

Standing Committee Meeting Sunday 22nd January 2023

Meeting held via Zoom.

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

In Attendance

- Clare McArdle for start of the meeting

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1	<p>Henry Johnson Dinner Ticket sales so far- 24. Ringing World advert 13th Jan. Clare will send an email to those who have attended before to prompt them and send another general email to Guild members. The closing date is Friday 10th Feb. The Burlington Hotel requires 2 weeks notice for numbers. We need to sell 68 tickets to breakeven. We will have a to pay a fee to Participant (The ticket selling platform). Last year we sold 90 tickets.</p> <p>Clare will seek help with the seating plan after the 10th Feb closing date.</p> <p>ACTION 01/23 Approach Casey McLellan re the handbell touch following recent handbell peal. ACTION 02/23 Write a sentence for the chairman to introduce the handbell ringing. ACTION 03/23 Suggestion re the toast for the health of the guests and visitors. An individual was suggested and to be approached re the toast and payment of membership fee.</p> <p>It was noted that a list of non-payers of membership fees can be found in the cash book under members' subs section.</p> <p>The toast for the continued prosperity of the guild, usually done by a visitor, will be decided once we know who the attendees are. In a future year we might consider inviting someone with a free ticket for this toast. ACTION 03/23 Review in the coming weeks, attendees for this toast.</p> <p>The Health of the Chairman will be toasted by David Hull</p> <p>2024 Dinner - chair will be Eleanor Linford We will need to agree a 2025 chair this year so that it can be announced at the AGM and in readiness for advertising. Options were discussed noting that some obvious long serving Guild members have not yet been approached. ACTION 04/23 Approach Michael Wilby</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleanor Eleanor Eleanor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleanor/Clare</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleanor</p>

	The next Diner Secretary might consider a new venue. Beer and menu choices have been limited at the Burlington.	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant officer positions -Henry Johnson Dinner Secretary <p>Currently Clare is reluctant to stand. It had been hoped to have someone to shadow the arrangements of this year's diner.</p>	
3	<p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teaching Skills Refresher 28th Jan <p>Currently 6 people have signed up, all have done the M1 training and not yet reached accreditation. ART Course 11th Feb had only one person interested and will not run. To arrange a new course would take 6 weeks.</p> <p>Whilst we have a good core of teachers at the Ringing School there are few in our towers. Clare felt that ART needs to be championed by others.</p> <p>ACTION 05/23 Take off line to discuss further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Henry Johnson Dinner 25th February 2023 <p>We are encouraged to 'plug' in our local towers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ART Conference and AGM 10th & 11th March (ART arranging) <p>ART are using our towers/facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Call Changes competition 3rd June <p>This will be launched in the next President's Blog. Entrances are encouraged from towers and tower clusters. Open handstroke leads will be allowed if consistent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Challenge Day 22nd April 2023 <p>Suggested location - the two towers at Erdington, estimated to be an 8 minute walk apart.</p> <p>ACTION 06/23 Explore this possibility with a view to using rooms at Erdington Parish church and ask if the band would be enthusiastic enough to arrange food.</p> <p>Previously mixed bands were selected on the day of mixed ability so no one needed to worry about bringing their own band. Holding it in North Birmingham might bring in some new people.</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"> ● Calendar of events for 2023 <p>Eleanor has advertised Guild Surprise practices.</p> <p>Rules and constitution will need review since the rule changes of the 2022 AGM. We need 3 General meetings a year but these aren't defined. This could include members joining a StandCo for transparency. It was agreed that the Challenge Day will include a short business meeting to introduce new members.</p> <p>Eleanor has suggested an Autumn event possibly a striking competition.</p> <p>ACTION 08/23 We should all come to the next StandCo with an idea for a Guild Event.</p>	<p>Phil/Eleanor</p> <p>Phil</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>All</p>

4	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF <p>At every meeting the rules require that we give the balance of the A/C - £28,016.55. £600 has been paid to Kingsbury who will require further funds later this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subs reminder <p>The Central Council fee has been paid based on last year's membership of 256 @ 20p each - £51.20. If necessary a further fee can be paid when membership for 2023 is known. The Central Council Library fee has been paid for 2023 and 2023, £10 per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amazon Smile <p>Amazon are withdrawing this scheme 20th Feb 2023. In previous years this has raised circa £70 ACTION 09/23 Include in next weekly update. ACTION 10/23 Amend the new members welcome letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MembershipMojo <p>This started the week after the AGM and 136 members have signed up successfully. 9 are still to pay via cheque or BACS. 141 members still to join and have had a reminder email asking they do this by 31st January. Tracy is conscious that some individuals aren't receiving emails from Gmail. 12 Life members are still to agree for their details to be held on the system. How to handle associate members is still be resolved. We still hold details of the associate members linked to the UK 2017 and 2022 tours which Simon Linford organised. ACTION 11/23 Check what arrangements are required for these individuals going forward.</p> <p>The annual subscription to Mojo has been paid, £75 which allows for 500 members. We will start using Mojo for emails once all members are on the system.</p> <p>Tracy shared her screen to give an overview of the system. She encouraged those of us with Admin privileges to review the site. She will retain payment privileges.</p>	<p>Phil Sand</p> <p>Eleanor</p>									
5	<p>Safeguarding Update</p> <p>Trish has provided advice to Perry Barr re training for their new Tower Captain and band members. She has dealt with an issue for another tower which is now resolved. She reminded us that all ringers should complete the free of charge CofE basic training. Safeguarding remains the responsibility of individual parishes, the Guild can only provide advice.</p>										
6	<p>Membership proposals</p> <p>There was some discussion about our membership rules/procedures. However, the StandCo has been ratifying associate members for some time and it was agreed that we could confirm associate members as full members. The following new full members were agreed:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="177 1462 986 1563"> <tr> <td>Orsen Gee</td> <td>Proposed by Simon Linford</td> <td>Seconded Trish Everett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Moore</td> <td>Proposed Phil</td> <td>Seconded Sand</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pam Moore</td> <td>Proposed Phil</td> <td>Seconded Sand</td> </tr> </table> <p>The current membership form is obsolete now that we are using Membership Mojo. ACTION 12/23 Invite Orsen's parents to register him as a minor. ACTION 13/23 Email the Moores re Full membership and arrange certs etc for all three. ACTION 14/23 Update the Guild website removing the link to the form.</p> <p>List of associate members proposed by Clare and agreed by the committee:- Franziska Weber Jo Traves Robert Traves Joy McGoldrick Teresa Brady Ingo Lümkemman Francis Bolton</p>	Orsen Gee	Proposed by Simon Linford	Seconded Trish Everett	John Moore	Proposed Phil	Seconded Sand	Pam Moore	Proposed Phil	Seconded Sand	<p>Trish Sand Mark</p>
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7	Upcoming meetings 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● StandCo Sunday 5th March 2023 - 7.30pm via Zoom 	
8	Members funeral Arrangements ACTION 14/23 Share funeral arrangements with Guild members via email ACTION 15/23 Share funeral arrangements with Guild members via social media	Sand Rachel
9	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2022 Guild Yearbook Mark is already preparing a draft which he will approach Clare to proof read. A modest print run is suggested though it was felt that a hard copy should be made available for each active tower of The Guild. 40 ordered last year at a cost of circa £180. ● ART Teachers We discussed the need to drive ART training and organise courses. It was suggested that we encourage new teachers in the towers where Ringing School recruits will be ringing. A taster session for these towers might be useful. Towers might share teachers. It was noted that The School does not have a succession of new teachers. The School does now run a 16 week programme. This issue will be brought back to StandCo for further discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that Sheldon had run a very effective Cambridge and Norwich Workshop. ● 14th May Bell Sunday This will be an event to encourage communication between ringers and their Parishes. This might include open days. Concern was raised that this will clash with Christian Aid week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that the Higher Numbers Practice at Solihull Wednesday 25th would benefit from more experienced ringers. ● Admin Sand will review the Guild inbox circa twice a week and will alert the StandCo by email if there are items for their attention. Emails will be moved to folders in their names. Any emails viewed should be marked as unread if Sand is to action them. 	