

# Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers



## Annual General Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Minutes

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the General Committee** held at Sherburn in Elmet on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The meeting opened at 10.01am with Andrew Aspland in the Chair.

The following members were present:

President; Vice President; General Secretary; General Treasurer; Peal Secretary; Composition Secretary; Report Editor; Librarian; Gift Aid Officer; BRF Secretary; Safeguarding Officer; Education Committee Convenor; Central Council Reps; Membership Manager;

Central Branch Reps;  
C+NY Branch Reps;  
East Riding Branch Reps: None  
Leeds Branch Reps;  
Scarborough Branch Reps;  
Selby Branch Reps;  
Sheffield Branch Reps;  
Western Branch Reps;  
York Branch Reps.

Apologies received from Vice President, Ringing Master, Quarter Peal Secretary

#### 1. **President's Welcome**

The President welcomed all to the General Committee meeting and thanked the ladies of Sherburn in Elmet for refreshments provided. Please sign the attendance register and record any apologies.

#### 2. **Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the Annual General Committee Meeting 2016 were proposed as a true and correct record

All in favour

#### 3. **Matters arising**

There were four matters arising.

##### i. Insurance

Personal Accident Insurance lapsed at the end of 2016. The Treasurer has prepared a statement for the annual report

##### ii. BRF

Branches no longer need to elect BRF representatives. The BRF will only have Trustees who will meet to allocate. Trustees are elected by the General Committee who will review annually. Trustees will be representative of the branches and branches will be encourage to propose who they wish to be trustees.

- iii. Website  
At the February meeting announced that the web site has been re-built. Janine Jones and Simon Reading have reviewed information for accuracy. Each branch will need to nominate a member to assist with branch information edits. It is not live as yet due as information requires population and checked for accuracy.
- iv. Young Ringers  
The Young Ringers have formally become a branch of the association

#### 4. Reports

- i. General Secretary; no comment,
- ii. Ringing Master; no comment,
- iii. Treasurer;
  - a. A decrease in subscriptions in 2016 of 1.5%  
Increase in peal fees received of 20%  
First invoice for web site will be in 2017 accounts
  - b. Proposals for 2018 – No proposal to make changes to subscription for this year. Schedule of the rules remains the same for 2018  
Annual grant for Young Ringers – previous years spend 2015 £154.00, 2016 £110 propose a grant of £350 for 2017 which includes a reimbursement of £110 spent in 2016.  
Comments from the floor;
    - £350 is more than 5 smaller branches received
    - Some towers require a donation
    - More money allows the group to expand
    - Very active group having 12 meetings per year, encourage more young ringers to join.
    - The figure for next year should be agreed at the GM meeting
 Proposed by , Seconded by

Passed by a Majority

- iv. Gift Aid; No comments on the report circulated.  
21 individuals donate by standing order, should be proactive to encourage giving.
- v. Safeguarding Officer; document issued by the churches; be aware of a voluntary but formal contract between each volunteer and the church. It is a confidential declaration.
  - Tours – the organiser of a tour is responsible for safeguarding CCCBR safeguarding is discussing this at a national level
  - There is still inconsistencies between Dioceses, therefore no one consistent process.
- vi. Peal Secretary; No changes  
In 2016, 20,000peals rung for the association was passed. One first peal last year compared with previously 24 in 2015.
- vii. Composition Secretary; No changes  
New compositions have increased, minor compositions are more complex than the traditional 720blocks
- viii. Quarter Peal Secretary; No changes
- ix. Librarian; No changes  
Attempting to locate historical reports, and old society records of those who merged with the association.
- x. Education Committee; No changes  
The committee awards grants to support education  
There is a temporary halt of residential courses during 2017, to review the structure of these for 2018
- xi. Report Editor; Thanks from the editor for sending in the reports for the annual report. There are currently four outstanding – amendments to the report are required to be submitted by Easter 2017.
- xii. President; One correction to the report

Collectively accept the reports; All in favour

5. **Nominations for Officers**

The following nominations had been received;

President

Peal Secretary

No further nominations had been received

6. **Obituary List**

The following members have passed away during the last 12 months

Ken Harrison of Sowerby

Geoff Littlewood of Scarborough

Chris Brown of Budwith

Gill Flynn of Dewsbury

Pat Everest of Masham

Alan Ball of Askrigg

David Stubbs of Almondbury

Alan Cater of Kirk Deighton

David Cole of Badworth

Patricia Collins late of Beighton

Ron Sanderson of Huntington

Geoffery Armitage sometime of Lightcliffe

Edward Watson of Hessele

7. **Election of Life Members**

There has been an increase in life membership in the past 10 years. In 2006 there were 76 by 2016 this was 145). Life membership should be not been done by branch secretaries as a data trawling exercise, application of life membership should be made directly to the General Secretary by the member. Life membership is an honour bestowed by the associate by long term members and is a way of staying in touch with those no longer able to be active in ringing.

The following were elected to Life Membership

**Leeds Branch**

2 members

**Sheffield Branch**

3 members

**York**

2 members

**Selby**

2 members

**East Riding**

1 member

**Western**

1 member

**Central**

1 member

1 member did not qualify as did not have continuous membership.

All in favour

## 8. Appointments

The following appointments were made:

- i. Gift Aid and Tax Recovery Officer
- ii. Custodian Trustees of the BRF  
President, General Secretary, Treasurer, plus 2 others
- iii. Secretary of the BRF
- iv. BRF Trustees
- v. Friends of the BRF Report Editor
- vi. Independent Examiners
- vii. Association Membership Manager
- viii. Safeguarding Officer
- ix. Quarter Peal Secretary
- x. Public Relations Officer  
Vacancy to remain open, contact General Secretary
- xi. Web Master (3 year term)

To vote at the AGM

All in favour

## 9. Future Dates

### Dates for 2017

Association AGM	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Leeds Branch
Life Members Event	August 2017	TBC
Association General Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	East Riding Branch
BRF Trustees Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	following YACR GM meeting

Method at the 8 bell striking competition will be a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major. An invite will be sent to university societies and the Yorkshire Tykes.

## 10. Any Other Business

- i. Ossett have requested to transfer from Leeds branch to Central Branch. Both branches have indicated their agreement in writing to the General Secretary. This change will leave Horbury isolated.

All in Favour

11. Date of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Meeting closed at 12:10pm