

Standing Committee Meeting Sunday 27th November 2022

- Clare McArdle – Guild Master
- Phil Ramsbottom – Ringing Master
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Arthur Reeves – Secretary
- Tracy Stevens – Treasurer
- Trish Everett – Safeguarding Officer
- Jonathan Townsend – Public Relations Officer (*apologies sent*)

In attendance:

- Eleanor Linford
- Sand Cooper

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1	<p>Welcome and apologies [CM]</p> <p>CM welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Eleanor Linford and Sand Cooper as potential future members of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Apologies received from JT.</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting [CM]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant positions John Anderson has indicated that he considers it now appropriate to stand down as Trustee of the Guild. CM has approached one potential candidate and invited other ideas from the Standing Committee. Henry Johnson Dinner Secretary remains vacant with no indication of interest from members. The 2023 dinner will take place, organised by CM and TS. CM has offered to work with any new Secretary. JT has indicated he is standing down as Public Relations Officer. A member is interested in standing. • Guild Outing: This was successfully held on Saturday 26th November to Leicester. The trip was well attended, with many positive comments received. 	

3	<p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January AGM <p>St Mary's Moseley is booked for Saturday January 7th with the following schedule:</p> <p>12.45pm for lunch 1.30pm meeting 3pm ringing at St Mary's. PR to follow up.</p> <p>AR to send a Google form to enquire about numbers for the AGM.</p> <p>AR to draft AGM agenda</p> <p>Officers to provide AR with meeting papers by December 20th. Meeting papers will be published on the website with minimal printing of papers on the day. A screen can be positioned at the meeting also.</p> Henry Johnson Dinner (February 2023) <p>Will be held again at the Burlington on Saturday Feb 25th 2023. Feedback from last year was very positive, with comments about the cost of wine and the lack of draft beer being the main areas of concern. The cost of wine was expensive, but the feeling was that it would be a similar price elsewhere. Draft beer should be available this year.</p> <p>There was a loss on the dinner from last year, in part due to an error on the set-up of Eventbrite, which charged 6.5% on ticket sales plus £1. This has been off-set by the surplus of the 2021 dinner.</p> <p>Suggested ticket price of £45. Discounted tickets of £35 would be offered to students. Wine would be provided for the top table plus a free ticket for the Chair.</p> <p>Minimum numbers of 70. 79 tickets would need to be sold for the dinner to make a small profit.</p> <p>CM to place an advert in the Ringing World and market to the Guild. Tickets would be sold via Participate, which charges 3.5% per ticket plus £1. This is because Eventbrite paid the ticket sales after the dinner, whereas Participate pay weekly. from ticket sales.</p> <p>The Chair is Julia Cater. David Hull is speaking to the Health of the Chair. There would need to be a speaker to propose Guests and Visitors and another for the Continued Prosperity of the Guild. This would be picked up in January.</p> ART Conference and AGM (10th and 11th March) <p>Hosted in Birmingham at Bournville Gardens. This will be organised by ART.</p> Challenge Day (April 2023) 	<p>PR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CM</p>
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	<p>Agreed it would be held on Saturday 22nd April. For future discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Call Changes competition (3rd June 2023) <p>Hosted at St Mary's, Moseley. There was a general feeling that there should be Guild representation for the competition.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Update [TS]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF <p>BRF stands at £27,018.74. No requests for BRF funding in 2021-22 with no known requests. We are expecting a request from Kingsbury for work on gudgeons and re-bushing clappers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subs reminder <p>A reminder was sent out in the summer. Following this, 15 members either paid their subs or indicated they no longer wanted to be members. 45 subs remain outstanding. TS will share the Google Drive folder with missing subs. TS indicated there were some email issues, hence the consideration for MembershipMojo over the last year. TS indicated that there didn't seem to be particular towers where people weren't paying subs but fairly individual members. Some members do choose to pay 2-3 years in one go. TS to send further reminders over the next month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MembershipMojo <p>TS introduced MembershipMojo, in part due to concerns over use of Gmail communication. Members pay membership fees online, with automatic reminders. Members can check and update their details annually. Emails can be sent from the platform, along with designated groups. The platform also allows for a shop to be set up.</p> <p>TS indicated that, taking this forward, she thought it appropriate to include Eleanor Linford and Sand Cooper in future discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom <p>TS indicated that the paid Zoom subscription has been cancelled and would end in June 2023. It was felt that the need for Zoom no longer justified the cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subs for 2023/24 <p>TS proposed keeping the subs the same for 2023/24.</p> <p>TS to send accounts to all</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p>
5	<p>Safeguarding Update [TE]</p> <p>No concerns to report.</p>	

	A Google Form will be created highlighting the key information of the ART course along with suggested dates for early 2023.	
8	Upcoming meetings 2022 [AR] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 7th January, AGM. • Next Standing Committee meeting: Sunday 22nd January starting at 7.30pm 	
9	AOB Eleanor Linford proposed holding monthly Surprise Major practises on the first Saturday evening of each month at Edgbaston. This was agreed. Meeting closed at 21.41	