

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Wednesday 9th March 1977 in St Monica's Hall, Edgbaston Parish Church

The meeting was opened at 7.34 pm by Mr. J.P. Loveless. There were 13 members present, and 2 others arrived later. Apologies for absence were received from Miss K.M. Burton, Miss H.M. Cooper, and Mrs J.E. Menhinick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed.

Matters arising

The master explained why he had not yet bought drinks for the Freshers, and said he would do so later that evening.

Masters report

Mr J.P. Loveless reported a year of steady rather than dramatic progress. Practices had been well attended, but service ringing could have better support. He outlined the 27 quarters and 15 peals, which covered a wide range of methods, many included firsts of some kind, and involved several different conductors. He expressed his thanks to various members of the society; but especially to Janet and Richard Menhinick, who are leaving Birmingham, and have helped the society in many ways.

Treasurers Report

Miss S.C. Redmond reported a balance of £63.83, compared to £72.10 last year. Once again the major source of income has been the steeplage, and together with subscriptions and interest on the deposit account; our regular expenses (secretarial, insurance, stays, tower fees) have been more than covered.

A small loss was made on the dinner; but the largest expense was the hire of the dinner day minibus.

Miss Redmond said that she saw no need to alter either the subscription or the steeplage.

Election of officers

There was only one proposition for each officer, and all were elected unopposed.

Master – Miss S.C. Redmond, proposed by Miss A.L. Barter, seconded by Miss C.M. Pearson.

Secretary – Miss A.L. Barter, proposed by Miss C.A. Hayes, seconded by Miss C. Blythe.

Treasurer – Miss C.A. Hayes, proposed by Miss S.C. Redmond, seconded by Mr C.D. Horton.

Deputy Master – Miss C.M. Pearson, proposed by Miss J.M. Evans, seconded by Miss A.L. Barter.

It was agreed to invite Rev E.D. Coombes, the new vicar of Edgbaston, to be president.

Associate members

Mr D.R. Dewar, proposed by Miss A.L. Barter, seconded by Mr J.P. Loveless, and elected with one abstention.

Miss E.M. Pugh, proposed by Mr C.D. Horton, seconded by Miss A.L. Barter, and elected unopposed.

Mr M. Regan was proposed by Mr C.D. Horton and seconded by Miss J.M. Evans. A vote was taken after discussion; 2 votes for, 5 against, and 4 abstentions.

Any Other Business

- I. Mr C.D. Horton asked about the work on painting the frame at Edgbaston. Mr SH Stanford outlined the work done last summer, which was organised on an informal basis. He suggested that the work be completed this summer, in the same way.
- II. Camping Weekend, July 1st-3rd. Mr J.P. Loveless suggested this be based in Bures, Suffolk, and this was agreed.
- III. Mr J.P. Loveless mentioned the new vicar of Edgbaston, and said we should welcome him and make a good impression on him.
- IV. It was agreed that for the rest of this academic year, handbell practices will be held on Sunday evenings.
- V. Miss A.L. Barter suggested that we need a social secretary, it was agreed that the Deputy Master should do this work.
- VI. Mr. M.G. Reed talked about catching freshers, especially in October. He said we need more time in the pub. He proposed, and Mr J.P. Loveless seconded, that the Wednesday practice should be brought forward half an hour to 7.00 pm, with beginners at 6.30 pm. There were 5 votes for, 5 against, and 1 abstention. The chairman used her casting vote, and this will take effect as from October 1977.
- VII. Miss J.M. Evans suggested we have a suggestions box and this was agreed.
- VIII. Mr A.J. Illingworth suggested we organise an inter-university striking competition. The idea was left open.

The meeting was closed at 8.44 pm.

Signed
Anne L Barter (sec)
S. C. Redmond

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.