

Standing Committee Meeting Sunday 11th September 2022 - Minutes

- Clare McArdle – Guild Master [CM]
- Phil Ramsbottom – Ringing Master [PR]
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster [ME]
- Arthur Reeves – Secretary [AR]
- Jonathan Townsend – Public Relations Officer [JT]

		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies [CM]</p> <p>Apologies received from Tracy Stevens (Treasurer) and Trish Everett (Safeguarding Officer)</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting [CM]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant officer positions (HJ Dinner Secretary) <p>Highly positive feedback from the Standing Committee received from Andrew Brown's first newsletter. The general feedback was that the newsletter provided important communication across the Guild and a historical record.</p> <p>No update on the HJ Dinner Secretary position, with no offers from members to take up the position. With the absence of a Secretary, Clare McArdle and Tracy Stevens have booked the Burlington for 2023. Feedback has been provided to the Burlington on the situation relating to the beer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback on summer activities [Walking Tour; Commonwealth Games; Queen's Platinum Jubilee] <p>Feedback received from Phil Ramsbottom highlighting how positive the Walking Tour was, along with positive feedback on social media. AR to write to Mike Dodson thanking him for organising the tour.</p> <p>The summary of ringing for the Commonwealth Games has now been published in the Ringing World. In spite of a lack of engagement from the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, there was good engagement from the Guild including ringing at Perry Barr. With Vicki Chapman from the CCCBR, JT did follow up on the Civic Service at St Chad's with no response from the Organising Committees. General feeling was that ringing played a positive part in the Games.</p>	AR

	<p>General feeling again was that ringing did occur for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with 13 events linked to the event on Bellboard. However, there was also a view that towers and ringers were not associating all ringing to the Jubilee and hence it was impossible to get a feel for how much ringing actually took place. CM felt that this was in part a consequence of Covid-19, with some towers still to return and some ringers having not returned to ringing. There was also a view that some areas were not engaging so heavily with the Guild and that this needed further work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update: Parliament Conference <p>In spite of a positive response from the Guild offering ringing, the organisers responded saying they had other responsibilities to commit to on this occasion. The Guild received thanks for their offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robert B Smith Competition <p>This was now taking place at St Philip's Cathedral in 2023.</p>	
3	<p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January AGM <p>Date is set as 7th January 2023. There was consensus that the meeting should be in person. Last year's meeting was supposed to be at Moseley. AR to enquire as to whether Moseley would host on the 7th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Autumn outing <p>There was some concern raised over whether members would commit to an Autumn outing, given recent commitment to events such as the CCCBR Ringing Roadshow (hosted in Nottingham). However, previous outings such as to Bristol and York have been well received and there was a feeling that an Autumn outing would be beneficial.</p> <p>There was a suggestion for an outing to Oxford on Saturday 26th November. AR to enquire as to the local contact. AR will also send out an invitation to members with the intention of gaining a minimum sign-up of 25 before committing to the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Calendar events for 2022-23 <p>There was an agreed suggestion that a Guild team should be encouraged to enter the National Call Change competition at Moseley in March 2023.</p> <p>There was discussion around the suitability of hosting a Challenge Day in April 2023. Specific details to be discussed at the next meeting. There would be an intention to gauge interest from members at the January AGM.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>

4	<p>Treasurer's Update [TS]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF ● Subs reminder ● MembershipMojo <p>In Tracy's absence, this item was postponed.</p>	
5	<p>Safeguarding Update [TE]</p> <p>TE confirmed by email following the meeting that no safeguarding concerns had been raised and that further follow up was required to encourage members to complete the online Safeguarding course.</p>	
6	<p>Membership proposals [CM/AR]</p> <p>No membership proposals were received.</p> <p>CM proposed the following as Associate Members:</p> <p>Austin Cole (junior) Sue Butler David Brown Andy Shiel Emma Harris Lucian Lupsan James Knight James Ellis (junior) George Ellis (junior)</p> <p>All were accepted as Associate Members. AR to write to formally welcome the Associate Members to the Guild.</p>	AR
7	<p>Standing Committee positions 2022-23 [CM/AR]</p> <p>CM has indicated that she would not be standing again as Guild Master, outlining a range of reasons for doing so. CM will notify Guild members as to her intentions.</p> <p>AR likewise indicated that he will not be standing as Secretary.</p>	CM
8	<p>Upcoming meetings 2022 [AR]</p> <p>The next Standing Committee meeting will be on Sunday 27th November, 8pm</p> <p>CM reminded the Standing Committee that this was close to the deadline for nominations for Guild Officers.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>CM thanked ME for his work on the Year Books, which now cover the period 2018-2021. They have been very well received. Printed copies have been distributed to towers where they were requested. A printed copy will also be</p>	

	<p>sent to all new members.</p> <p>Throughout the period of National Mourning, there was consensus that there would not be Guild ringing activities, including the Birmingham School of Ringing. Guild activities will resume following Her Majesty's funeral on Monday 19th September.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.27pm</p>	
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