

Standing Committee Meeting 7.30pm Sunday 16th April 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Phil Ramsbottom – Ringing Master
- Rachel Mitchell – Public Relations Officer
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Tracy Stevens - Treasurer
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer

		Action
1	Welcome - there were no apologies	
2	Matters arising from previous meeting See updated actions below	
3	<p>Henry Johnson Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digbeth venues have not proved appropriate. We will obtain a quote from Burlington. Room charge at the Council Hse is a concern. <p>ACTION 29/23 Talk to Clare re Burlington. 100 Club funds might be considered to offset cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant officer position - Henry Johnson Dinner Secretary still required. Clare McArdle is supporting though she has not taken on the role. <p>ACTION 30/23 We will all consider a candidate. Clare has offered 'hand holding'.</p> <p>Note:- since the meeting an individual has been approached to take on the venue negotiation.</p>	<p>Eleanor</p> <p>All</p>
4	<p>Ring for The King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learner/Returner enquiries and progress <p>BSBR teaching is going well. Clare is organising a BSBR event on Sunday 7th May so learners can ring together and she has booked a venue for a party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support to non-ringing towers and towers short of ringers. <p>Email prompt for organising Coronation ringing and asking for times. Clare has ordered badges for BSBR and these are offered to all towers if they apply, on a first come first served basis. Towers to be invited to request badges - paid for by BSBR and 100 Club. Design for the badge will be posted on social media accounts.</p> <p>ACTION 31/23 email to ask Tower Captains/contacts when they are ringing, their weekend plans and whether they need help. Prepare a Google Form to apply for badges - number and where to send them.</p> <p>Rachel is working with a journalist from The Express regarding the Coronation events - Rachel has included Clare for the Ringing School. Rachel will approach Richard Jones/Mark for the history of the Guild.</p>	<p>Sand</p>

5	<p>Challenge Day 22nd April 2023 Judges - Rachel Mitchell and Lucy Gwynne. Tea and coffee is in hand and locals to monitor doors/refreshments. Teams will be agreed on Thursday ahead of the event.</p> <p>ACTION 32/23 1) Send email to Tower Captains re collecting year books at this event and suggesting they bring learners and non-members to encourage their membership. Take opportunity to check that Tower contacts are still correct. 2) Send further email Tuesday re last day Wednesday, for registration.</p> <p>ACTION 33/23 Ask Kirsty Gifford to manage the social media accounts while Rachel is judging. Phil will share email details.</p> <p>ACTION 07/23 Advertise on Guild social media also prompting members to check their spam/junk mail for missing emails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business Meeting - only an informal meeting will be held after results are given, with a business meeting held in October. 	Eleanor Sand Phil/Rachel Rachel
6	<p>Autumn - city centre tower open day Phil is currently working towards 14th Oct despite St Paul's band not being available that day. Phil is awaiting confirmation of tower availability. St Martin's has confirmed we will need to finish by 4pm. It is suggested that for next year we have three fixed dates ready at the start of the year so as to have them in people's calendars..</p> <p>ACTION 34/23 Add date of City Centre Tower Open day to the SMG Google Calendar</p>	Mark
7	<p>2022 Year Book Eleanor thanked Mark for compiling the book. The books are soon to be delivered to Sand who will start distribution - see above. More can be ordered if necessary.</p>	
8	<p>Other upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Call Changes competition 3rd June Towers will be organised in the morning for visiting bands to the competition. The Linfords are dealing. ● Calendar of events for 2023 Surprise Major and Higher Numbers practices are continuing and workshops continue at Sheldon. Phil is planning a google form for workshop ideas. ● Bell Sunday 14th May <p>ACTION 35/23 Include in Tower Captains update - including Bell Sunday website link ACTION 36/23 Include on SMG site - News website ACTION 37/23 Include in social Media</p>	Sand Mark Rachel
9	<p>Treasurer's Update [TS]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF An interim payment has been received from the estate of Andrew Stubbs which is added to BRF which now stands at £29,470.93. Simon Adams, Loughborough Bell Foundry, can do general inspections of tower bells free of charge. Full Service Inspections @ £35 per bell plus VAT between 12 month and 26 months. One off health check £19.50 plus VAT per bell. Loughborough are currently only providing support at 4 towers in our area. <p>ACTION 38/23 Offer free inspections to towers with a view to seeing if funds are needed from the BRF, based on the reports produced. Asking if Tower Captains are aware of towers near them with no ringing band who should also be considered for an inspection.</p> <p>ACTION 39/23 Check if BRF can cover maintenance as well as refurbishment.</p>	Tracy Tracy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MembershipMojo <p>5 members still to pay for this yea and want to remain members. 7 members who have paid but not on Mojo and we await their authorisation to sign them up. 2 members on Mojo but still to pay e.g. via bacs 6 life members still to sign up. Brumdingers will pay for their members. We will soon be ready to use the system for emails once we have done some testing.</p>	
10	<p>Safeguarding Update</p> <p>No queries received since last meeting. Tower Captains now only need online Foundation Training other than for large churches (which is undefined). ACTION 40/23 Seek clarification of requirements.</p>	Trish
11	<p>Membership Process</p> <p>Review of Guild rules following the pandemic checking they reflect our approach to business meetings/membership We will carry this forward until the summer and convene a small group including those that helped put the rules together - in readiness for January 2024 AGM ACTION 41/23 Raise with Simon Linford and others as appropriate</p>	Eleanor
12	<p>Membership Proposals</p> <p>Full members:- Elliot Daniel Proposed Luke Daniel, Seconded Sand Cooper Richard Harris Proposed Triona Jowett, Seconded Will Davies Associate Members - all Ring for the Kings St Paul's learners Jan Phillips, Zoe Rippendale, Stevie Flower, Isabel Mantella, Zuzana Dolinova, Derek Harrison, Declan Whitaker (minor), Justine Whitaker.</p>	
13	<p>Communication with Towers (RM)</p> <p>Concern over engagement from emails. WhatsApp may be a good addition to our comms. WhatsApp allows people to sign up without giving a telephone number avoiding a GDPR issue. Possibly exploring a system where admin functionality be used to send notifications rather than allowing responses from everyone. ACTION WhatsApp to be progressed</p>	Rachel
14	<p>Upcoming meetings 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next StandCo agreed - 4th June 7.30 	