

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**  
**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
*Held Lifton Parish Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011*

E11/1 CC Mileage Rates: We had been asked to look at this again as the overall cost to the Guild of sending 4 CC reps to Chester in 2012 would be £800. Sue Sawyer proposed a reduced mileage rate and an accommodation rate. This would be £20 per person per night for 2 nights plus 15p per mile.

Leslie Boyce proposed an amendment to this by having just a reduced mileage rate of 30p per mile but no accommodation allowance. This was seconded by Ian Smith and Lynne Hughes (the other CC reps present at the EGM).

There was a suggestion of capping the expenses and to encourage car sharing wherever possible. The cap was to be per person not per car. This will be discussed further at the Guild Committee Meeting in January.

The amended proposal was passed with 9 in favour and 3 against with 48 abstentions.

E11/2 Expenses for Guild Officers when attending a Guild Event where their presence is expected: This has been discussed at the various branch AGM's since the Guild Review and the executive officers had now received a request from the Guild Education officer to have travel expenses paid as she felt she would be unable to continue in post without some recompense. Currently no expenses are paid to any Guild Officer.

This is to be a mileage allowance only and for the President, General Secretary and Guild Ringing Master when attending branch AGM's other than their own AGM. The proposed mileage allowance was to be in line with current HMRC guidelines which is currently 15p per mile.

P. Matthew Hilling, S. Richard Johnson, carried nem con.

2<sup>nd</sup> proposal was for the Guild Education Officer to receive the same mileage allowance for attendance at Guild Education Events.

P. Don Roberts, S. Tim King, carried nem con.

E11/3 Expenses of Bells & Belfry Advisers for travel to tower inspections: Currently towers paid a voluntary amount for inspections rather than the Guild paying for expenses. After some discussion it was proposed to put in place the mechanism for the advisers to claim the same mileage allowance as the Guild Officers above for Guild tower inspections only.

P. Lynne Hughes, S. Matthew Hilling carried nem con.

E11/4 Subscriptions to include insurance  
Sue Sawyer (treasurer) proposed that all Guild members over the age of 18 to pay a flat rate of £6.00 per annum. S. Lynne Hughes.

An amendment was proposed by Wendy Gill for all Guild members including the under 18's to pay £6.00 per annum. S. Amy Gill.

It was discussed that this may end up being quite expensive if you were a ringing family and it may discourage youngsters in joining the Guild. However, after some discussion the amendment was put to the vote:

21 in favour, 18 against so the amendment was carried for all Guild members (excluding Vice Presidents who are free) to pay £6.00 per annum.

AOB Janet Coles gave notice of standing down as General Secretary at the AGM in June 2012.

Robert Brown (Bovey Tracey) has been approached to act in an advisory capacity on Child Protection issues and he has agreed.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm

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Lester Yeo (President)

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