



## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

*Held at Newton St Cyres Village Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023*

CO23S/1 Tim Bayon (President) opened the meeting at 2.30pm with a prayer, welcomed all committee members and made some opening comments; he proposed a vote of thanks to those who had prepared refreshments. There were 29 members present.

CO23S/2 Apologies for absence were received from Ian Avery, Anne Bailey, Peter Bill, Janet Deem, Neil Deem, John Foster, Barbara Hemsley, Richard Johnson, Rodney Horder, James Kirkcaldy, Martin Mansley, Rowena Mansley, Pauline McKenzie, Rob Neal, Judith Reynolds, Sue Sawyer, John Steere, Trevor Vercoe\*.

\* indicates deputy present.

CO23S/3 Minutes of the January 2023 meeting: The draft minutes previously circulated were unanimously approved and signed as a true record (p: Alena Wardle, s: Richard Shere).

CO23S/4 Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) Ian Campbell (RRD Editor) asked whether financial support had been provided to the Devon Young Ringers' team to enter the 2023 RW National Youth Contest in York. Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) explained it had not been possible to put a team together so no support had been required for that event.
- b) Tim Bayton advised that Sue King had come forward to volunteer as Guild Education Officer since the June Annual General Meeting.
- c) Charlotte Boyce provided an update on sales of the Devon themed 2024 Ringing World calendar.

CO23S/5 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Options suggested by the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary workgroup had been circulated in advance of the meeting and Tim Bayton invited insights from those who had eaten at either venue.

Charlotte Boyce explained that with a ticket price of £42 we would need to sell 100 tickets for the event to be financially viable.

After hearing experiences from those who had dined at each venue Tim Bayton invited a show of hands for each option. The Devon Hotel was chosen with no votes being recorded for the Rougemont Hotel.

A deadline of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October was agreed for members to reserve a place at the dinner and pay a £10 deposit (p: Fergus Stracey, s: David Hird).

John Martin (Secretary) was asked to prepare communications inviting reservation of dinner places for circulation via Branch Secretaries.

CO23S/6 Updated Guild history: Lester Yeo (VP) spoke about the proposal circulated prior to the meeting and Charlotte Boyce outlined her financial analysis of the proposal.

After a discussion about various print run sizes Lester was asked to look at the cost for shorter print runs than had been documented in the proposal and Tim Bayton suggested taking a poll to ascertain the level of interest which could then be used to inform the print run size.

Alena Wardle (SW branch Chairman) and John Martin were asked to collaborate on the design and setting up of such a survey.

Leslie Boyce (Librarian) thanked Lester for all the work he had put into this project so far.

CO23S/7      Date of 2024 AGM: A proposal had been circulated for rescheduling the previously agreed date for the 2024 Guild Annual General Meeting. Tim Bayton introduced the proposal and invited comments. After a short discussion it was agreed (p: Don Roberts, s: Leslie Boyce) the date should be pushed back to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

CO23S/8      Central Council 2024: Tim Bayton provided a brief update on initial planning for the 2024 Central Council meeting, scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September and advised that the decision taken at the 2023 meeting in Ipswich not to reduce the size of the Council has now given us the information we need to seek a suitably sized venue. Tim asked for offers of help with identifying possible venues.

CO23S/9      Date of next meeting: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, venue to be decided.

CO23S/10     AOB: None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.25pm.

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Tim Bayton (President)

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Date