

Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
12th March 1994

Minutes taken by Richard Wilson on behalf of the Secretary

The meeting was opened by the Reverend E. Coombes. In his opening statement Rev Coombes summed up what he had seen as being a strange year for the Society that had led to a great reduction in the amount of ringing and a loss of expertise. The Society needed to take stock of the situation and look to the future and the start of the new academic year. The Society seemed to be back where we started a year ago and bridges needed to be mended. He could give no reasons for the upsets of the previous year and said that the Society needed to work hard in the new year to restore it to full health. He thanked the Masters for all their efforts in these troubled times.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Bingham and Angela Jones

Minutes

The Minutes were not presented but they were believed to be written up and therefore were accepted

Treasurers Report

Emily Ashton presented the Treasurers report. There were two points of importance raised. One, the Guild had overcharged the Society by £59.40 for photocopying which Emily had got them to repay. Two, there is still an outstanding loan payment of £100 that would be payable next year. Emily also mentioned that the date for completion of the Guild Grant application was nearing and she offered to take on the responsibility for this. The Meeting accepted and thanked her for her offer. The accounts were accepted by the Meeting

Masters Report

Did David present one?

David didn't present one, as he had only been Master for a month, and there was nothing to report.

Election of Officers

President: Rev E Coombes elected unopposed

Secretary: Melissa Riley, elected unopposed

There were no other nominations. The question was raised as what to do? It was proposed that if anyone came forward that there should be a second meeting called. If no one did express an interest would there be anyone to carry the Society forward into the next academic year? There were four continuing students who could organise the Freshers stall. It was therefore decided that this could be done but was not the optimum solution to have the Society continuing without a full committee.

Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting to be arranged in the new academic year when we may know more about the future of the Society, or if anyone else comes forward to stand for a Committee post.

A.O.B.

The Reverend Coombes raised the point that if there was to be no committee in place who could he ask to arrange ringing over the summer. Richard Wilson said that as he is resident in Birmingham he would be happy to take undertake this task.

The meeting closed at 6pm.