

**CASTOR RINGING SCHOOL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2019
Held at 12.00 noon in the Cedar Centre, Castor**

In attendance:

Officers and Committee Members:

David Teall (DT), Chairman
Chris Burgess (CB), Administrator & Protection Officer
Stuart Weston (SW), Safety Officer
Ronnie Frazer (RF), Steward
Terry Wright (TW)
Miss Angela Whiteway (AW)

Julian Burton (JB), Alan Ellis (AE), Mrs Alex Heaton (AH), Mrs Sally Hudson (SH), Mrs Julie Nicholson (JN), Mrs Julie Pocock (JP), Mrs Jane Robinson (JR), Mrs Pat Teall (PT), Mrs Jean Tinsley (JT), Mrs Jane Webb (JW).

1. WELCOME

DT opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Ringing School.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Rev David Ridgeway, Mrs Hilary Hardie, Treasurer, Edward Baxter, William Baxter, Mrs Helen Cornford, Mrs Pat Dale, Mrs Anne Russell.

William Baxter had emailed DT to say that although he was stepping down as Tower Captain for St Kyneburgher's he still supported the Ringing School wholeheartedly.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2017

It was noted that Julian Burton had been omitted from the attendance list. JT proposed the minutes be approved. This was seconded by TW and agreed by the Attendees.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

No matters were raised from the minutes.

5. ANNUAL REPORTS

(Printed Copies of the reports to be held with the minutes)

Head Tutor's Report

DT reported a positive year despite Brexit, with students attending regularly and making good progress. The two Bob Minor workshops had been a success. AE has completed an ART course and is progressing to the next stage. DT thanked all the tutors and helpers for their commitment and support.

Attendance Report

CB reported 47 training sessions since the previous AGM with an average attendance of 9 students and 7 tutors/helpers. The maximum student attendance had been 13. There had always been at least 5 tutors/helpers and occasionally 10. The system of book signing on entry works well.

Steward's Report

RF reported an uneventful year with only simple ongoing maintenance being required. CB noted that maintenance of the stays would be easier if they were not of the Hastings design. It was suggested

that Taylor’s could be asked to change them to standard stays. SW agreed to raise the matter at the St Kyneburgher’s tower meeting.

Some comments had been made the Bob Minor course about the timing of the simulator. This has now been adjusted and works well.

Treasurer’s Report

In the absence of HH, DT presented the Treasurer’s Report and accounts. After expenses and payments to St Kyneburgher’s Tower, the end of year balance showed an increase of £232.82. JN asked if the weekly payment could be made optional for tutors/helpers so that they were not out of pocket for the benefit of the students. AE note that tutors/helpers benefit from the sessions by means of additional practice. It was agreed to raise this at the next Committee meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS

AE proposed that the accounts be adopted. This was seconded by JN and agreed by the Attendees.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

OFFICERS

DT, CB, SW had been accepted by St Kyneburgher’s PCC for a term of 3 years, due to end in March 2020. All were willing to stand for another 3 year term

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RF, HH, AW, TW were all willing to stand for the next year. There were no other candidates. JT asked if JB would be interested in joining the Committee. DT explained that as JB is still a student he is not currently eligible for the Committee, though in his capacity as tower captain he can attend the AGM ex officio.

JT proposed that the Officers and Committee be elected en bloc. This was seconded by SH and agreed by the Attendees.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DT reported a new intake of students from Wittering, all complete beginners, and that this is likely to require some adjustment to how sessions are run while they are learning. He had some concerns the number of students at each session might prevent the usual “two prime rings” for each of the regular students, because priority was always given to the least experience students. It was felt that the regular students would be able to “double up” for some things. The session planning would be discussed by the Committee and might include some earlier start times. JR asked what was considered to be the end point for training at the ringing school. DT stated that students Graduate when they have rung a successful quarter peal of Plain Bob, doubles or minor, on an inside bell

JT thanked all the tutors and helpers.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.45pm.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Signature: Date:.....