

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EAST CLAYDON SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2007

21 Members and visitors present as per signed list

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the AGM, thanked East Claydon for hosting it and Kate Edgar, Jane Shrimpton and Marie Jose for providing a splendid Tea. He also recorded thanks to Revd John Dale for conducting the Service and to Beryl Joyce the Organist.

Apologies for Absence noted from the Guild Master, Jon Chamberlain and Childrens Officer Ann Mayou, who joined us for ringing and tea but were unable to stay for the AGM; also from John Blackall, Ann Pedley, Mandy Cliffe, Diana Slevin, John White, Jan Cornfoot, Trevor Rossitor, Ernie Weight, Jane Dunn, Heather Dobson, Joe Osborne, Geoff Cross, Anne Aylett, Sue Gomme, David Body.

Minutes of last meeting accepted nem-con by the meeting

Matters Arising none

Reports:

Secretary: written report provided to all present (attached to minutes) Accepted nem-con.

Treasurer: Accounts available to the meeting had not yet been audited due to communications difficulties with Independent Examiner and the meeting noted were incomplete in not having an accurate item of the Interest due to the George Edmunds Fund. The Accounts were accepted as presented on the basis that the actual interest due to the George Edmunds Fund was incorporated and the accounts then fully audited and agreed by Independent Examiner. Then the full accounts to be sent to each Tower for their appraisal and acceptance.

The meeting noted the Treasurers recommendations regarding the holding of funds in hand and disposal of surplus funds. Proposed by Terry Wagstaff, seconded by Mike Dodd that :-

- (a) Treasurer hold a working balance of £500 in the bank account;
- (b) That Subscriptions to Guild must be paid at the start of each year to ensure that Insurance Cover continues and in order that Guild Treasurer can meet HM Custom and Revenue requirements for payment of Corporation Tax.
- © Previous AGMs had agreed that Grants should not be paid from any surplus general account monies to avoid alienating competing interests for such grants.
- (d) On the above basis it was agreed that £300 be **paid into** the George Edmunds Fund (with one vote against) and that a **Loan** of £500 be made to the George Edmunds Fund so that the better interest rate could enhance the Fund whilst allowing for the withdrawal of the loan money to fund appropriate grants. (carried nem-con)

The Accounts as presented are attached to these minutes.

Ringling Master: Ann Pedley has had to resign from this role and the Chairman thanked her for her efforts during the past year and presented a brief report on Branch activities.

Branch Representatives: None were present, and the meeting noted that John Blackall feels unable to continue in this role now that he lives in Shropshire. It was reported that David Parker does not appear to be ringing in a branch tower and Secretary instructed to raise this with him as it compromises his membership.

The number of paid up members now entitles us to only two Representatives.

Membership Certificate of membership presented to Ryan Noble of North Marston.
Other Certificates for Wing and Aylesbury Towers taken by their representatives.
New members : Jemma Bowyer, Marsh Gibbon: proposed by Eddie Herring
seconded Ron Trulove ; elected nem-con (subs already paid)

Election of Officers

The Chairman outlined the position of himself and Secretary and Vice Chair in view of the impending transfer of St Barnabas Linslade into the Diocese of St Albans in order to meet pastoral and organisational needs within the Anglican community in the Town. All three would be ineligible for office as being non-resident within ODG.
Susan Gomme has offered to understudy the role of Branch Secretary with a view to taking on the role next year.

Chairman; Phil Dunn was nominated by Heather Darvill and seconded by Edwina Carpenter and elected unanimously.

It was proposed by Terry Wagstaff ,seconded by Brian Robson that the AGM did not elect a Vice-Chair and instead authorise the Officers to find and co-opt a candidate as Vice –chair who would accept the chairman position next year. Carried nem-con.

Secretary ;David Darvill was re-elected nem-con, with Susan as assistant

Treasurer; Ernie Weight was proposed by Edwina carpenter and seconded by Peter Fay and elected nem-con.

Ringing Master. There being no volunteers the post remains vacant. Jane Vowles of Quainton volunteered as Deputy , proposed by Terry Wagstaff , seconded by Phil Dunn and elected nem-con.

Branch representatives: David Body and Terry Wagstaff were proposed by Janice Robinson seconded by Heather Darvill and elected.

Branch Steward: David Body re-elected nem-con.

Independent Examiners; Barry Winspear and Jo Morley. Proposed by Terry Wagstaff seconded by Phil Dunn. Elected nem-con.

It was suggested by Kate Edgar that a resume of the “job description” of each officer be published to assist members to understand what each role involves and hopefully aid recruitment.. Newsletter Editor to co-ordinate.

Branch Sponsorship

Proposed by Terry Wagstaff seconded by Phil Dunn that Ryan Noble be offered sponsorship to attend either of the courses available. Agreed nem-con.

Also agreed that the newsletter Editor be asked to include an article promoting the sponsorship available.

Branch Programme

Will be published in the Branch Newsletter shortly; following on from the current programme Branch Practices for July and August will be at Quainton and Waddesdon respectively. A host for the 2008 AGM is sought. Branch Outing -Janice Robinson undertook to organise, possibly in the Reading area, second Saturday in September . Striking competition at Whitchurch Sat June 9 , draw at 5.30; Orchard Cup provisionally at Stewkely, Saturday October 13 , draw 2.30

Agreed that Branch Dinner be held again in January , venue suggestions invited.
The programme of Guild events is being circulated to Towers.

There being no other business , the meeting was closed at 18.30 hrs.