

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 9th February 2013 at 5pm in EAST CLAYDON

The meeting was held in the Botolph Claydon Village Hall and was attended by 16 CBB members representing 10 towers and the ODG Secretary (list available on request)

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Chairman Janice Robinson opened the meeting welcoming all present including James Champion Secretary of the ODG. Jan led the meeting in 1 min silence to remember members who had died since the last AGM notably Jane Shrimpton of Easy Claydon.

1. Apologies for absence

John Lomas, Caroline Luxford, Ryan, Bunt Scott, Sally & Kirsty Ann, Sarah Evans & other from Nether Winschendon, Grebba McGowan, Becky Pryse, Jan Lewis, Jo Anderson, John Benson, Geoff Cross, Jeremy Gilliard, Jo Pole, James & Marika Haseldine, Dan Vowles

It was noted that with the absence of Treasurer John Lomas, Paul Bagni from Winslow had kindly agreed to accept any subscriptions being handed over at the meeting

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held at Stewkley on 11th Feb 2012

No amendments were made. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Peter Fay, seconded by Heather Dobson and carried nem con. The Chairman signed a copy for file.

3. Minutes of the Half year Meeting held at Wing on 14th July 2012

No amendments were made. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Peter Fay, seconded by Kate Edgar and carried nem con. The Chairman signed a copy for file.

4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda - none

5.Reports: Written reports were received from the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (accounts), Ringing Master, Branch Representative and Webmaster. (copies available on request)

5a) Accounts It was noted that the loan from the General Fund to the George Edmans Fund had been changed to a grant by resolution at the Half Year Meeting.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed subject to the amendment of deletion of the lines relating to the Loan to the George Edmans Fund from the General Fund was proposed by Terry Wagstaff seconded by Paul Bagni and carried nem con.

5b) It was noted with respect the Branch Rep's report that i) with respect to the £8 subscription the decision on the sub division has been made . It is £5 to the ODG including £2 relation to insurance and £3 for the Branch and ii) there are only 2 editions of Odd Bob per year.

6. Membership

a) *Election of New Members:* the following new members were elected nem con, subject to payment of the annual subscription:

Wingrave: Judy Santon and Chris Harrison. proposed by Alan Frost and Geoff Aldridge

Winslow: Janet Pentony, Lorraine Honor & Charlotte Eldred proposed by Diana Slevin seconded by Paul Bagni

Long Crendon: Charlotte Mundy and James Mundy proposed by Andrew, seconded by Julie Haseldine

Hardwick: Anthony Reg Coldwell proposed by Trevor Rossiter seconded by Terry Wagstaff

Quainton: Peter Harding proposed by Jane Vowles, seconded by Terry Wagstaff

e) Nominations for Distinguished Members –none

7. Election of Officers

Chairman: Terry Wagstaff, proposed by Jane Vowles, seconded by Richard Samways

Vice Chairman: no nominations received – *vacant*

Secretary: Diana Slevin, proposed by Jan Robinson, seconded by Heather Dobson

Treasurer: John Lomas, proposed by Kate Edgar, seconded by Paul Bagni

Ringing Master: Jan Robinson, proposed by Diana Slevin, seconded by Paul Bagni

Deputy Ringing Master Andrew Haseldine: proposed by Jane Vowles, seconded by Richard Samways

Training Officer: *vacant*

Branch Reps (2): Caroline Luxford proposed by Diana Slevin seconded by Julie Haseldine

Branch Stewards(2): Paul Bagni, proposed by Julie Haseldine, seconded by Jane Vowles

2nd post - Caroline Luxford proposed by Julie Haseldine, seconded by Jane Vowles

Independent Examiner: Kate Edgar, proposed by Richard Samways, seconded by Heather Dobson

All nominations were elected nem con

Noted: a) that Diana Slevin would like to recruit an assistant secretary with a view to her not standing for re-election in 2014. To that end she would prepare a job description. Jan Robinson volunteered to take back responsibility for the Branch Newsletter.

b) that action would be taken to recruit people to the vacancies during the year.

8. Branch Matters

a) George Edmans Bell Fund

Jeremy Pratt introduced the paper he had written on this with the proposal agreed at the Half Year Meeting in support of revitalisation.

It was resolved

“That Rule 3 of the Rules of the George Edmans Bell Fund be amended by deleting the words “up to, but not exceeding, the accrued interest on the invested capital” and replacing them with “out of all monies held by the Fund, up to a maximum in respect of each grant of £500 or such other sum as may from time to time be approved by a Central Buck Branch Annual General Meeting, provided always that no grant shall exceed 25% of the aggregate value of the Fund at the date of grant.”

Proposed by Jeremy Pratt, seconded by Paul Bagni and carried nem con

It was noted that

a) the Fund should be referred to as the *George Edmans Bell Fund* and not the *Branch Bell Fun*

b) that in order for the fund to succeed it was necessary to promote the fund, organise some fund raising and also encourage claims

c) the Secretary would put an article in the next newsletter

d) it was suggested that those attending the Branch Practices should be encouraged to donate £1 a time. The ringers on the mid week ring each donate £1 a tower which in 2012, after donations to the host towers, had led to a significant surplus.

It was resolved that the £100 surplus from the 2012 mid week rings be confirmed as a donation to the GE Fund. Proposed by Terry Wagstaff seconded by Diana Slevin and carried nem con

It was noted that as monies paid into the GE Fund was non returnable other than as grants, monies from practices, not specifically collected as for the GE Fund, should initially be paid into Branch accounts and any donation made by resolution of the AGM.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mike Dodd, to Jeremy Pratt for his work on the George Edmans Fund that had enabled the Branch to make an informed decision was carried by acclaim.

b) Recruitment & Training:

It was proposed that the Young Ringers Award scheme be promoted and supported by the Branch. Jan and Caroline proposed getting a group together to action this. The monthly Stewkley practice was an ideal opportunity to bring youngsters together

c) Communications

Newsletter – Jan Robinson will take this on

Website – Ryan Noble, webmaster, is working hard to establish the new website. He had indicated in his report that he would like to relinquish the role by the Half Year Meeting and called for a successor to be identified.

9. Branch programme.

a) Practices: Branch, Progress and Advanced - provisional list of CBB and key ODG activities was distributed.

b) Striking Competitions

The CBB 6 Bell striking competition will be from 2pm on Saturday 11th May at Mursley. Everyone is encouraged to enter a team for this and also to *The Orchard Cup* that will be hosted this year by CBB at Whitchurch on October 12th. It was agreed that this could be the opportunity for an informal Half Year meeting rather than a formal one on July 13th

c) September Branch Outing

A volunteer was called for to organise the towers for this outing and ideas as to where to go were invited..

d) The Christmas Dinner would be on January 11th 2014, ideas for venues called for

e) Guild Events

Noted: the AGM is in May at Ascot under Wychwood and the November General Committee & 10 Bell striking competition will be Saturday 23rd at Newbury

f) St Georges Day 23rd April, the ODG is advocating ringing for this. Robert Newton asked to be notified of such ringing. The time of 6pm is suggested.

10. Any Other Business

a) Cheersley – Jeremy Pratt announced the plans for the augmentation of the ring from 3 to 6. He drew attention to the leaflet with details and hope that support would be forthcoming for the fundraising events.

b) James Champion reported on ODG matters: i) *Integrated Training Scheme* , at the AGM the Guild were proposing a donation of £1k to the Ringing Foundation ii) *ODG Public Relations Officer* - this was still unfilled and the branch was requested to nominate people with skills and with a view to establishing a small sub committee rather than overload one person

c) Votes of thanks for their work and considerable contributions to the Branch were proposed to the outgoing officers Chairman Janice Robinson and Ringing Mistress Heather Dobson

d) *Meeting thanks*: from the Chair, Jan Robinson offered the meeting's thanks to all at East Claydon for their hard work in enabling the AGM and the great tea, lay minister Maggie Pepper for conducting the service and Jeremy Pratt for stepping in and playing the organ..

e) *East Claydon Coffee Morning* - the EC ringers invited everyone to a coffee morning Saturday 2nd March 10-12 in the same hall in memory of Jane Shrimpton and in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

11. Date of Next Annual General Meeting Saturday February 8th 2014 venue tba

The meeting closed at 6.15pm