

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers East Berks & South Bucks Branch

Minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting held at Chalfont St Peter on Saturday 14th October 2017

In the absence of the Branch Chairman, Ken Darvill (Ringing Master) chaired the meeting. The Attendance Sheet showed 33 members to have been present, representing 8 towers.

An extra item had been added to the agenda (4.iv) because John Dieppe had resigned as Independent Assessor in the last few days.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Hilarie Rogers (Guild Master), John Davidge (Branch Chairman), Anne Frank, Anthea Wright, Jane Lunsford, Ralph Bagge, Janice Dieppe, John Dieppe, Josie Martin, Meryl Kennedy, Sheila Bruce, Mandy Salter, David Cox (*Post meeting note – apologies also from Marcia Dieppe*)

2. Minutes of the AGM held at Chalfont St Giles on 22 April 2017

These had been circulated via the User Group prior to the meeting. The following amendment was noted:

13. 2nd paragraph – “the **2018** programme.”

The Minutes were adopted.

3. Matters Arising

7a) John Davidge should have been elected as a Branch Representative.

10) The Safeguarding Policy is still under negotiation with the Diocese, particularly with regard to the requirement for each tower to have a Safeguarding Officer. The policy that was distributed has not yet been accepted by the Guild.

11) The officers considered the suggestion of “Defined Duration of Office” and they decided that it would not be workable at this time. At the AGM we were left without a Treasurer and a Secretary. If we had defined duration of office this could make matters worse.

4. Election of Officers

i) Secretary:

Patricia Newton - proposed by Jan Galloway, seconded by Peter Sippitt

ii) Treasurer/Membership Secretary:

Michael Bayley - proposed by Ken Darvill, seconded by Angela Darvill

iii) Branch Representatives:

John Davidge - proposed by Robert Newton, seconded by Stuart Galloway
Rosalind Garrett-Bowes - proposed by Patricia Newton, seconded by Peter Sippitt.

iv) Independent Assessor:

Peter Jasper – proposed by Patricia Newton, seconded by Jan Galloway

All these officers were elected.

5. Election of New Members

The following were nominated for membership of the Guild:

Anthea Wright (Stoke Poges) - proposed by Jane Lunsford, seconded by Ken Darvill
James White (Curfew Tower) - proposed by John Payne, seconded by Peter Jasper

There was some discussion about the election of James White who resides outside the Guild but runs the ringing at the Curfew Tower (Windsor Castle). Is the Curfew Tower part of the EBSB Branch? Should James be listed under the Curfew Tower (Windsor Castle) or as an unattached member? The officers would look into this.

Both new members were elected.

6. 2018 Programme

Arrangements for 2018 are in hand.

i) Ken Darvill spoke about the plan for a Tower Captains' meeting on the morning of Saturday 24th February. There would be time for discussion, a few points will be covered in preparation for the AGM, and there would be some ringing after. If there is interest the meeting could be followed by lunch in a nearby pub.

It is hoped that the 2018 AGM will be at Bray but there probably will not be a service because there will be no incumbent.

The 6-bell contest will be at Chalfont St Giles and the Lorna Newton Final and Half Yearly meeting at Burnham, using the back six of eights for the contests.

Ken also mentioned the Branch Social at Cookham on 9th December (2017).

7. Guild Events

Patricia Newton (as Guild Steward) mentioned the Guild 10-bell contest (in which EBSB will have a team) and General Committee meeting on 25th November.

The Guild Master had asked that two points be raised:

i) That the Guild needs a Secretary. Ken Darvill is currently fielding email correspondence and collating papers for meetings, but a secretary is required to take on the full job.

ii) Doug Beaumont (Guild Librarian) is in the process of photographing library documents so that they can be archived digitally. He is looking for people to help with this.

If anyone would be interested in the Secretary's post or willing to help Doug Beaumont with the photographic archiving, please would they contact one of the Guild officers.

8. Any Other Business

Lorna Newton Competition Results

Ken Darvill thanked Alison Bayley and Ruth Monks who had judged the final, and Michael Bayley for assisting them. The results were as follows:

1 st	Bray	11 faults
2 nd	Amersham	25 faults
3 rd	Chesham	28 faults
4 th	Lane End	35 faults
5 th	Winkfield	85 faults

A suitably engraved wooden spoon was presented to Winkfield.
Robert Newton presented the trophies to the winners and to the runners up.

Vote of Thanks

Ken Darvill thanked the Revd John Goodman, for allowing us to use the bells, and the Chalfont St Peter ringers for hosting the meeting and contest and for providing refreshments.

100 Club

Margaret Carlyle mentioned that an extra prize had been added this year because the membership had risen to 210. The October draw was made (first of the new year).

Patricia Newton
October 2017