

Minutes of BUSCR AGM
held on Wed 4th March 1981 – St Monica's Hall

Meeting opened by P.R. at 8.15 pm.

Members present: 23 including 2 associates plus 2 observers.

1.

Chris Horton
Roger Haynes
Robin Middleton
Francis Burra
Brian Dallaway
Christine Hayes

2. Minutes

Read by JMDK

3.

Sue R: What happened to Smethwick? They're raising a band but really need help.

P.R. – aware they have own practice. Should be beware of 'treading on their territory'. Also to a certain extent committed on Sun am. at Edgbaston.

PNH – said David Baldwin said they'd appreciate help on their Thursday practice-night.

PR said it would be nice to help out once a month.

Sue Rud asked how many people PR [] he welcome.

1 member arrived at 8.25 pm

Minutes proposed by John Hitchings. Seconded by Christine Provost. Accepted by meeting and signed by Master and Secretary.

4.

See typed report.

Vicar arrived and Church Warden (Mr Barlow's) 8.43

5. G

Guild grant problems – b.

£132.08 at start of year

£43.66 now

£41.31 to come

Steeplage has gone up

Sec expenses risen considerably

We have purchased handbell []

Suggestion that subs raised £1-2 for ordinary members

Events and social should be 50p-1 more. Assoc members self-financing.

6.

See letter

7.

Subscription to be raised

Sue R – that sounded too high

Sue L – people don't pay until sure they want to join – if they really want to they will.

Sue D - £2 not much – other soc. Subs ~£5 on campus.

Nick W – what is done with money?

P.R. Sec expenses. Social events should be more self-financing. Loss on dinner.

S. Red. – Why?

Misestimates on various elements

Donation to Edgbaston £27 as opposed to £8 last year

Assoc. members fee – Sur R – should be same as ordinary members.

Sue L. – but they don't have voting rights

Assoc members -

Proposal that assoc. members should pay same defeated.

Subs to go up – assoc. members 50p -> £1. Ordinary £1 -> £2. Proposed by Alan Jenner. Seconded Heather Gibbs.

For 15. Against 3. Abstentions 0. Motion carried.

b)

Gen. Sec. – annual or biennial?

Discussion followed:

Sue R. person with initiative of imagination should be OK.

Ordinary [] university life

Life membership more static

Alan Jenner suggests have Gen Sec until someone else wants to stand

P.R. – could have an annual review with biannual elections

Mark B – so why not have yearly elections

Wendy – if annual nothing to stop re-electing same person

12 in favour of annual election. 3 against. 4 abstentions.

Vicar (President) suggests notice given that as from next AGM, Gen Sec is subject to elections each year.

In favour 10, against 0, abstentions 8.

Sue L. Should it be a permanent post?

Meeting. Not necessarily.

c)

Sur R – how much interest did deposit account produce?

Rachel £15-44 this year, £1-13 last year.

d)

Nick Wornan – dinner x – A.O.B.

Re-election of Pres. – Rev Coombes

Proposer: Wendy J Thomas. Seconder: Susan E Lord

P.R. Thanks to committee and to Rev Coombes for support as President

P.R. passed over chair to Rev. Coombes for Election of Officers.

Rev. C. thanks for ringing and for enthusiasm. Mr Barlows (Churchwarden) added his thanks.

8. Election of Officers

Chairmen and Master, Deputy, Secretary – unopposed. Treasurer – Sue Dring, Megan Griffiths. Megan elected.

Vicar: Can you have 'written votes'? Not normally allowed. Add to constitution that from next AGM can have written nomination – for motion 12. Against 8. So can in future have written votes.

Sue R: Therefore should nominations to close early so advert can be up in R.W. so postal votes can be received?

Gen Sec:

Christine Provost. Valerie Vere. Valerie Vere elected on show of hands.

Associate members:

Ann Beeves – Phil

Juliet Graham – Sue D

Katherine England – Sue L

All elected.

9.

10. Amendment of Constitution – Section 3

Mark: £2 sub people not become life members after 1 year

Paul: No

Wendy: Final year of residence added so they leave after.

Sue Red. Three years adequate but could be [..mended] for people in final year. Life member used to be a privilege.

Paul – members should give to society while there

Sue – No discrimination between residence in area and residence at university

Paul – Not so read constitution

Sue Red: What is wrong with life members at uni?

Paul – no contribution to society

Sue Redmond: Pickle with PGs!

Vicar: It formally [] a member of uni see should be ordinary member

Sue Dring: Define resident and non-resident on basis of 31 weeks

Paul: What about art and sarnies?

Mark: Post grads? Three years at mo, no £ after. Pay whole time if this comes to being

Paul: Contributions to soc valid?

NGW Sec. Exp. [] exp. Residents benefit from this directly from subs

Paul: Exactly!

Put amendment to vote

Wording: reviewed by committee.

Sue: reword now

Vic: x AGM Vote after committee meeting

All in favour

11. Proposal

All members should be able to participate proposed C. weekend on 26th-28th June 81.

Sue Ruddock – I'm unavailable,

Motion passed. 1 against.

Venue

Sue Dring: Cornwall

Pete: Yorkshire Dales

Sue Falconer: Milton Keynes

Paul: Committee will discuss

Peal weekend

Paul: 19th-21st June? No objections

12. AOB

Romance officer: J. Gamble. Charlotte Denwood. Nominated at Annual Dinner by Master.

Laughter

Sue Redmond – committee does OK at Annual Dinner

Paul: Remove Annual Dinner Plan from the []

Discussion on who should propose. Decided master should

Amendment voted for: 19, against: 1, abstentions: 2.

Vic: Let master appoint one for now at appropriate occasion.

Annual Dinner

Paul: Fruitless last year attempt outside union. Nice in hotel.

Pete: Cost?

Paul: ~£9

Sue Red: Inverse relationship to number and prices

Paul: We are small.

Sue Red. Mr [] helped. Sherry reception reduced cost. Cake made. In hope of future relations.

Chris P. Disappointed with food. Noise of cleaning up.

Vic: What quality for food do you want

Paul: No, want better

Sue D. Cheap but go away from union could encourage people. Union is trying to provide a service but if better elsewhere why not?

Vic: Competitive market. Get value for money

Paul: We need to book now if we go to hotel!

Dring: Provisionally book hotel.

Paul: Like to propose motion to go to hotel.

Alan: Propose ceiling for price.

Paul: £10?

Chris: Not possible for that price inflation.

Paul: It is. Cost last year approx. quote of £8.

Vic: Leave to committee. Botanical £3.50. £1 or so more get very good.

Proposal for 15, no against, abstentions 2.

Scotland

□

Basically idea grab all tower in Scotland. First week of summer vac.

Jennie – cost? Crucial.

Paul – depends £50 possible? Not □ .

Sue Lloyd: Bad week degree congregation

Phil: Oh yes

Sue Lloyd: Well you probably won't get one!

Paul: How about last week of vac?

Objections Sue F and Jennie

Second week Paul suggested.

Sue Ruddock suggested that □ presented to society should be kept by the master so everyone knew who had one.

Vicar suggested put in tower.

Paul. Excellent.

Sue Red. Val and her have been trying to keep card index of life members. Suggested me and Meg do some for current members.

Sue □ thanked Phil Rioch for his year as master, and presented him with a small gift.

18 minutes past 10. It was closed 10.18 by Paul.