

Minutes of Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
Friday 24th January 2003

Meeting opened by Rev Coombes at 7.00pm. in Edgbaston Old Church.

1. Apologies

Edwin Carter

2. Members Present

Rev Coombes
Richard Pendlebury
Claire Hoyland
Simon Felton
Alban Forster
Guy Darvill
Tim Palmer
Chris Munnings
Becky Sugden
Kevin McManus
Mike Strong
Dave Matthews
Jo Harper
Laura Banance

7.03 pm Samantha Jones
 Andy Clarke
 Sarah Crabtree
 Mark Ecclestone

Julie Winterbourne contacted Samantha Jones during the beginning of the meeting to say that she was unable to get to the meeting. Rev Coombes reminded us of the need to have an accurate record of the finances of the society and suggested calling an Extraordinary meeting to ratify the figures.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

Simon Felton read out the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. They were then accepted and signed by Rev Coombes as an accurate record of the meeting. Rev Coombes reminded Simon Felton of the need to sign the EGM minutes of the 27th of November as an accurate record and suggested another Extraordinary meeting in the future.

4. Master's Report (Tim Palmer)

I will be as quick as possible, as you will all hear enough tomorrow night. I believe we've had a good year overall, greatly helped by the fact we had a large number of freshers join us in October.

Two peals were scored, the first being Yorkshire in June which was a first peal for Jo Harper and a peal of Superlative which was a first in method for Dave Matthews, Mike Strong and Jo Harper. We rang over 20 quarter peals, mostly for Sunday service. No quarter peal's have been lost since October.

A group of us went to the Cambridge University Society Dinner in March which a nice evening out. There was also a weekend in Oxford organised by their ringing society, albeit not very well but good fun nonetheless. A BUSCR team entered the St Martin six bell striking competition coming a very respectable last! In July we went on our annual camping trip. Many thanks are due to Richard Pendlebury for organising a brilliant weekend.

The Freshers tour in November was a joint tour with Warwick University, organised by their society. Some of us didn't arrive until late in the morning but had a good day.

The St Martin's eight bell striking competition had a BUSCR team ringing and we came 2nd out of three teams.

Guy did a fantastic job putting together the NUA weekend, making sure it was a success. A good time was had by all. This time we came third in the striking competition only beaten by a southern university and a Cambridge scratch team, so we are still top of the Northern Universities.

Many thanks to everyone on the committee, they have done very well and best wishes to the next master.

5. Election of Officers

Position	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
President	Rev Coombes	Jo Harper	Claire Hoyland
Master	Alban Forster	Kevin McManus	Edwin Carter
	Claire Hoyland	Simon Felton	Jo Harper
Deputy Master	Kevin McManus	Becky Sugden	Alban Forster
	Guy Darvill	Claire Hoyland	Simon Felton
Secretary	Simon Felton	Claire Hoyland	Jo Harper
Social Secretary	Mike Strong	Dave Matthews	Jo Harper
Treasurer	Jo Harper	Guy Darvill	Simon Felton
Steeplekeeper	Andy Clarke &	Mike Strong	Simon Felton
	Dave Matthews		

The vicar stated that as there were two contested elections he would be the teller to preserve impartiality.

The votes were cast by secret ballot for Master with Claire Hoyland winning overwhelmingly. Alban Forster reminded of the vicar that there had not been speeches in support of both candidates. Rev Coombes said that the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of Claire Hoyland and the proceeding were moved to the vote for deputy master. The two proposers of each deputy master candidate spoke in support of their nomination before a secret ballot was held. Rev Coombes recounted the votes as it was extremely close but declared Guy Darvill as Deputy Master.

All remaining positions were elected unopposed.

6. 50th Annual Dinner Arrangements

Simon Felton reminded everyone of the decision of the date of the next Annual Dinner at the AGM but also of the belief amongst many people that 2004 was the 50th Anniversary Dinner. This dinner would take place on the 24th January 2004.

Simon Felton also proposed that as it was a major event in the Societies history that there should be a sub-committee to work on the 50th anniversary celebrations. Simon Felton asked if the vicar would be like to preside over this committee which Rev Coombes willingly accepted.

7. Summer Camping Trip

There was a discussion over the dates of the camping trip to allow Aston University students who finish their terms later to be able to come. The dates were agreed to be 11th – 13th July 2003. Rev Coombes reminded the society that in past years there had been a canal trip. This was discussed but would require further discussion.

8. Any Other Business

- * Rev Coombes asked if we would be willing to ring the bells for the Church Garden Fete on May 17th 2003. The fete would begin at 2.00 p.m. and he would be grateful for ringing before this and also maybe some handbell ringing during the fete. Rev Coombes also mentioned taking people up the tower as had been done in previous years.
- * Tim Palmer said that there were three people who had rung within two peals that needed to officially recognised as associate members. The names were:

Philip A B Saddleton
Anthea S Lansberry

Andrew N Stubbs

They were all elected associate members unopposed.

- * The Vicar said the BUSCR contact list was very useful and that it should be updated.
- * Rev Coombes mentioned whether the fee for Peals was being received. Tim Palmer responded that it was not always. Rev Coombes noted that the per bell fee had increased. Jo Harper agreed to collect peal money and give it to the vicar.
- * Simon Felton noted that since there new committee members we need to update the signatories for the guild. These were agreed to be:

Simon Felton
Claire Hoyland
Jo Harper

The meeting was closed by Reverend Coombes at 7.31pm