

B.U.S.C.R.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 1959 in Committee Room 3, The Union.

The meeting was opened at 5.40 p.m., there being 12 members present. 2 apologies for absence had been received.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and, the chairman not wishing to present a report, the president, who had arrived at 5.50. p.m., gave a short address. He noted an increase in the number of members present over the previous year, and was encouraged by the influx of 1st-year members. He commended the society for its confidence in what it was doing, and its braveness for daring to practice in public, the only such case he could bring to mind. He praised the society for its benefits, both mental and physical, and its virtue of being small and friendly. He extended his best wishes to the Society for the future, and said that as he was relinquishing his post at the university he thought it best to resign as the Society's President, either immediately, or in July 1959, at the Society's option.

A vote of thanks was proposed by P.W. Webb, and seconded by J.D. Atkinson; carried unanimously.

Ringin-Master's Report:

He commented on the failures of all peal attempts during the year, although several ¼ peals had been rung successfully. He mentioned also the success of the Society's weekend tour of Bedford in July, 1958.

The Autumn Term had brought 2 unsuccessful peal attempts, and 2 very successful outings, one of which was enriched by the generosity to the Society of Mr. and Mrs. Webb. The Spring term had included 2 outings, one to Loughborough, where 3 members were included in a successful peal attempt at the Foundry. It was hoped to have a further peal attempt in the Spring term.

He indicated also the plans for the Society's tour of Somerset during the Easter vacation.

He expressed his thanks to members for their co-operation throughout the year, and extended his best wishes to his successor, and the Society as a whole.

The Treasurer then presented the financial accounts for the year 1958/59 for the Society's approval.

Election of Officers for 1959/60:-

President:

A. Simpson proposed that Rev. J.E. Newport be re-elected for the Summer Term only. Seconded by A.J. Collings, and carried unanimously.

Chairman:

As it is customary for the Retiring Ringing Master to be elected Chairman, P.W. Webb proposed that A. Simpson be elected Chairman for 1959/60. This was seconded by C.A. Catt.

R.J. Gay was proposed by B.J. Woodruffe and seconded by A. Simpson.

On a show of hands, A. Simpson was elected by a majority.

Ringin Master:

B.J. Woodruffe was proposed by Miss M.A. Jenkinson, but he refused to stand for election.

R.J. Gay was proposed by B.J. Woodruffe and seconded by I. Currier.

A. Simpson was proposed by P.W. Webb and seconded by W.W. Rich.

On a show of hands, A. Simpson was elected. He therefore relinquished the position of Chairman and a re-election followed for that office.

R.J. Gay was re-proposed by B.J. Woodruffe and seconded by A. Simpson.

G. Battersby was proposed by A. Collings and seconded by I. Currier.

On a show of hands, R.J. Gay was elected. (As he was not present, a resolution was passed that should he not wish to take office, or not be at the university in 1959/60, then G. Battersby to automatically take office. The motion was proposed by P.W. Webb and seconded by B.J. Woodruffe; it was carried unanimously).

Secretary and Treasurer:

B.J. Woodruffe was proposed by A. Collings and seconded by A. Simpson, and was elected unopposed.

Any Other Business:

- 1) March 7th peal attempt – a list of ringers required was to be posted as soon as possible.
- 2) Subscriptions – the question was raised of whether the society should have an annual subscription, or continue to “pay as we go”. The question was left to be dealt with in committee.
- 3) Confirmation was obtained from those members going on the Somerset tour at Easter, 1959.
- 4) It was decided a book should be obtained for keeping minutes and a copy of the Society’s constitution.
- 5) Broken stays, etc., on Society outings – should they be paid for by the individual or the Society? T.D. Atkinson proposed all tour breakages be paid for in general overall cost of the tour. Seconded by Miss M.A. Jenkinson, and carried unanimously.
- 6) Efforts required to improve Sunday service ringing. B.J. Woodruffe was asked to enquire for towers available for ringing ¼ peals on Sundays.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Signed
W.W. Rich. (Hon. Sec.)

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.