

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 1971 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church Edgbaston

The meeting was opened at 7-43 pm by the Master, Mr. P.W. Dickinson. Eight members were present and no apologies for absence were received. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by the secretary, Mr. B. Dye and signed by the Master after they had been accepted by the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

At 7-45 pm the Treasurer, Mr. D. Rankin arrived followed by Mr. R. Bradley at 7-50 pm.

Master's Report

The Master began his report by mentioning the peal and ¼ peals rung during the year. A peal of Cambridge Major at Edgbaston came round after 2 hours 42 mins conducted by Mr. J.R. White. Ten ¼ peals had also been rung during the year including Plain Bob, Stedman and Cambridge.

This year there had been a wide range of ringing abilities and apologies were expressed to ringers for any times when the more experienced had been continuously ringing simple method or when the less experienced had to sit while surprise ringing was in progress. It was stressed, however, that punctuality at practices was very important for them to be a success.

The master regretted that the number of freshers was low and that they did not appear regularly. They would be the people who carried on the society and present members should try and make them as welcome as possible.

Mr. B. Dye was thanked for the organisation of the dinner which proved very successful. The unavailability of St. Philips was also noted.

In conclusion the master thanked the officers for their respective work during the year and for the support which they had given him.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. D. Rankin reported that the unexplained gain of £1 in last years accounts was, in fact, only an unexplained gain of 5s 10d, the remainder being interest on the deposit account. A profit this year of £2-11-0 had been made and there were eleven paid up members.

Finally the meeting was informed of the present situation i.e. £11-0-1 in the deposit account and £10-53 in the current account.

Matters Arising

Mr. J.S. Hopwood questioned the master as to the whereabouts of the handbells. He was informed that they were in the society's cupboard in the Union.

Mr. Hopwood also proposed that £5-00 should be added to the deposit account. This was seconded by Mr. Dye. The treasurer agreed that £5-00 was enough working capital in the current account and the motion was carried.

Election of Officers

Canon Greville Norburn was proposed as President by Mr. P.W. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. B. Dye. There being no other nominations he was elected unopposed.

Mr. J.S. Hopwood was proposed as Ringing Master by Miss. M. Roach and seconded by Mr. P.W. Dickinson. He was elected unopposed. Mr. Hopwood then took over the chair from Mr. Dickinson and proposed a vote of thanks. This was seconded by Mr. D. Rankin and the motion was carried.

There were two nominations for secretary: Mr. P.W. Dickinson, proposed by Miss. L. Wild and seconded by Mr. J.S. Hopwood, and Miss. M. Roach proposed by Mr. B. Dye and seconded by Mr. R. Bradley. Miss. T. Fisher was admitted to the society proposed by Mr. D. Rankin and seconded by Mr. B. Dye.

Mr. Dickinson and Miss. Roach were asked to leave the meeting and Mr. T.H.O. Lewis was appointed as teller. Eight votes were cast: 4 to Mr. Dickinson and 4 to Miss. Roach. The Chairman, Mr. J.S. Hopwood used his casting vote and Mr. Dickinson was elected as secretary. Miss. Roach offered her congratulations.

Miss. L. Wild was nominated as treasurer by Miss. M. Roach and seconded by Mr. Dickinson. She was elected unopposed.

The new master thanked Mr. Dye and Mr. Rankin for their services during the year and proposed a vote of thanks. This was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and the motion carried.

Any Other Business

Mr. D. Rankin had discovered that the accounts were still in the name of J.R. White. He had obtained forms for changing the name and the matter was left in the hands of the treasurer.

Miss G. James informed the meeting that the closing date for sending names to the diary was very early. Mr. Dye also said that adverts to the Ringing World had to be one month in advance. It was also agreed that a notice would be put in the Ringing World for Freshers at the start of the new university year. These matters were left in the hands of the secretary.

It was proposed by Mr. J.S. Hopwood that the Dinner Day this year would be a Northern Universities meeting. He then asked if anyone had any objections to linking with the Northern Universities. There were no objections. He said that he would speak to Mr. Sherwood about the matter.

Mr. Hopwood raised the problem of the society notice-board and entreaties were made to the secretary to make full use of it.

Miss. Roach brought up the point of liaison with other colleges, notably Aston. The matter was left in the hands of the secretary.

Mr. Dye raised the question of a ringing tour possibly in Easter or the summer. Easter was not possible due to the short notice and nobody seemed very enthusiastic on a tour at the end of the summer vacation. There was, however, much support for day outings during term time and the matter was left in the hands of the master.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8-24 pm by Mr. J.S. Hopwood.

Signed
P.W. Dickinson (sec)
J.S. Hopwood (master)

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.