

Suffolk Guild of Ringers

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 19th February 2005

Present: Winston Girling, David Salter, John Pereira, Eric Bull, Rolie Whiting, Maurice Rose, Robert Scase, Sandra Pereira, Trevor Hughes, Stefan Labedzki.

Apologies for absence were received from David Mulrenan, Richard Knight, Richard Gates John Taylor, James Smith.

The chairman opened the meeting and announced that this would be the last GMC meeting for both Secretary and Treasurer. He thanked them both for their service over the years.

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

Matters arising

Badges. The Secretary agreed to restock with badges.

Venue. No further action had been taken on changing the venue of meetings. Buxhall was booked for June and October 2005.

Web site. There was now a map of Suffolk with towers clickable to obtain details.

Correspondence

The Ringing World had asked for details for the Diary to be sent before AGMs had been held. It was decided to leave them as they were.

Financial Statement

Eric Bull presented the accounts for last year. They showed a healthy situation in the General fund, although there was concern over the Restoration fund which had decreased after giving several grants during the year.

The Secretary raised a concern over the non use of the Pipe Family Fund. It was agreed that the R & T Committee should look at ways of publicising this.

A query was raised about adverts in the Ringing World. It was reiterated that Guild would only pay for Guild events. That is Guild practices and meetings, and district practices and meetings.

The Ringing Master reported that peal fees for last year were £37 light. He would contact the Peal secretary to find out the whereabouts of the missing money.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Eric for presenting the accounts.

Subscriptions and Donations for 2006

Maurice Rose proposed and Davis Salter seconded that a recommendation be put to the Annual General meeting that subscriptions and donations be held at their 2005 level for 2006. This was agreed by all.

These will therefore be:

Ringing Member	£13.00
Ringing Member over 65	£ 6.50
Ringing member in full time education	£ 5.00
Associate member	£ 6.50
Non Resident Life Member	£6.00
Peal Fee	£ 1.00

Donations

Friends of St Peter's Sudbury	£50.00
Friends of the Cathedral	£50.00
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	£50.00
Donations in lieu of Wreaths	£25.00

Ringing Master's Report

The Master had nothing to report. Winston Girling had agreed to raise a band to compete in the Ridgman Trophy competition, which this year would be on June 4th in Grantham.

Sub Committee Reports

Belfry Advisory

A meeting had taken place on February 11th and the minutes circulated. There was nothing further to add to these minutes.

Recruitment and Training

No meeting has taken place since the last GMC meeting, but one was planned during March.

Applications for Grants

An application had been received from Hopton, which had been discussed at the Belfry Advisory Committee. It was agreed to offer them £5000 for six bells in a six bell frame, on condition that sound control was included, and an extra £1500 if they decide on the eighth bell option.

Fressingfield had also applied, but detailed costings had not been to hand at the BAC meeting. This was therefore held over until the next meeting.

Ratification of Non-resident Life Members

The belfry election of Michael Crowden of Barrow on Humber at Bury St Edmunds on 11th December 2004, was ratified.

The secretary also requested the committee to agree the election of Brian Prettyman, Eliza Prettyman (junior), Fiona Roseveare, Michael Roseveare, Bethany Roseveare(junior), Saska Bierowiec, Mac Bierowiec, Lynette Tucker, Alison Tucker (junior), all of Wickham Market, proposed by Ray Lewis, seconded by Hazel Judge. These were all agreed.

Arrangements for the AGM

Arrangements for the AGM were announced as follows:

1.30 - 2.15pm ringing at Blythburgh (6)

1.30 - 2.15pm ringing at Bungay (8)

2.00 - 3.00pm ringing at Beccles (10)

4.00pm Meeting in the Friends Meeting Hall, Beccles

followed by tea.

7.00 - 8.30pm ringing at Worlingham (6)

Names for tea to Bel Rivers 01502 581737 or e-mail Isabel.Rivers@tesco.net by Wed 30th March, please.

Secretary agreed to put an item in the newsletter to remind members that a new Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Chairman of BAC, newsletter editor were all needed.

SW district had informed the secretary that they intended to nominate Ed Hynard for Life Honorary Membership at the Annual General meeting.

Annual Report for 2004

A proof copy was with the Chairman for proofreading. Hopefully the report will be available for the AGM. Secretary promised to circulate it if it does arrive in time. It was agreed to order 900 again, although there was considerable wastage from this number in 2004.

Any Other Business

The Secretary reassured members that late subscription payers would be covered by insurance.

The Master assured members that What's On should be with Districts by 20th of the previous month.

A query was raised about a peal at St Mary le Tower, when a member of the band was not, and allegedly would not be, a Guild member. It was unanimously agreed that if this was the case then the Guild would disassociate itself from that peal. Secretary to take action.

Rolie Whiting asked for clarification on the phrase "over 75", he also reported a practice to be held at Stradishall that was not in What's On.

Dennis Kiddy had been taken to hospital with a heart attack, but was now convalescing.

A query about low attendance at meetings prompted some discussion with various strategies for encouraging members to attend being mentioned.

The secretary was asked to add to June's agenda an item to repeal the five year rule.

Congratulations were sent to Katharine Salter on her 1000th peal at Ashbocking.

Date of next meeting: June 18th 2005 at 6.00pm at Buxhall Village Hall unless otherwise notified.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:00 pm.