

Annual General Meeting Minutes 2000

Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
28th January 2000

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Jayne Shipley, Tim Palmer, Kelly Smith, Richard Wilson.

2. Members present

Rev. E. Coombes, Tim Bayton, Richard Pendlebury, Tamsin Lane, Gaurang Patel, Lata Koshy, Simon Webb, Wayne Ingamells, Eleanor Palmer, Ann England, Luke Daniel.

3. Minutes of [last AGM](#)

These were presented and verified by the President of the society - Rev. E. Coombes. The Reverend enquired if the Northfield ringers ever received a key for their practices - they have not.

The problem with the breaking stays on the fourth bell has since been taken care of.

4. Treasurer's Report

Presented by the Treasurer - Gaurang Patel - however, the Current Account balance sheet was not brought to the AGM and the Social Secretary informed the committee that the Dinner had not been paid for yet. The current balance sheets had both been audited by the guild and the importance of this was emphasised by the Vicar. He also suggested that a revised balance sheet should be drawn up (taking into account the cost of the dinner) and authorised by a member of the committee.

Hence, the present balance sheets have not been passed.

5. Master's Report

Tamsin Lane gave her thanks to many who have helped over the last year, including Edward Polehampton for organising the band at last years' annual dinner and Jerry for organising the dinner.

She also thanked Jane Shipley and her dad on for the use of Lichfield and the mobile ring at Freshers last term and for the festivities during the Millenium Ring, including their New Years' house party!

She also thanked Ruth and John Bint for laying out the BBQ on the Saturday of the summer 1999 camping trip (which went very well); although the rain turned up as well!

6. Election of Officers

The following [officers](#) are proposed and elected.

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	Elected
President	Rev. Coombes	Tamsin Lane	Jayne Shipley	Rev. Coombes
Ringing Master	Jayne Shipley	Tim Bayton	Richard Pendlebury	Jayne Shipley
Deputy Master / Social Secretary	Tim Bayton Simon Webb	Jayne Shipley Wayne Ingamells	Tamsin Lane Luke Daniel	Tim Bayton Simon Webb
Treasurer	Clare Edwards	Jayne Shipley	Tim Bayton	Clare Edwards
Secretary	Eleanor Palmer	co-opted		

Steeple Keeper	Luke Daniel	Jayne Shipley	Wayne Ingamells	Luke Daniel
Life Member Secretary*	Richard Pendlebury	Gaurang Patel	Simon Webb	Richard Pendlebury

The positions have been revised, with the removal of the Chairman and the role of Deputy Master / Social Secretary being reinstated.

* The Life Members' Secretary used to be known as the General Secretary.

7. Annual Dinner and Tour

There was a mix-up in the printing of the invitations and Tim Bayton pointed out that it would be held in the McGregor Suite, not as advertised, in the North Stand Suite. A notice has been posted on the Society website. Other than that, the arrangements are in hand, with a raffle organised as well.

The camping trip 2000 remains unorganised as yet, but Tim Bayton and Simon Webb, in their new role of Deputy Master / Social Secretary, will be sorting it out sometime in the future.

8. Any Other Business

The Reverend thanked the society for participating in the Millennium Ring in the various towers - he informed the society that members of the public also appreciated it. However, Tamsin felt that Birmingham as a whole, lacked good ringers at the Millennium.

Simon Lansberry has been made an associate member of the society: Proposed by Tamsin Lane and seconded by Lata Koshy.

Wayne Ingamells commented that the Freshers mobile ring was indeed a good idea, but that it was not exploited to its full potential - that generally, the members present did not approach Freshers with as much openness and enthusiasm as possible. The Reverend supported the view that the society must welcome and integrate with the public more.

Wayne also remarked that the society should organise more social events as it is an excellent way of approaching new people and establishing rapport.

The possibility of setting up a BUSCR notice board at the Guild was brought up: Ann England volunteered to make posters if they were required and the Reverend suggested that management of the notice board would be best kept within a designated committee.

Tim Bayton suggested that there might be potential for introducing ringing at other Birmingham universities i.e. UCE and Aston. Tamsin observed that as both Simon Webb and Tim Bayton were attending those universities, it may be most convenient for them to investigate the matter at their respective institutes.

The Reverend proposed that regular (e.g termly) committee meetings should be held from now on. Tim Bayton suggested that such meetings could be held before the first Wednesday practice of each month. However, the exact dates have not been decided upon because not all members of the committee were present at the AGM.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm