

## Standing Committee Meeting Sunday 30th January 2022

Clare McArdle – Guild Master

Phil Ramsbottom – Ringing Master

Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster

Arthur Reeves – Secretary

Jonathan Townsend – Public Relations Officer

In attendance:

Jenny Sunter - Henry Johnson Dinner Secretary

		Action
1	<b>Welcome and apologies [CM]</b> Apologies had been received from Trish Everett, Safeguarding Officer. CM welcomed Jenny Sunter to the meeting.	
2	<b>Matters arising from previous meeting [CM]</b>  - <b>Mobile belfry donation</b> There had been enthusiasm from members at the AGM to give a donation to CCCBR for the mobile belfry project. The Standing Committee agreed a donation of £250 to the project from the proceeds of the 100 Club.  - <b>ART conference</b> This would be hosted at Erdington Academy on the 7th May. The Standing Committee agreed to advertise to members and support, where necessary, any volunteering.  - <b>Robert B Smith trophy</b> CM has contacted James Ramsbottom to say we would support the Cathedral to organise the competition.	 CM to write to Simon Linford  CM to advise on any marketing  JT to speak to James Ramsbottom
3	<b>Henry Johnson Dinner 2022 [JS]</b> JS reported that there were 39 currently booked onto the dinner. With known expected others, JS felt that reaching 60 attendees was viable. The final date for buying tickets is 12 noon on the 11th February; there would be very limited options to increase numbers following this. Agreed that reminders would be sent to members.	

	<p>TS confirmed that no invoice had yet been received; JS will pick this up with the venue on the 31st Jan 2022.</p> <p>JS requested the running order. CM to provide. JS asked for a photograph of St Chad's and photographs of Andrew Stubbs. ME to provide.</p> <p>Information would also need to go out to those attending that it is a cashless bar.</p> <p>JS confirmed that the venue was providing tables of 8. JS requested support with the seating plan and suggested a meeting on the 20th Feb at 8pm. The suggestion was to ask Eleanor Linford to support.</p> <p>CM to print the programme.</p> <p>CM confirmed the format of this year's dinner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Toasts given to the Queen, Henry Johnson and the church</li> <li>- Handbells on the Blews bells with short introduction</li> <li>- Steve Horton: tribute to Andrew Stubbs and a welcome to the guests</li> <li>- Michael Church: to provide a response focusing on a personal tribute to Andrew Stubbs</li> <li>- Clare McArdle: to speak to the Health of the Chairpeople</li> </ul> <p>CM confirmed Chairs for 2023 (Julia Cater) and 2024 (Eleanor Linford); both have been confirmed.</p> <p>ME to provide a display for Andrew Stubbs and requested two standard size tables, away from the bar.</p> <p>JT offered support with publicising the event on social media.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>CM ME</p> <p>JS to arrange</p> <p>CM</p> <p>ME</p>
4	<p><b>Upcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Summer Walking Tour</b></li> </ul> <p>Mike Dodson has offered to organise the tour again this year, on the 9th July. This was enthusiastically agreed to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Commonwealth Games</b></li> </ul> <p>JT has continued liaising with the Commonwealth Games organisers. JT has booked Perry Barr, the Cathedral (though there is an outdoor broadcast booked that day also which may impact the booking) and Moseley. St Martin's will be requested if the Cathedral is not available. JT to continue liaising with the organisers. If the responses are not forthcoming, we will organise our own event with a probable focus on the day of the Opening Ceremony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b></li> </ul>	<p>AR to contact Mike Dodson</p> <p>JT</p>

	<p>The CCCBR recommendation was for ringing on the Friday 3rd June bank holiday around the time of the Service at St Paul's Cathedral. CM felt the Guild's role would be to support coordination of ringers across towers to help towers who may be short of ringers.</p> <p>This will be discussed in detail at the April meeting</p>	
5	<p><b>Treasurer's Update [TS]</b></p> <p>TS confirmed that the BRF stood at £26983.88</p> <p>There are 297 current members, 149 of whom are currently unpaid for 2022.</p> <p>TS confirmed the Zoom account had been renewed for a further year. TS advised that we should review Zoom registration for 2023, since the use of the platform has reduced significantly in the last year.</p> <p>The CCCBR Representative fee had been paid for 2022</p> <p>TS demonstrated MemberMojo from the Surrey Association website which she felt could support us with membership. The app provides the opportunity to email members and set automatic reminders for renewals. TS suggested that relevant officers meet with the Surrey Association to seek their views on how they have found it. There was enthusiasm from officers towards this.</p> <p>CM reported that we are expecting to receive an application form for the BRF from Moseley to install a training bell in the church at a cost of £3000. The Moseley PCC would be paying 75% of the cost, with £750 requested from the BRF. This would equate to 25%. There was agreement that, once the application had been received, the Standing Committee would recommend to the trustees that the BRF should support this project to the sum of £750.</p>	TS to set up meeting
6	<p><b>Safeguarding Update [TE]</b></p> <p>TE had given her apologies. In her absence, she had written in to report that she had received no safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>CM had liaised with TE over the safeguarding protocols of the recent Young Change Ringers' Association outing to Birmingham. CM shared her thanks to TE for her support with this.</p> <p>TE had requested that the Basic Safeguarding course should be advertised again to members. This was agreed.</p>	AR
7	<p><b>Associate Members [CM]</b></p> <p>CM introduced three Associate Members from the BSoBR: Diane McAndrew John Moore Pam Moore</p>	AR to write to associate members

8	<p><b>Vacant officer positions [CM]</b></p> <p>Following the AGM, the following positions were unfilled: Henry Johnson Dinner Secretary and Newsletter Editor. CM updated the meeting that there had been some expressions of interest in the vacant post, which were being actively pursued.</p>	CM
9	<p><b>AGM minutes and Standing Committee minutes [AR]</b></p> <p>AR asked for views on whether we should publish the AGM minutes on the website (prior to agreement at the following meeting) to provide greater transparency. This was agreed.</p> <p>AR asked for views on publishing Standing Committee minutes on the website in light of the recent rule change. This was to improve communication to members. This was agreed.</p>	ME
10	<p><b>Proposed meetings for 2022 [AR]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sunday 24th April, 8pm</li> <li>● Sunday 11th September, 8pm</li> <li>● Sunday 27th November, 8pm</li> </ul> <p>These dates were agreed. It was also agreed that the dates would be published online.</p> <p><b>Format</b></p> <p>It was agreed to continue hosting Standing Committee meetings online for the foreseeable future.</p>	ME
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>CM highlighted that the 4th March was the 10th anniversary of the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART). ART would like this to be celebrated, including linked performances on BellBoard. CM proposed organising a Quarter Peal on 10 with school tutors and former school tutors. She also proposed that on Saturday 5th March, BSoBR towers would be encouraged to link some of their ringing to the Bellboard event.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21.21</p>	