

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday 15th June 2019

- A19/1 Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting with a welcome to the 71 members present and confirmed the meeting was quorate. She thanked all in the Aylesbeare Branch who were involved in organising the day's events and asked Janet Deem to summarise the morning's activities. Alison then invited Nigel Birt to lead the members in an opening prayer.
- A19/2 Apologies for absence were received from: Pam Anthony, Jo Brown, Peter Brown, Jenny Clark, Oliver Coldrick, Clare Griffiths, Derek Hawkins, Mo Hawkins, Geoff Hill, Matt Hilling, Steve James, Richard Johnston, Norman Mallet, Lily Neal, Yvonne Porter, John Steere, Stanley Thompson, Hazel Turner.
- A19/3 Losses by death since the last AGM: Alan Edwards, Sharon McCabe, Tony Parry, Frank Sheppard, Phil Smart, Johanna Westgate, Tony Woodville, Betty Wright. Members stood in silence to remember them.
- A19/4 Minutes of the 2018 meeting were signed as a correct record (p: Tim Bayton, s: Nigel Birt). The minutes of the June 2018 Committee meeting were also signed as a correct record (p: Mark Heritage, s: James Kirkcaldy).
- A19/5 Matters arising from the minutes: John Martin noted the action requesting publication of information about what the Central Council does in Ringing Round Devon was ongoing.
- A19/6 Election of new members: None.
- A19/7 Presentation of Guild certificates: Alison Waterson presented a Guild certificate to Vidas Cooling.
- A19/8 Presentation of first peal certificates: Alison Waterson presented a first peal certificate to Trevor Hitchcock.
- A19/9 Officers' Reports: These were received as printed in the annual report; there were no comments or questions.
- A19/10 Adoption of accounts/transfer of monies to DCBRF: The accounts are as published in the annual report and have been examined by Tim Payne. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mark Heritage, seconded by Leslie Boyce and carried unanimously. Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) then proposed that £2,100.00 be transferred to the DCBRF; this was seconded by Sheila Scofield, and carried unanimously.
- A19/11 Subscription Review (rule 3.1): Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) proposed the subscription for 2020 should remain unaltered at £6.00. This was agreed.
- A19/12 Election of Officers: Alison Waterson thanked all the Guild Officers for their hard work over the past year and invited nominations for Guild Master.
- a) Master 2019/20: Janet Ritterman (p: Ian Campbell, s: Wendy Campbell). Sheila Scofield then presented Janet Ritterman with the Master's insignia, and thanked everyone for the welcome she had received across the Guild; she also wished Janet well in her year as Master. Janet took the chair and asked for nominations for President.
 - b) President: Alison Waterson (p: Matthew Hilling, s: Ian Smith).
 - c) Master Elect: Neil Deem (p: Janet Deem, s: Margaret Elms).
 - d) Vice-Presidents: At the January General Committee Meeting the following proposals for the election of new Vice Presidents had been received:
David Wills (p: Janet Deem, s: Roger King) and Sue Sawyer (p: Richard Shere, s: Lester Yeo)
Both proposals were carried unanimously.
 - e) Secretary: John Martin (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Richard Harrison).

- f) Treasurer: Charlotte Boyce (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Richard Johnston).
- g) Peal Secretary: Michael Mears (p: Ian Smith, s: Sue Sparling).
- h) Quarter Peal Secretary: James Kirkcaldy (p: Philip Stevens, s: Tim King).
- i) Education Officer: Tim Bayton (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Andrew Digby).
- j) Librarian: Leslie Boyce (p: Ian Campbell, s: Janet Deem).
- k) Report Secretary: John Foster (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Michael Mears).
- l) Bells and Belfries Advisors: Nominations had been received as follows:
Ian Campbell (p: Alena Wardle, s: Matthew Thewsey).
Ian Smith (p: Matthew Thewsey, s: Alena Wardle).
- m) Publicity Officer: Lynne Hughes (p: David Maynard, s: Helen Maynard).
- n) Ringing Round Devon Editor: Ian Campbell (p: Lynne Hughes, s: James Kirkcaldy).
- o) Safeguarding Officer: Robert Brown (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Tim King).
- p) Central Council Representatives: Nominations were received as follows:
Lynne Hughes (p: Peter Bill, s: Helen Maynard).
Fergus Stracey (p: Nigel Birt, s: Clare Stagg).
Lynette Costello (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Mark Heritage).
- q) Devon Ringers' Council Representatives: Nominations were received as follows:
Ian Avery (p: Martin Mansley, s: Michael Mears).
Don Roberts (p: Tim Bayton, s: Janet Ritterman).
Alison Waterson (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Janet Ritterman).
- r) DenMisch Management Committee: Nominations were received as follows:
Oliver Coldrick (p: Sheila Scofield, s: Wendy Gill).
Ian Campbell (p: Sheila Scofield, s: Amy Gill).
David Hird (p: Wendy Gill, s: Amy Gill).
Janet Ritterman (p: Charlotte Boyce, s: Nigel Birt).
Tim Bayton (p: Sheila Scofield, s: Wendy Gill).

A19/13 Election of DCBRF Trustees (3): Nominations had been received as follows:
Ian Smith (p: Alison Waterson, s: Richard Johnston).
Janet Deem (p: Alena Wardle, s: David Hird).
Mary Mears (p: John Hill, s: Andrew Digby).

A19/14 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: Tim Payne (p: Alison Waterson).

A19/15 Proposal to re-locate and develop the Guild Library: Leslie Boyce spoke about the proposal document circulated prior to the meeting and now attached as an appendix to these minutes. Lester Yeo (VP) enquired about any insurance implications and Les advised that as placing a value on many of the texts was difficult there was no plan to arrange additional insurance for the less important texts which it was proposed would be kept at St Petrock's.

After a short discussion Les Boyce proposed (s: Margot le Vesconte) the Guild Library should be moved to St Petrock's in Exeter once an agreement had been drawn up and agreed with the vicar and churchwardens at St Petrock's. This proposal was agreed.

Les Boyce also proposed (s: Mark Heritage) the plans for the future development of the Guild Library should be implemented as described in the proposal document. This was also agreed.

A19/16 Fund raising: Ringing Festival: James Kirkcaldy, Janet Deem and John Martin spoke about the reasons for re-launching the Quarter Peal festival as the Ringing Festival, reminded members of the dates (25th October – 3rd November) and suggested performances be linked to the event on the BellBoard website and also submitted to Ringing Round Devon.

A19/17 Guild 6 and 8-Bell Striking Competitions: Judith Reynolds confirmed the Guild Striking competitions would be held on Saturday 19th October and hosted by the East Branch. The 6-bell competition would be held at Feniton, the Novice competition at Farway, and the 8-bell competition at Honiton with the Novice 8-bell competition at Sidbury.

A19/18 Guild Festival and Annual General Meeting 2020: Judith Reynolds invited members to attend the meeting the East Branch would be hosting. Judith explained it was hoped Steve Coleman would be able to attend as a guest speaker but that as he was unavailable on the third Saturday in June, she would like to propose the meeting be held on Saturday 27th June 2020. Les Boyce seconded this proposal which was agreed.

A19/19 Any Other Business:

- a) Charlotte Boyce proposed the Education Fund should be topped up to £500 (s: Les Boyce). This was agreed.
- b) Ian Campbell announced the Cathedral bells leaflet had been updated and was now available for purchase.
- c) Lynne Hughes reminded members that the Guild has a set of display boards which are available for loan along with a varied selection of laminated ringing related items to display on them.
- d) Janet Deem announced she wishes to stand down as Guild Insurance Officer. Alison Waterson thanked Janet for her efforts in this role and asked members to consider whether they would either be prepared to take the role on or knew someone who might. A job description is available on the Guild website.
- e) Charlotte Boyce announced she had available a stock of perpetual Gift Aid forms and also a stock of Guild badges.
- f) Janet Deem updated members about the current projects being considered by the DCBRF.
- g) Lynne Hughes reminded members about the national 12 bell striking contest, to be held at Exeter on 22nd June 2019.

There being no further business, Alison Waterson declared the meeting closed at 3:56pm.

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Alison Waterson (President)

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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday 15th June 2019

Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting that followed the Annual General Meeting of the Guild. It was agreed all business should be deferred to the next meeting of the General Committee on Saturday 18th January 2020. (p: Alison Waterson, s: James Kirkcaldy). The meeting closed at 3:58pm.

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Alison Waterson (President)

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