

Durham University Society of Change Ringers Annual General Meeting

04/12/16, Senate Room, University College, Durham

Meeting opened at 11:41

Present

William Wood (WW) – *chairing meeting*

Rachel Wells (RW) – *taking minutes*

Elizabeth Hopper (EH)

Joseph Walker (JW)

Rachael Sanderson (RS)

Stephen Lloyd (SL)

Gwen Rogers (GR)

Philip Rogers (PR)

Fred Bone (FB)

Mary Bone (MB)

Mark D. Tarrant (MT)

Denis Ellidson (DE)

Michael Williams (MW)

Katherine Stonham (KS)

Kathryn Nye (KN)

Alex Pym (AP)

Rob Criddle (RC)

Josie Criddle (JC)

Brian Spurling (BS)

Richard Bimson (RB)

Izabelle Bimson (IB)

Jeff Ladd (JL)

1. Apologies for absence

Nigel and Astrid Gale

Janet Hallett

John Maddams

Michael Anderson

Jo Franklin

Andrew Richards

Peter Newing

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM (held on 06/12/15)

Minutes from the previous AGM are not available, but will be circulated as soon as the previous secretary provides them, and will be approved at the next meeting.

3. Main business

a. Reports of Officers

i. Master (EH)

[report]

ii. Life Member's Secretaries (KS and KN)

The Life Member's tour went to Bristol this year. Next year, it will be in the Salford/Manchester area on the 9th- 10th September. The 2018 tour will be on the 8th- 9th September, but this is flexible if the date is not good.

There will be a peal weekend in Derbyshire in March

Next year's dinner will be on 2nd December at the Masonic Hall

iii. Peal Recorder (FB)

There have been 4 peals rung by the Society in the last year, all on tower bells. This makes the total number of peals rung by the Society 238, [21] of which have been in hand.

iv. Central Council Representative (MW)

MW did not go to the last Central Council meeting, to MB (Secretary of the CC) reported instead.

All references to the ringing Foundation have been abolished; a peal no longer has to be rung to name a method;

The Association of Ringing Teachers is running an award for University Societies. MB encourages DUSCR to apply. The deadline for applications is 31st December, and the prize is money.

b. Questions of Officers

Can the officers please email their reports to the secretary.

c. Election of Executive Officers

i. Life Member's Secretary

MW nominates KS and KN, seconded by RC, duly re-elected on a general aye

ii. Peal Recorder

KN nominates FB, seconded by RB, duly re-elected on a general aye

iii. Central Council Representative

FB nominates JL, enthusiastically seconded by MW, duly elected on a general aye

4. Any other business

DE proposes Caroline Stockman as a member of the Society

- Learnt to ring after university
- Attended Durham University as a member of Collingwood College from 1982- 86, and studied German and Music
- Learnt to ring in 2010 in the Seven Oaks area, and now rings surprise major and is the Central Council Representative for Kent
- Comes up to meetings regularly, and has rung at Shincliffe and St Oswald's, and is a fan of the Station House

PR seconds, but adds that the rules of the Society don't allow the election of members who did not ring while at the University, but this is an exception.

JL provides an update on the project to get a ring of bells in France

- Had the tower inspected in May
- The tower is suitable for a ring of 10 bells, with a tenor weight of 4 ½ cwt
- Taylors have agreed to provide the bells, and have given a quote
- The project is supported by the Church and the local community, and the Church has pledged a substantial amount of money for the project
- Just waiting for a more sensible quote from Taylors before fundraising will begin

BS asks how many meetings MW attended as Central Council Representative (7 of 9 meetings), and thanks MW for his service as Central Council Representative.

MW proposes a thanks to SL and everyone else involved in organising the dinner.

Meeting closed at 12:00