

## Standing Committee Minutes Sunday 23rd June 2024

### Meeting held via Zoom

#### Present

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

#### Apologies

- Kirsty Gifford – Public Relations Officer (attending CCCBR PR course)

Item	Subject	Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	
2.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <i>see actions below</i>	
3.	<b>Guild Insurance Policy</b> <b>ACTION 54/23</b> <i>Obtain competitive quotes Summer 2024</i> This item will now be progressed. <b>ACTION 55/23</b> <i>Explore a CCCBR solution</i> No update received from CCCBR we will close this action and progress action 54/23	Malcolm
4.	<b>Other upcoming events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moseley St Mary practices - third Thursday monthly</b> <b>ACTION 22/24</b> <i>Monitor, though Steve, how well supported the practices are.</i> The practices are being supported circa a dozen attending, some of whom do not support other Guild events. Steve has been challenging those in attendance with some creative tasks! Action Closed.</li> <li>● <b>Guild Challenge Day inc general meeting - 11th May 2024</b> The day went well. Rachel will request some feedback from attendees. We would like to involve further towers but the event was well attended despite clashes with some local events. There was a good mix of students and experienced ringers. James Mundy will be preparing a write up for the Newsletter. The General Meeting was brief and satisfactory, it worked well including those that had attended the challenge day.</li> <li>● <b>Walking Tour - 29th June</b> All in hand and Sand will look for someone to complete a Newsletter article.</li> <li>● <b>Online General Meeting - 15th Sept</b> Agenda to follow and we will publicise nearer the date.</li> <li>● <b>Guild Outing Wellington and Shrewsbury - 12th October</b> <b>ACTION 39</b> Include tower details in Monthly Update and Newsletter.</li> </ul>	Sand

	<p>Further details including suggested trains and requests for expressions of interest, nearer the time. Wellington am 2 x Shrewsbury pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>January 2025 AGM</b> To be discussed at a future meeting.</li> <li>● <b>Henry Johnson Dinner 2025</b> <i>ACTION 21/24 Check the signed contract for 2025 has been returned. January</i> Confirmed since the meeting and the deposit has been paid. Action closed.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>BRF</b> Balance held £34,972.95</li> <li>● <b>Mojo membership</b> We have just one notable member still to pay membership.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wishaw - Brenda Thomson</b> Contribution towards 3 new ropes which cost £644. This request has been referred to Tony Daw. <b>ACTION 40</b> Follow up with Tony Daw.</p> <p><b>Aston - Margaret Griffin</b> Re-scraping and painting rust-proofing to bell frame. We discussed Tony Daw's advice and the concern about the difference between Taylor's quote and the local painters quote. Malcolm will respond back to Aston, sharing these concerns and advising that we would like to support once we understand the difference in quotes. It is noted that we would not normally assist with more than 50% of the cost. <b>ACTION</b> To be progressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Merchandise</b> <i>Action 65/23 Investigate merchandise.</i> Clare McArdle has suggested the previously used company as minimal quantities can be ordered. Malcolm has requested info from the company and is awaiting a response to his queries. He would then hope to present to the StandCo and progress from there.</li> <li>● <b>RWNYC</b> Request to fund £45 entry fee and travel costs for Brundingers. We agreed we would want to encourage young ringers and note that Brundingers no longer have significant funds. We agreed to support entry and travel costs, a £5 contribution to the young people and non ringing parents. As there will be money remaining after the bursaries this can be funded from the 100 Club surplus. <b>ACTION 41</b> Update Simon Linford - completed since meeting action closed.</li> <li>● <b>CCCB Financial Consultation</b> There will be two Zoom meetings for members to hear the proposals. Currently we pay 20p per person rising to 40p and then by 2030 it will rise to £1 per member. It was felt that if the Central Council require these funds and use them constructively then we would support and we will then need to decide if we will recuperate these funds from our members or absorb it into our current</li> </ul>	<p>Malcolm</p> <p>Malcolm</p> <p>Malcolm</p>

	<p>subs. The feeling of the meeting was that we should support, keep monitoring our position and tell our membership when we complete the accounts for the end of the year. If we find we are not making a general fund surplus we will need to reconsider our fees accordingly.</p> <p><b>ACTION 42</b> Richard Amdrew, our CCCBR rep has agreed to attend the meeting and we will update him with our view that we will support and that we are currently in a position to absorb the cost.</p>	Sand
6.	<p><b>Young Ringers challenge</b>  <i>ACTION 66/23 Young Ringers challenge - share a proposal for a SMG scheme.</i>  Carried forward</p>	Rachel
7.	<p><b>Safeguarding Update</b>  Nothing more received from the CofE. Clare Wesley has arranged a meeting with the Safeguarding Reference Group for September by when more may be known.</p> <p>The Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor has discussed a complaint from the parent of a young ringer who has been identified in a post to social media. Whilst posting to the group was private, it could be read by anyone. The individual who posted has been spoken to. Whilst not specifically a safeguarding issue it is noted that all must be careful about posts on-line. Our On-line policy is still robust. Whilst these issues are taken very seriously we feel we have a good culture within the Guild.</p> <p><b>ACTION 43</b> Re-circulate the Online policy to members with a brief explanation - via the next Monthly Update.</p>	Trish/Sand
8.	<p><b>Membership Proposals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Full members from Associate</b></li> </ul> <p>Pat Hicks  Robin Bone - ratify membership as 24th March  Both agreed.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>WhatsApp Group</b></li> </ul> <p><i>ACTION 86/23 Add links to social media into the footer of Guild Mojo emails.</i>  Further discussion required re ownership to the gmail account so that the footer there can also be updated and aligned.</p> <p><b>ACTION 44</b> Progress Gmail ownership with Mark, Clare McArdle and Tracy, liaising with Rachel and Trish so that they can gain access.</p>	Sand  Sand
10.	<p><b>Guild Yearbook</b>  Alan Glover, Central Council Library archive has been sent hard copies of our reviews 21 -23 at no cost.  The next Monthly Update will invite tower contacts to provide addresses for copies to be posted.</p>	
11.	<p><b>100 Club Bursaries</b>  Paid from the 100 Club surplus. Sarah Chilton and Geoff Ridgway's bursaries will be held over as they apply for Herefordshire 2025. Those receiving bursaries have been asked to submit Newsletter articles.</p> <p><b>ACTION 45</b> Progress payments</p>	Malcolm

