

Minutes of Standing Committee Meeting 7.30pm Sunday 28th January 2024

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Kirsty Gifford – Public Relations Officer
- Malcolm Paulson- Treasurer
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Rachel Mitchell – Ringing Master
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer

		Action
1	<p>Welcome Eleanor welcomed Kirsty to her first meeting in her new role and Malcolm to his first meeting. She also welcomed Rachel in her new role.</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting None raised outside of the agenda items.</p>	
3	<p>Henry Johnson Dinner ACTION 01/24 Finalising menu choices -chase in a week. A Google form will be required once menu choices known. Update - Choices have been made and the google form will be progressed. ACTION 02/24 Website details to be brought up the webpage. Complete ACTION 03/24 Identify someone to write a report about the dinner - carried forward. ACTION 04/24 Eleanor will speak again to Stef Warboys re proposing the toast to the chair. Update - this has been chased. Clare McArdle had updated before the meeting that 50 tickets have been sold + Eleanor. She plans to email people 1st February, who attended last year who haven't bought tickets for this year, to encourage them to come again. No real concerns at this stage re numbers.</p>	Eleanor
4	<p>Guild Insurance Policy The following actions will be carried forward ACTION 54/23 Obtain competitive quotes Summer 2024 ACTION 55/23 Explore a CCCBR solution</p>	Malcolm Eleanor
5	<p>Other upcoming events We discussed publicising events. Rachel will look to restart weekend emails and Kirsty can then transfer the information to our social media. Sand's monthly updates will continue but it is acknowledged that recent mails have been very long. ACTION 11/24 Rachel and Kirsty to discuss approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moseley St Mary practices - third Thursday monthly Practice leader. <p>ACTION 12/24 Approach alternatives so that Phil Ramsbottom can step back.</p>	Rachel/Kirsty Rachel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guild Challenge Day inc general meeting - 11th May Erdington worked well with its two towers so close together so we will look at Moseley again this year. During the meeting Trish was able to check diary availability but she will ACTION 13/24 confirm the bookings. ACTION 14/24 Devise the event challenges. We will also need to consider publicising the event and arrange the general meeting at the results stage of the day. We anticipate arranging a ringers tea for this event. ● Bell Sunday - 12th May This was introduced last year and coordinated by the Central Council, with a soft launch. We will look this year to encourage our towers to take part. ACTION 15/24 Include details in the next monthly update sharing the links to the Bell Sunday site. ACTION 16/24 Send a separate note to each of our Tower Contacts (Tower Contacts email group). ● Walking Tour - 29th June ACTION 17/24 Approach Mike Dodson for an update. ● Online General Meeting - 15th Sept Planning for this will be progressed in the future. ● Guild Outing Wellington and Shrewsbury - 12th October Planning for this will be progressed in the future. ● Monthly Surprise Practices This Saturday Surprise practice is going ahead. ● Special Practices at Sheldon Sheldon are now ringing again and details of the February practice will be in the monthly update. 	<p>Trish Rachel</p> <p>Sand</p> <p>Sand</p> <p>Eleanor</p>
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6	<p>Treasurer's Update Malcolm confirmed that his hand over will be this coming week. However, Tracy Stevens had sent an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF £34,961.25 ● Mojo ACTION 05/24 A renewal of membership email will be sent after the AGM. <i>complete</i> Tracy updated that 103 members are still to pay via Mojo. <p>ACTION 06/24 Mojo subscription £95 is due this month and Tracy Stevens will progress. Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Merchandise Action 65/23 Investigate merchandise. ● Course Bursaries ACTION 07/24 Propose at AGM - bursaries for people attending or helping at residential ringing courses. Update - proposal made - see agenda item 13 below ● 100 Club ACTION 82/23 100 Club funds expenditure and Tower special projects - send a separate email - Tracy will ask Clare to put some words together - including a note about the St Anne's simulator. Update - an email has been sent and it was discuss at the AGM - complete ● Young Ringers challenge ACTION 66/23 Young Ringers challenge - share a proposal for a SMG scheme. Progress in due course. <p>Tracy Stevens also updated that she has paid The Guild Central Council membership and Library for this financial year. Tracy has completed the Charity Commision report for last financial year.</p> 	<p>New Treasurer</p> <p>Rachel</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding Update ACTION 69/23 Update website with necessary training/advice ACTION 08/24 Advise Mark what is to be lifted out of her AGM report for the website. Complete - this can be edited if Trish requires</p> <p>Trish has met Claire Wesley, Diocese Safeguarding Officer, and she advises that the CofE is looking at training requirements again. It is anticipated that everyone that does basic safeguarding may also be asked to complete domestic violence training.</p>	Trish/Mark
8	<p>Membership Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Associates Andrew Kinman ● Full members from Associate Ingo Lüemkemann. Jo Traves Rob Traves Derek Harrison Susan Butler Katherine Arthur 	

	Harvey Butler All these proposals were agreed and Sand will arrange welcome letters and certificates etc.	
9	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WhatsApp Group <p>ACTION 86/23 Add links to social media into the footer of Guild Mojo emails. Rachel will then hand over to the next PR Officer.</p> <p>ACTION 09/24 Rachel and the new PR Officer will check the banner strip for our social media, on the website to ensure they are up to date. Rachel and Kirsty discussed their handover.</p>	Rachel/Sand Rachel/Kirsty
10	<p>Guild Year Book</p> <p>ACTION 10/24 It was agreed that a year book would be prepared and aim to have ready for Easter. - carried forward.</p>	Mark
11	<p>The strength of bands in the North</p> <p>Kirsty has visited Castle Bromwich and Sutton Coldfield. There is a perception that some towers aren't interested in having Guild input. We discussed again that we are concerned that we are still a little 'southern focused'.</p>	
12	<p>Guild Peal Book</p> <p>Action taken at the AGM to consider updating. Eleanor is talking with Simon Linford and Michael Wilby.</p>	
13	<p>100 Club Bursaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● List of potential opportunities & Application form and process <p>ACTION 18/24 Eleanor will be progressing</p>	Eleanor
14	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capturing Bell Maintenance skills in Mojo <p>This has been suggested by Alison Hodge CCCBR Work Group Leader We discussed local expertise.</p> <p>ACTION 19/24 Write to Ailson about how the data might be used. We may then consider creating a field in Mojo and inviting members to update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eligibility of peals for SMG. <p>We discussed the eligibility of peals for being listed as SMG peals. To be eligible a peal must have more than 50% of ringers as Guild members. There is a concern that some peals listed as SMG aren't meeting this requirement. We don't currently charge a peal fee or check closely. It was felt that we need to take a diplomatic view on judging %s. The history of Monday and Thursday peals at The Cathedral have shown the 1347Guild to be innovative and giving development opportunities. A relaxed approach benefits The Guild's reputation. We don't currently analyse peal data for members.</p>	Sand
15	<p>Upcoming meetings 2023/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next StandCo <p>7:30pm Sunday 24th March 2024</p>	