house. In 1991 it was valued at £3567.80. At present it is not insured. Some of the items are replaceable. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman ask Gillian to have the replaceable items in the library valued and then explore the possibility of insurance cover.

Progress on Annual Report

Stephen Young had reported that the Annual report was almost ready to go to the printers. He would use Southerans again, with a reminder of the quality we need. Chairman would agree with him how many copies to order.

Arrangements for AGM - Palgrave

Bel outlined the proposals for the day

1.00 pm	Ringing
2.00pm	Service
3.00pm	Meeting
5.00pm	Tea
Evening	Ringing

The details of these arrangements had yet to be confirmed with Matthew Cracknell.

Secretary agreed to place a notice in Ringing World.

Any Other Business

Stephen Pettman reminded the meeting that we held a lottery licence and any part of the Guild could run a lottery under this licence.

Alan Moulton reported that Winston Girling could obtain artificial hemp rope for 20% discount. This worked out at £441.60 for three 200m rolls. It was agreed he go ahead and purchase this quantity.

He also reminded the meeting of the maintenance seminar being held by North East at Reydon on March 17th.

Secretary reported that she had had contact with East Bergholt re insurance to enable them to ring when the modifications demanded by Babergh DC Environmental Health Dept. had been completed. The extra premium would be £10.63 on personal accident and £26.25 on public liability. It was agreed that we accept this quotation if the East Bergholt ringers join the Guild. The matter was currently in the hands of their PCC.

Alan Moulton suggested a more flexible approach to calculating and paying grants. It was agreed to put this on the agenda at the next meeting when the BAC would present proposals.

Rolie Whiting asked whether there was any progress on the SW simulator. Secretary agreed follow this up with David Salter.

Rolie Whiting asked that members note that the next SW practice on March 24th would be at Stratford St Mary, not Rattlesden as advertised in What's On.

Bel Rivers raised the problem of recruitment and retention of young people. She suggested running a poster competition in the next Newsletter. It was agreed to give a cash prize of £25 to the winner.

Brian Whiting reminded members of the offer of help with training from George Pipe in the last newsletter. George had been disappointed in the response so far.

Brian Whiting reminded the meeting of the St Edmund Clapper competition for the best restoration fund raising which would run for six months from April.

Date of next meeting: 16th June at Buxhall Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Rolie Whiting
16 June 2001.