

Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 21st June 2003

Present: Winston Girling, David Salter, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Trevor Hughes, Rolie Whiting,, Eric Bull, Richard Gates, Matthew Cracknell, James Smith, Mandy Shedden.

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Moulton, John Taylor, David Mulrenan Stephen Pettman, Robert Scase, Stefan Labedzki.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been previously circulated, were agreed unanimously.

Matters arising

80th Anniversary Dinner. 105 members and guests had attended. The evening had been a great success. Congratulations were expressed to Stephen and Liz Pettman for setting it up.

Web site. John Pereira continues to work on this. The master agreed to send What's On in electronic form for ease of uploading.. It was agreed to update the recruitment poster.

Database. Still ongoing. Secretary was hoping to do further work on this over the summer. NW membership for 2003 had not been received.

Correspondence

Gillian Wakefield had written on three counts:

She had been ^{agreed} that the Bowell Papers, ^{shall} be lodged with the Suffolk Record Office at Bury on condition that the Guild retained ownership. This was proposed by James Smith, Seconded by David Salter and agreed by all. After some discussion David Salter agreed to look at the archiving policy of the Guild.

Gillian Hughes of Walsall had asked if she could purchase one of the framed photographs of the bailey brothers, as Frederick Bailey was her Grandfather. It was agreed that a same size copy be made by a photographer and this be sent, for the cost of the copying.

The library owns a handbell which is in need of some repair. It was agreed that Gillian ask Whitechapel for a quote for this renovation. Rolie Whiting suggested that Dickie Furminger be asked to quote also. Rolie agreed to contact him and put him in touch with Gillian Wakefield.

A letter had been received from Norwich Diocesan Association, thanking the Guild for their condolences on the death of their President, David Heighton.

Financial Statement

Eric Bull presented this year's accounts to date. William Abbott had left a bequest of £250 to the Guild. The treasurer proposed and Richard Gates seconded that this money be allocated to the Pipe Family Trust Fund. This was agreed by all.

The restoration fund stands at £14000. There is a promise of £3600 to Elmsett which has not been taken up in the allocated timespan. Secretary to write and ask what the situation is there.

The treasurer had heard that insurance was available for protecting trustees in the case of a charity being in trouble. Secretary to contact our insurers and Central Council on this matter.

Ringling Master's Report

David Salter reported that plans were afoot to rejuvenate the R & T committee. A training day was planned for September 20th. July What's on was available. The master agreed to look into the possibility of sending What's on electronically, but this posed problems at the moment.

David had done some research and concluded that there were 143 member who had 25 years membership, of which 98 could boast over twenty five years continuous membership. Some members had 50 to 60 years an one 73 years membership. He suggested that we hold a service to mark this loyalty to the Guild. Secretary agreed to write to the Bishop to investigate the possibility of a special service sometime in Summer 2004.

David reported that the Ringing Master's badge ribbon needed some attention, also there was no space for further names to be added. It was agreed that he get it restored and have bands included on the ribbon for further names.

Central Council. This year's meeting had taken place in Llandudno. And covered many facets of bellringing including setting up funds for training, the roll of honour at St Paul's, telecommunication equipment in towers, child protection, election of committees, legacies, Bell New on CD, controversial methods, rescuing bells when churches are made redundant, ringing centres and the 70th anniversary of The Nine Tailors. Next year's meeting will be held in Colchester.

Sub Committee Reports

Belfry Advisory

A meeting had taken place on June 6th. Report attached. Secretary was asked to write to Lord Bridges, thanking him for his help in the House of Lords on the issue of public entertainments licences and bell ringing.

Recruitment and Training

A meeting would take place within the next six weeks.

Applications for Grants

No applications had been received..

Ratification of Non-resident Life Members

No members had been put forward.

Matters arising from the AGM

NRLM status. It had been suggested that rule 2.4 was not clear on the position of NRLM's moving into the Guild's catchment area. After some discussion it was agreed that David Salter and John Pereira consult and propose a solution to this question.

Possible future subscription crisis. This to be looked at through the membership database. John Pereira agreed to provide some suggestions for future consideration.

AGM 2004. This would be held at Sudbury on April 17th, hopefully at All Saints Church.

Any Other Business

Mandy Shedden asked for clarification about payment for Ringing World Advertisements. She was informed that only the Annual General meeting, striking competitions and any other Guild adverts were paid for from guild funds. Districts were responsible for their own advertising.

Trevor Hughes suggested that costs could be cut by only sending What's On to towers with bands. It was agreed that to send to towers with no ringers was not necessary.

Rolie Whiting asked why some towers in Suffolk, but not in the Guild were omitted from the report. He was assured that they appeared in the report of the Association in whose diocese they are.

Date of next meeting: October 18th 2003 at 6.00pm at Buxhall Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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