Annual General Meeting Minutes 1999

Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers Annual General Meeting 29th January 1999

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

1. Members present

Rev. Coombes, Richard Pendlebury, Tamsin Lane, Lata Koshy, Gaurang Patel, Clare Robinson, Alison Waller, Tim Bayton, Eleanor Ashton, Tim Palmer.

2. Minutes of last AGM

These were accepted by those present with no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report is included with minutes. Our current account has a total of £1092.53. The Grant account has £166.05.

The treasurer noted that the Guild grant payment went up this year. We need to bear in mind that the Dinner is not yet paid for.

4. Master's Report

Tamsin commented on last year's Dinner at Aston Villa which was successful and she hoped the event at the Botanical Gardens would be as good. The various tours have been excellent, including the May Day Tour in Wolverhampton, the Lincoln camping trip, and the Freshers Tour in Bristol. The NUA in Nottingham was also a success, with the BUSCR team coming a respectable 4th place. November saw BUSCR's first quarter peal in a long while.

Tamsin was pleased to see a good standard of ringing on Wednesday nights but asked for more people to turn up on Sundays, especially as it has been dropped to morning ringing only.

Tamsin finished by thanking the Reverend for his continued support, David Brewin for his work as previous master, the committee for their help, Russell Jackson for organising the Dinner, Peter Triplow for the camping trip, Richard Wilson for his work as General Secretary, and Richard Pendlebury for his continued help in the tower.

5. Election of Officers

The following officers are proposed and elected.

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	Elected
President	Rev. Coombes	Tamsin Lane	Alison Waller	Rev. Coombes
Chairperson	Jayne Shipley	Gaurang Patel	Richard Pendlebury	Jayne Shipley
Ringing Master	Tamsin Lane	Clare Robinson	Edward Polehampton	Tamsin Lane
Treasurer	Gaurang Patel	Eleanor Ashton	Richard Pendlebury	Gaurang Patel
Secretary	Lata Koshy	Katherine Lewis	Gaurang Patel	Lata Koshy
General Secretary	Jerry Burnham	Richard Pendlebury	Eleanor Palmer	Jerry Burnham
Steeple Keeper	Richard Pendlebury	Tamsin Lane	Tim Bayton	Richard Pendlebury
Social Secretary	Tim Bayton	Tamsin Lane	Eleanor Ashton	Tim Bayton

6. Annual Dinner 1999

The Dinner seemed to be under control. It was mentioned that there was a spare ticket if anyone knew somebody who wanted to come. Bennetts was organised as a pre-dinner meeting place. The Reverend warned us of pricey wine at the Botanical Gardens!

7. Camping Trip 1999

Tim said he would be thinking about the organisation of this, probably around the beginning of July. The Reverend asked him to check for wedding dates which we would be needed for before he made firm plans.

8. Any Other Business

Tim asked the Reverend to give us warning about any other special ringing events. The Reverend mentioned Mothering Sunday. Also discussed was the Millennium ringing. There will be a service on 1st January 2000 at midday. BUSCR plan to have a band to ring from 11am onwards. It may be difficult to gather enough people together, as they have loyalties elsewhere.

Northfield ringers have asked if they can ring at Edgbaston on Mondays as their bells are coming out at Easter. The Reverend agreed but a new key will need to be cut and this is an expensive business.

The fourth bell is in trouble as the stay keeps breaking for no reason. Richard Wilson has a contact who will come out and look at it free of charge. Tamsin will ask Mark Gilthorpe about the ex-master now working at a foundry. The Reverend wants us to consult him when a price is known for this work.

Tim mentions the quiz on 20th February and encourages us to form a team. There is also a quarter peal to be attempted on the 7th February.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm