

Standing Committee Meeting Agenda 7.30pm Sunday 24th March 2024

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

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

		Action
1	<p>Welcome Eleanor welcomed Malcolm to his first StandCo meeting and Rachel attending for the first time with her new name!</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting See updated actions below</p>	
3	<p>Henry Johnson Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 Event Kirsty has written an article for the Newsletter ACTION 20/24 share the article with Eleanor and Mark. Eleanor will send to the Ringing World and Mark will add it to the website. ● 2025 Event The Burlington is booked on the same basis as this year with a small uplift in cost. We have made money in the last two years which may mitigate the cost increase. We have the same deal re the beer, most of which was sold and the costs covered. Feedback has been positive. It was noted that 30 tickets were sold in the last week, with chasing. The 2025 deposit has been paid. ACTION 21/24 Check the signed contract has been returned. 	<p>Kirsty/Eleanor/ Mark</p> <p>Eleanor</p>
4	<p>Guild Insurance Policy ACTION 54/23 Obtain competitive quotes Summer 2024 Public liability insurance is costly, particularly for small Guilds and the school also relies on our policy. Our policy is similar to those used by Guides/Scouts.</p> <p>ACTION 55/23 Eleanor is exploring a CCCBR solution. CCCBR are no further advanced with this issue but there is soon to be a meeting with Ecclesiastical about a solution for smaller guilds. It is thought that many guilds are insured through Ecclesiastical. We await their update.</p>	Malcolm
5	<p>Other upcoming events ACTION 11/24 Social Media details are now transferred to Kirsty. It is noted that the monthly update is perhaps overwhelmed with info so going forward we will consider using the workshops mailing group further for practice reminders and more regular emails. Further discuss required.</p>	Kirsty/Rachel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moseley St Mary practices - third Thursday monthly ACTION 12/24 Steve Horton has been asked to run these sessions ACTION 22/24 Monitor, though Steve, how well supported the practices are. The church appreciates the practices and day time ringing is not causing complaints. ● Guild Challenge Day inc general meeting - 11th May ACTION 13/24 Bookings for Moseley St Ann & St Mary are confirmed from 2 O'clock till 5 O'clock. ACTION 14/24 c/f Devise the event challenges. This is now more critical being 6 weeks away. And we need to advertise. Arrangements to be made and Google form to be prepared. ● Bell Sunday - 12th May ACTION 15/24 Details were included in the last monthly update. ACTION 16/24 Separate note sent to each of our Tower Contacts Moseley and Solihull have booked their Bell Sunday events but no other towers have responded with details. We will prompt towers as we visit. ACTION 23/24 Include on social media and monthly update ACTION 24/24 Chase city centre towers ● Worthington 10 Bell Contest in Sheffield - 18th May Rachel won't be available. We discussed our capacity/appetite for submitting a 10 bell band. Discussed reasons for entering a band. In the past we have looked at more representative teams but feedback has then not always been favourable. We are mindful of there being only two months' notice. We might in future years consider the Higher Numbers practice aiming for this if the venue has more accessible bells. It is noted that the event clashes with Ringing School and exam periods. ACTION 25/24 Contact Alistair Smith and speak offline with Rachel. ● Walking Tour - 29th June Organisation is well underway. Sand has agreed to help organise car sharing. Lunch is limited to 20 so some may need to make own arrangements. We hope to have a google form for all options inc lunch. We should consider another volunteer for another year. ● Online General Meeting - 15th Sept We will publicise closer to the event. ● Guild Outing Wellington and Shrewsbury - 12th October Include in the monthly update and elsewhere. Look to ask key individuals to include in their diaries. 	<p>Rachel</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Kirsty/Sand Eleanor/ Rachel/Mark</p> <p>Eleanor</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF £35,038.43 St Chad's has received their funds. No further enquiries have been received. ACTION 26/24 Eleanor will ask for an update when she is next at Aston and ask if they would consider writing a Newsletter article. ● Mojo - membership renewals No further renewals in the last 3 weeks - circa 18 names still remain outstanding. StandCo members will continue to talk with these individuals as we meet them. 	<p>Eleanor</p>

	<p>Michael Wilby will be paying by bacs for those taking part in a handbell weekend, he will ask for email addresses for Mojo.</p> <p>We discussed the point at which we stop chasing and give a deadline so that individuals stop receiving our mails/updates.</p> <p>ACTION 27/24 Malcolm will re-send the list to StandCo members and will then look to send a final email where appropriate using a 'waved' approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Merchandise <p>Action 65/23 Investigate merchandise.</p> <p>We are considering new merchandise as we have had nothing since COVID. As general funds are healthy - merchandise could be at cost and possibly a subsidy if members are buying their first items. We have previously had polo shirts/mugs/sweat shirts. It was suggested that Malcolm talk with Clare McArdle and Tracy Stevens about their previous experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Young Ringers challenge <p>ACTION 66/23 Young Ringers challenge - share a proposal for a SMG scheme. This will be progressed once the Guild Challenge is in hand.</p>	<p>Malcolm</p> <p>Malcolm</p> <p>Rachel</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding Update</p> <p>ACTION 69/23 The website has been updated.</p> <p>CofE is still consulting on domestic abuse training. We are interested to know how towers are getting on with completing Basic Awareness.</p> <p>ACTION 28/24 Send an email to be shared with our tower contacts.</p>	<p>Trish</p>
8	<p>Membership Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Associates <p>Linda Evans - nominated by Clare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full members from Associate <p>Ian Wilkins Vicky Cheshire - Moseley Joy McGoldrick Franziska Webber All agreed</p> <p>ACTION 29/24 Eleanor will consider BUSCR members to see if there are more to join.</p> <p>ACTION Kirsty to share the Mojo link on the BUSCR WhatsApp group</p>	<p>Eleanor</p> <p>Kirsty</p>
9	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WhatsApp Group <p>ACTION 86/23 c/f Add links to social media into the footer of Guild Mojo emails.</p> <p>ACTION 09/24 The banner strip for our social media is correct on the website.</p>	<p>Rachel/Sand</p>
10	<p>Guild Year Book</p> <p>ACTION 10/24 The new year book is being drafted. Mark will soon share with StandCo members for proofreading. Sand to note changes in tower contacts.</p>	<p>Mark</p>
11	<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> <p>Circa £1,200 available from 100 Club.</p> <p>Eleanor shared a draft communication for Guild Members including google form. Eleanor will update Andrew Brown with a view to it being included in the next Newsletter and if necessary the monthly update will be delayed to accommodate the late entry.</p>	<p>Eleanor</p>
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capturing Bell Maintenance skills in Mojo <p>ACTION 19/24 Ailson Hodge has responded to our query about retaining data.</p>	

	<p>We do have some concern about the Tower Keeper pool in our area. We have agreed that we will gather the data but we are too late for Mojo this year. ACTION 30/24 Write to tower contacts to ask if they have a Tower Keeper and enquire about support/skill levels/sharing of knowledge and interest in training/facilitating training.</p> <p>We understand Kings Norton are looking to restart ringing and they may need some financial support to ensure their bells are ringable. ACTION 31/24 Share emails with Malcolm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brumdingers future We discussed the background for this group. Recruitment came from Moseley primary school. Sadly COVID stopped much of the group's activity and Moseley bells are too difficult for many. Of the children not from ringing families, only 1 is still involved in ringing. Should we consider this model again? Would we use mobile belfries? Would we be better looking at a slightly older group as Cambridge Uni has, looking at 1st year students by using a mobile belfry at freshers fayres. CCCBR have a coordinator who Simon Lynford will be meeting. BUSCR isn't affiliated with any specific university due universities strict rules for groups which makes attending freshers events difficult. Eleanor will suggest that Simon includes Kitsry in the discussions. To keep Brumdingers going Moseley may approach children from their congregation. ● Solihull Borough Anniversaries ACTION 32/24 Kirsty will put something social media. And Sand to send an article Ringing World. <p>We talked about ringing at towers without bands, possibly a quarter peal day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Binding A history of Birmingham bellringing compiled by Liz Bowsher at circa £150 B'ham ringers of 18th/19th century with a copy lodged in the library in return for the cost for binding. The library used to have an allowance but as little was spent, in recent years Mark has made requests for funds as required. We have a library of historic importance and as this is a work of significance we agreed we would support it particularly as the request has come within the Guild. Mark may also request a digital copy for the Website. ACTION 33/24 Progress funding the binding ● Ringing World Binding circa £100 General Fund would normally fund this binding. Two years to completed. All agreed. ACTION 34/24 Progress bindings ● Newsletter Editor and members preferences We discussed a recent mail from the editor Andrew Brown concerning the reducing number of articles being received. We have not always had a PR role to support the Newsletter and both current and last Newsletter editors have not been local. We agreed we should be more active in promoting articles including events, quarter peal and where funding has been given. ACTION 35/24 Monitor for firsts on Bellboard ACTION 36/24 Include in the monthly update that we're interested in QPs 	<p>Sand</p> <p>Eleanor</p> <p>Kirsty/Sand</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Kirsty Sand</p>
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<p>13</p>	<p>Upcoming meetings 2023/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next StandCo 7:30pm 19th May 2024 	