

**Sunday 29 September 2019, 19.00 hrs**  
**Bournville Community Hub**  
**27 Sycamore Road**  
**B30 2AA**

**Officers present:**

Simon Linford (Master), Arthur Reeves (Ringing Master), Clare McArdle (Secretary), Tracy Stevens (Treasurer), Mark Eccleston (Archivist), Jenny Sunter (HJ Dinner Secretary), Trish Everett (Safeguarding Officer).

Fifteen members were present, including the above-mentioned Officers.

The meeting started at 19.01

**Minutes**

	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies for absence (Officers)</b> None</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the business meeting held on 16 June 2019</b> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising not on the agenda</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Peal for Andy Carr</b> The peal attempt in memory of Andy Carr had been arranged at Northfield on Sunday 6 October.</p> <p><b>3.2 Handsworth ringing room</b> The ceiling had been finished and the bosses were due to be reinstalled this week. Decorating and new carpet to follow. It was unclear whether new ropes had been ordered – Clare agreed to liaise with Rosemarie Seadon to enquire. Richard Jones reported that spare ropes from St Martin's could be available for sale.</p> <p><b>3.3 Edgbaston</b> The Master reported that he had made contact with the vicar, but had not yet discussed the maintenance issues that need addressing.</p> <p><b>3.4 Operation London Bridge</b> The Master reported that he had received clarification from the Council's Resilience team that tolling for the death of the Sovereign should take place at noon immediately after the announcement.</p>	<p>Clare McArdle</p> <p>Simon Linford</p>
<p><b>4. Election of new members</b></p> <p><b>Full members:</b> Margaret Whiteley (Derby) Martin Whiteley (Derby)</p>	

<p>Jane Chapman (Kinver) Jane Aykroyd (Knowle) Rob Lynock (Knowle)</p> <p><b>Associate members:</b> Carol Edgeworth (BSoBR) Helen Surr (Harborne) James Ellis (Brumdingers) George Ellis (Brumdingers)</p>	
<p><b>5. Bell Restoration Fund</b> <b>5.1 BRF total</b> The BRF total currently stands at £10,932</p> <p><b>5.2 Coleshill</b> The faculty for the work had been approved for installation of rope guides and raising the floor to improve soundproofing to the room below which will be used as a meeting room. Andrew Stubbs reported that there was an intention to use the ringing room for other church events. It was unknown if there was a spider to secure the ropes out of the way. The Master agreed to investigate.</p> <p><b>5.3 CastleBromwich</b> The Master reported that sophisticated movement monitoring equipment was imminently being installed at Castle Bromwich by Taylor's to try to identify the cause of the problems with the "go" of the bells.</p>	<p>Simon Linford</p>
<p><b>6. 2020 AGM</b> <b>6.1 Agenda</b> The Master reported that as he will not be standing for reelection in 2020, discussions have been ongoing to ensure that the principal officers' positions will be filled. The deadline for nominations is 30 November. It was agreed that the new officers' term would begin at the end of the AGM. The issue of the quorum was raised. It was agreed that the quorum must be assured.</p> <p>Handsworth is confirmed as the venue for the AGM. Timings were agreed: 12.45 lunch 1.30 AGM 3.00 Workshops</p> <p>Tracy offered to organise a team to provide lunch. Clare agreed to clarify with Rosemarie whether the AGM would take place in the old church hall or the newly reordered church. Trish Everett reported that she was due to visit the church to look at the reordering. She agreed to report back on the facilities.</p> <p><b>6.2 Workshops</b> Arthur reported that now timings had been agreed he would get on with organising ringing/workshops.</p>	<p>Tracy Stevens Clare McArdle Trish Everett  Arthur Reeves</p>
<p><b>7. Rule changes proposal</b> The Master re-presented the proposed rule changes for circulation to Guild members prior to the AGM. Three additional proposed alterations were agreed by the meeting: 4.3 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting shall be forty. 4.7 There will be at least two other General Meetings a year</p>	

<p>6.1.3 <b>more than half</b> of the participants are Members of the Guild.</p>	
<p><b>8. BRF Rule changes proposal</b> The Master presented the proposed BRF rule changes for circulation to Guild members prior to the AGM.</p>	
<p><b>9. Events 2019/2020</b> <b>9.1 Review</b> Arthur reported that he was pleased with the number and variety of workshops that the Guild is offering to its members. He is grateful to the regular team of organisers who make this possible. He intends to review the workshops with the team and would like to add new members to the team of organisers to offer opportunities in areas not already catered for.</p> <p>Of note, since the last general meeting, the Walking Tour organised by Mike Dodson had been a great success.</p> <p><b>9.2 Future events</b> 12 October – Guild outing to York 7 December – Guild Challenge Day at Moseley 28 March – 12-bell Eliminator at Aston. The Master reported that a recent quarter peal by experienced 12-bell ringers had highlighted several issues that need to be addressed. He stated that he had informed Don Finnemore and Nigel Cripps of the issues and suggested that they should accept and act upon Taylor’s quote. If not, the eliminator may not be able to take place at Aston. 2 May – BSoBR Away Day 7–9 May VE Day Bank Holiday – ringing will be required 16 May – 6-bell Striking Contest 11 July – Walking Tour Dec 2020 proposed simultaneous Guild peal attempts on all stages of Stedman (5 to 15) by entirely different bands.</p>	
<p><b>10. Henry Johnson Dinner 2020</b> The 2019 dinner had broken even. Jenny Sunter reported progress on arrangements for the 2020 dinner at the Banqueting Suite. Jenny proposed a served starter followed by a hot buffet of two choices of main course, with accompanying vegetables and sweet, followed by served coffee. The proposal was approved by those present. Jenny suggested that with the above options and other costs, such as printing and advertising, tickets would be priced between £45 and £47.</p> <p>Jenny reported that the 2020 bar would be a cashless bar. She agreed to discuss with the Council House what measures could be taken to ensure that this works.</p> <p>Jenny sought clarification on reduced price tickets. It was agreed that reduced price tickets would only be offered to BUSCR members.</p> <p>Entertainment was discussed and it was agreed to organise a string ensemble to play during the meet and greet session. Gill Postill said that she would ask Richard Postill to mount an exhibition of some of his photographs of Guild churches. It was agreed that change ringing on handbells should again be part of the proceedings.</p>	<p>Jenny Sunter</p>
<p><b>11. Henry Johnson Dinner Chairman 2021</b> Item deferred.</p>	<p>Simon Linford</p>
<p><b>12. Budget review</b></p>	

<p>Tracy Stevens had produced a budget forecast. She reported that only one member was in arrears.</p> <p>A £300 surplus was predicted for the year.</p>	
<p><b>13. Safeguarding Audit</b></p> <p>Trish Everett reported that it was 3 years since she had audited Guild towers for Safeguarding. 16 Towers had replied and 26 members had been appropriately trained.</p> <p>Trish reported that she is in contact with Claire Wesley (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer) and is sent notification when bell ringers complete the training. Training should be repeated every three years at the appropriate level and reminders are sent out to delegates when it is time for them to retrain.</p> <p>It is advised that all bell ringers should to the basic level training.</p> <p>Trish agreed that she would repeat the Safeguarding audit and would send out advice to towers regarding notices to be displayed on tower notice boards. In addition she agreed to liaise with Claire Wesley about for advice on action where it is known that Guild towers and/or members are not compliant with Safeguarding training.</p> <p>Trish reported that all appropriate safeguarding provision had been in place with regard to the Ringing World National Youth Contest.</p> <p>She had received one safeguarding enquiry this year and had dealt with it.</p>	<p>Trish Everett</p>
<p><b>14. Shifnal peal board project</b></p> <p>Richard Jones spoke about the project to restore historic peal boards, linked to the St Martin's Guild, at Shifnal. Richard had so far raised approximately half of the £2,400 required from private donations and application to charities.</p> <p>It was agreed that the guild would make a £300 donation towards the project.</p> <p>A raffle was suggested as an additional means of raising funds.</p>	<p>Tracy Stevens</p>
<p><b>15. AOB</b></p> <p>There were no items of other business.</p>	

The meeting ended at 20.40