

Standing Committee Meeting Minutes 7.30pm Sunday 4th June 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Phil Ramsbottom – Ringing Master
- Rachel Mitchell – Public Relations Officer
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Tracy Stevens - Treasurer
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer (item 10 onwards)

Apologies

- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	
2	Matters arising from previous meeting See below	
3	Henry Johnson Dinner Actions 29 and 30. Simon Linford has found that The Burlington is the most cost effective option. Tracy will provide the deposit as soon as it is needed.	
4	Ring for The King A successful event, thanks go to Clare McArdle for the for the BSoBR student's event and for the badges which were well received across the Guild. Rachel reported a lot of engagement across our social media and will be looking to maintain the momentum. Lots of Guild ringing appeared in the Ringing World.	
5	Challenge Day 22nd April 2023 All went to plan, a successful and enjoyable afternoon with well balanced teams. We intend to repeat in the Spring of 2024 and publicise well in advance. We will again be looking for two towers close together.	
6	Autumn - city centre tower open day - 14th October afternoon St Phillips is not available. St Martins is booked 2.30pm till 4.00pm. St Paul's are having an outing the same day. The event will be 'marketed' for the benefit of recent learners with support from experienced ringers. ACTION 43/23 Enquire at St Chads and St Pauls for tower availability. ACTION 44/23 Consider an evening venue where children can be included.	Phil All
7	2023 Year Book The majority of towers with more than 5 bells now have a Year Book or plans are in place for them to be delivered. ACTION 45/23 Sand will progress for the few remaining towers.	

	ACTION 46/23 Sand to prepare a contact list for towers with emails ready to review with StandCo members for suggestions as to where we may need to progress/suggest towers contacts be updated.	
8	<p>Other upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Call Changes competition 3rd June The event was considered to be a triumph. Birmingham St Pauls came second. Next year it is anticipated to be hosted in the Stroud area. <p>ACTION 47/23 Share photos that can go onto our social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell Sunday 14th May - (date varied at some towers) We will look to encourage greater involvement next year. • Calendar of events for 2023 <p>ACTION 48/23 Add items to the calendar or ask Sand to update Phil will update for his events, Sand Higher Numbers and Eleanor Surprise practices. 2024 Calendar to be prepared well in advance.</p>	<p>Eleanor/ Rachel</p> <p>All Phil/Eleanor/ Sand</p>
9	<p>Treasurer's Update [TS]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRF BRF stands at £28,016.55 ACTION 38/23 Tracy has offered inspections to Guild towers and summarised the responses in a spreadsheet held in the SMG Drive, Tower Maintenance Feedback. 4 towers would like an inspection and bells serviced. 5 others have reported work required or anticipated to be required. ACTION 39/23 Tracy had checked the BRF rules and funds can cover maintenance as well as refurbishment, the rules 2 and 4 were shared with the meeting. The cost of inspections at each of the towers would be £1,715 and the total cost of works currently estimated, amounts to £5,350. The BRF wouldn't normally pay the full amount and we trust towers to advise what funds they can contribute. One tower's costs include ropes and it is noted that BRF does not cover ropes. <p>ACTION 49/23 Contact the trustees with a summary of the proposal and ask for views. Also liaise with the tower regarding rope costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MembershipMojo It is suggested that Henry Johnson Dinner tickets be sold through Mojo who take less than 3%. <p>ACTION 50/23 Arrange a Zoom session with Tracy/Phil/Sand to trial using Mojo for emails.</p>	<p>Tracy</p> <p>Sand</p>
10	<p>Safeguarding Update ACTION 40/23 Trish has been advised that it is for us to judge if a church is 'large' in which case Tower Captains will need Leadership training, as is also required at cathedrals. Otherwise, basic safeguarding training is required for all ringers with tower captains and those teaching also doing the foundation training.</p>	
11	<p>Membership Process Review of Guild rules ACTION 41/23 Raise with Simon Linford and others as appropriate To be carried forward</p>	Eleanor
12	<p>Membership Proposals [SC] Frank Agar - Proposed by Eleanor Linford, second Sand Cooper Graham Nabb - Proposed by John Gwynne, second Lucy Gwynne Harriet Ward - Proposed John Gwynne, second Lucy Gwynne</p>	

13	<p>Communications with Towers</p> <p>ACTION 42/23 A WhatsApp group has been set up called St Martin's Guild Announcements with admin privileges limited to StandCo members.</p> <p>ACTION 51/23 Add remaining StandCo members. Arrange an email to Guild members inviting them to join the group via a WhatsApp link which makes the 'rules' clear.</p>	Rachel
14	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decent Striking. Mike Hopkins-Till is looking to gather information to develop striking skills and is interested in the steps we have taken and what resources we have. Material shared by BSoBR including ART material was discussed and our approach at Guild events where the need for good striking is balanced with progressing methods. If a working group is formed our Guild would want to be represented. <p>ACTION 52/23 respond to the email enquiry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Council Structure <p>Richards Andrews CCCBR representative for our Guild has advised that he will be sending us a mail summarising the vote due to take place in September, seeking guidance from StandCo and Guild members on how we would want our representatives to vote.</p>	Phil
15	<p>Upcoming meetings 2023 [SC]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next StandCo, 7.30p, Sunday 10th September 2023 	