

Sunday 22 April 2018, 19.30 hrs
Bournville Community Hub
27 Sycamore Road
B30 2AA

Officers present:

Simon Linford (Master), Arthur Reeves (Ringing Master), Clare McArdle (Secretary), Tracy Stevens (Treasurer), Trish Everett (Safeguarding Officer).

Thirteen members attended, including the above-mentioned Officers.

The meeting started at 19.30

Minutes

	Actions
<p>1. Apologies for absence (Officers) Mark Eccleston.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 February 2018 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, with one amendment.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not on the agenda</p> <p>3.1 Castle Bromwich Simon reported that he had contacted the ringers at Castle Bromwich to offer Guild support over the disappointing outcome of the augmentation and rehang. The ringers had thanked him for the offer, but were happy with the efforts being made by Taylor's to ameliorate the situation. A peal attempt was fixed for 29/4/18 and Andrew Ogden (the bell hanger) was in the band.</p> <p>3.2 HJ Dinner 2018 Simon reported that Stephanie Warboys (outgoing HJ Dinner Secretary) had negotiated a rebate for the shortcomings of the venue.</p> <p>3.3 AGM 2019 Knowle had been booked for the 2019 AGM on 12 January. Timings would be confirmed with the local band nearer the time.</p> <p>Andrew Stubbs had made enquiries about availability of St Chad's, but reported that their charges were high. It was agreed not to pursue the matter further.</p> <p>3.4 Peal fees in practice It was agreed that the rule allowing membership elections immediately prior to a peal should be reinstated. Notice would be given of this four months prior to the AGM.</p> <p>It was reported that there was confusion over the 75% member participation</p>	

<p>rule (6.1.3). Simon agreed to compose a reminder clarifying the rule, which would be sent out to the e-list and included in the next newsletter.</p> <p>3.5 Badges and Clothing Clare reported that she had placed an order for 250 badges with the new Guild Logo design. She confirmed that Guild clothing was also available in the new design and agreed to submit information about all Guild merchandise for publication in the next newsletter. In addition she would post a flyer to the e-list.</p> <p>3.6 Peal attempt at Handsworth Clare reported that she had received an email from Janet Horton suggesting that an inspection of the 4th at Handsworth would be advisable prior to the peal attempt planned in June. It was suggested that Tony Daw should be asked to make an inspection.</p> <p>3.7 Guild Directory In the light of General Data Protection Regulation coming into force from 25 May, Clare advised she would not be producing a Guild Directory in 2018.</p>	<p>Simon Linford</p> <p>Clare McArdle</p> <p>Clare McArdle</p>
<p>4. Election of new members</p> <p>4.1 Full members: Mark Pugh Paul Jopp Julie Tarling (Knowle) Philip Day (Tettenhall) Andrew Else (Tamworth) Charlie Linford Colin Wright (Erdington) Harriet Smelt (Moseley)</p> <p>4.2 Associate members: Robert Seibert (Harborne) Karen Bowley (Coleshill) Beverley McAlister (Coleshill) Tony McAlister (Coleshill) David Bird (Belbroughton)</p>	
<p>5. Bell Restoration Fund</p> <p>5.1 BRF total The BRF total currently stands at £9,764, with £250 committed to Knowle for rebushing clappers and fitting clapper adjustment screws. Stephen Shipley reported they had not yet been invoiced for the work.</p> <p>5.2 Tanworth in Arden Andrew Stubbs reported that Tanworth-in-Arden bells had undergone a major overhaul, including painting the frame and re-ropeing the bells. He said it was unlikely that any request would be made for assistance from the BRF because former Tower Captain Jim Corbett had bequeathed his farm to church.</p> <p>5.3 Shustoke Andrew Stubbs reported that he was aware that Shustoke were considering work to improve the go of their bells.</p> <p>5.4 Solihull Andrew Stubbs reported that Solihull were currently looking at installing</p>	

<p>sound control</p> <p>5.5 Spare bell Andrew Stubbs reported that he had been made aware that there was a spare bell, which had originally come from Wishaw, currently housed at Kings Norton. He reported that Kings Norton had no use for it and considered it to be in the way. Kings Norton had had an offer from Taylor's to take it into storage.</p>	
<p>6. HJ Dinner 6.1 Venue The Banqueting Suite at Birmingham Council House was confirmed as booked for 2019.</p> <p>6.2 Format Simon reported that Alan Regin is happy for us to decide the format of the evening. The expectation, however, is that it will be more formal than the 2018 Dinner.</p> <p>Various suggestions were made to highlight the significance of the centenary commemorations of the First World War:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commemorating each of the 5 Guild members who were killed, extending the commemoration to others in the locality i.e. Brierley Hill. • A suggestion that a significant number of seats could be left empty at the tables. • An arrangement of The Last Post on hand bells. 	
<p>7. GDPR 7.1 Members' data It was agreed that the data we hold about members would be compliant under GDPR. However, as we hold the data under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998, it was agreed that all members would need to consent to their data being held for specified purposes under GDPR. Clare agreed to redraft the Guild's membership form and send it out to the e-list, with a deadline for members to respond. The specified purposes would need to include consent for non-physical communications i.e. email and the sharing of email addresses with other ringers.</p> <p>7.2 Data audit Clare agreed to audit the data we hold on individual members.</p> <p>7.3 Privacy notice Trish agreed to work with Tracy to produce a Privacy Notice which needs to be displayed on the Guild website.</p> <p>7.4 Policy document Trish agreed to draft a policy document.</p>	<p>Clare McArdle</p> <p>Clare McArdle</p> <p>Trish Everett/Tracy Stevens</p> <p>Trish Everett</p>
<p>8. Tower contact information Adam Knight-Markiegi had offered observations about tower contact information, currently on the Guild website. Some of the information is out of date and he suggested that a number of things could be done to improve the content and usability. A Facebook survey of members had revealed that people would like the site to be easy to navigate and that they would like to see information on special practices, quarter peal opportunities and band</p>	

<p>repertoire/aspiration, all of which could influence a visitor's decisions.</p> <p>Adam had looked at viewing figures for the website and reported that the most popular landing pages were "Towers" and "Events". Roughly 40% are direct hits and 50% are via a Google search. Approximately one third of the visits bounce.</p> <p>Adam had agreed to compile a tower contact information form to be sent out to towers to update the website. He had produced a template and invited comments. It was agreed that the form should include a privacy statement to comply with GDPR.</p>	<p>Adam Knight-Markiegi</p>
<p>9. 6-bell Striking Contest</p> <p>Great Barr was confirmed as the venue and a notice had been circulated to the Guild e-list. Arthur had asked Dennis Clive and Remi Hodister to be the judges and they had agreed. He reported that three of the local Great Barr ringers would be available on the day, but that they would not be able to enter a team because many of them were not available.</p> <p>Tracy Stevens agreed to co-ordinate arrangements for providing tea, which would be drinks and cake.</p> <p>A reminder would be sent to the Cathedral who are currently in possession of the shield.</p> <p>To date bands from the Cathedral, Harborne, Moseley and Smethwick were planning to enter.</p>	<p>Tracy Stevens</p> <p>Clare McArdle</p>
<p>10. Review of Guild organised practices</p> <p>Arthur Reeves reported that we are managing to provide many opportunities for Guild members with an array of different workshops and practices aimed at members of all different skill levels. He reported that the monthly digest email he had been sending out since the last meeting was proving to be a good tool for communicating what is available.</p> <p>He was pleased to report that the monthly 8-bell peals, organised as a result of the consultation session at the AGM, were going well.</p> <p>Simon reported that he would organise a Guild outing to Pershore in October – date to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Simon Linford</p>
<p>11. AOB</p> <p>11.1 Life membership</p> <p>Simon proposed that Clare McArdle should be made a life member at the AGM.</p> <p>11.2 Lifetime membership</p> <p>A number of members and prospective members had enquired about some form of "lifetime membership" – paying a lump sum, equivalent to a substantial number of years membership, to gain an exemption to pay.</p> <p>Pros and cons were discussed and it was agreed that more consultation would be needed before the necessary rule change could be drafted.</p> <p>11.3 CCCBR rule changes</p> <p>Richard Andrew reported that he had found nothing within the proposed changes to the CCCBR rules that would be to the detriment of the Guild.</p>	

<p>The issue of additional charges per Rep had been resolved, with no additional charges being levied.</p> <p>11.4 Struggling towers It was reported that a number of towers were struggling to maintain ringing. Clare had been in communication with contacts from Salter Street and Tanworth-in-Arden, both of whom said they either had no ringers or were struggling to recruit/teach. She was also aware that Selly Oak were in need of a tower captain. It was agreed that the Guild's position should be that it can help with training, but not recruitment.</p> <p>11.5 Badges It was agreed that new members should receive a badge and certificate on election, by post if necessary.</p> <p>11.6 Associate membership Clare suggested that more should be done to encourage Associate Members to become Full Members of the Guild after one year as Associate Members. It was agreed that if the progression/transition is not sufficiently clear then it may be necessary to consider a rule change.</p> <p>11.7 Tower Maintenance Workshop Clare agreed to canvass support for hosting an ART Tower maintenance Workshop.</p>	<p>Clare McArdle</p>
<p>12. Date of next meeting Sunday 15 July, 7.00 pm at The Woodman</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21.35</p>	