

Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
30th November 1996

Meeting opened 5.00 pm.

Members present

Rev. Coombes
Timothy Waller
Jonathan Bint
Ruth Bint
Kelly Wilson
Richard Wilson
Ruth Meadows
Alison Waller

Melissa Grant
Kathryn Gibbs
Ben Farnsworth
Liz Croton
Laura MacMahon
Richard Pendlebury
Peter Triplow

Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the last AGM

These were read by Ruth Meadows and accepted by those present.

3. Matters arising

Hand-bells - It was suggested that the situation surrounding Hand-bell insurance needs to be clarified. It was noted that the hand-bells were very mouldy in September. Ben Farnsworth has since cleaned them up.

The committee wished to inform members that Jon Bint was co-opted as Deputy Master at a committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report

£193 in current account, £70 received from subs.

Grant application was very complicated this year. Resulted in:

£40 Recurrent grant

£65 Travel grant

£40 Capital grant

To date £25 has been spent on travel and £10 on Ringing World advertisement.

Other expenditure included/to include NUA travel. £27 of last years grant went towards a very successful trip up the University clock tower.

No treasurer's report was made available. Rev. Coombes emphasised how important it is to have a written record of the accounts to be signed at the AGM. Treasurer to prepare accounts as soon as possible.

Rev. Coombes brought up the subject of a Lloyds account which was set up for the Bellringing and as far as he knows has £400 in it. No-one has received any details about this account. This needs to be queried to find out if the money is still there and who are the signatories for the account.

5. Master's Report

The master reported:

Competitions - Good year with well supported practices and Sunday ringing. BUSCR won the NUA this year. Also won the St Martin's Guild 6-bell competition at Polesworth in March and came 3rd in the 8-bell competition.

Annual Dinner - The Annual Dinner was enjoyed by all as was the associated ringing tour around the Pershore area, especially Pershore Abbey, thanks were given to all involved with the organisation.

Summer Tour - Summer tour to Bur St. Edmonds- thanks to Peter and Tim for organisation.

Mayday tour was to Bridge North.

Congratulations - Steve and Judith on their marriage this year.

Freshers - A few signed up at Freshers' fair and quite a few are attending practices.

Ringing - Ringing has been well attended this year both at practices and Sunday ringing. There have been many successful quarter-peals rung and a few peals have been attempted. The master thanked Rev. Coombes for his continued support, Jon for his commitment to the society and Tim for calling the NUA touch. He hopes that ringing at BUSCR will continue to improve.

Rev. Coombes thanked Ben for his efforts and hopes people will continue to ring on Sundays. He especially requested ringing on the 8th December 1996.

Jon called peoples attention to a Bach recital on 18th December 1996.

6. **Election of Officers**

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	Elected
President	Rev. Coombes	J.Bint	K.Wilson	Rev.Coombes
Master	Ben Farnsworth	P.Triplow	J.Bint	B.Farnsworth
Secretary	Alison Waller	B.Farnsworth	T.Waller	A.Waller
Treasurer	Richard Pendlebury	L.Croton	K.Wilson	
	Melissa Grant	R.Meadows	T.Waller	M.Grant
Steeple keeper/Deputy	Jon Bint	B.Farnsworth	R.Wilson	J.Bint
Social Secretary	Peter Triplow	B.Farnsworth	T.Waller	P.Triplow

Assistant Social Secretary to be decided later.

7. Annual Dinner Details

Dinner is to be held on the 25 January 1996 at the Claredon Suite, Hagley Road. Tickets will cost £21.00. A deposit has already been paid. Advertising still needs to be sorted out. Rachel Goldy is to be Life Member speaker, Guest speaker not yet decided.

8. 1997 Camping Weekend

Tim and Peter are organising this. Suggested areas will probably be in Herefordshire or Wales at the end of June. Suggested area Haye-on-Whye. Suggested that a minibus should be booked early.

9. Any Other Business

Still awaiting Jerry's wrote up of the Suffolk summer camping trip.

Plan to hold an EGM around May as some of the officers are graduating in 1997. Master to enquire if it is necessary to hold AGM in November or whether it can be moved to summer term.

Respective committee member are to buy new treasurer and minute books.

Frames for certificates need to be sorted out. Suggested that old certificates placed in a scap book/photo album to record the history of the Society without as Rev.Coombes requested that the walls and notice board in the Ringing-chamber are kept tidy.

Meeting closed 6.00pm