

YACR

Leeds and District Branch

Annual General Meeting – Hampsthwaite – 9th June 2018

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

██████████ welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from JB, BT, JH, JL, JC, JG, MC, DM and GW.

2. Approval of minutes of 2017 AGM

There were no amendments. Proposed: PB, Seconded: JL, All in favour. ██████████ signed the minutes as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of new members.

Only one new member was proposed:-

██████████ (Associate, Leeds Minster), proposed by WB, seconded by GB. Everyone was in favour.

5. Election of officers

██████████ reminded everyone of the new 'three year cycle', with three posts being up for re-election each year, the three this year being Chairman, Deputy Ringing Master and Membership Secretary. Proposals were as follows:-

	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
a) Chairman	██████████	AF	SF
b) Deputy Ringing Master	██████████	WB	EB
c) Membership Secretary	██████████	TH	AF

There being no further nominations, all three were re-elected.

6. Striking Competition Results

██████████ from Ripon Cathedral had judged the striking competition. They commented on what a pleasant afternoon they had spent by the river listening to some very nice ringing. ██████████ said that while the bells sound very nice together, individually they sound less nice, particularly the 4th. Commenting on the ringing he said that he was pleased that everyone had used their practice time well and in every case the test piece was better. The results were as follows:-

Team 1	Grandsire Doubles	18 faults	Chapel Allerton (1)
Team 2	Call Changes	18 faults	Scratch team A
Team 3	Plain Bob Minor	9½ faults	Scratch Team B
Team 4	Grandsire Doubles	25 faults	Chapel Allerton (2)

Team 5	Treble Bob Minor	5 faults	Leeds Minster
Team 6	Grandsire Doubles	22 faults	Scratch Team C

Leeds Minster were pronounced the winners and the trophy was presented to [REDACTED].

The Call Change Trophy winners were Scratch Team A, and this cup was also collected by [REDACTED] on behalf of his team.

[REDACTED] talked about changing the striking competition in future so that it was more popular.

[REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED] and presented them with some bottles as a token of our appreciation.

7. Reports for the last year

- a) Accounts (2017). The accounts for 2017 had been circulated earlier. Proposed by [REDACTED] seconded by WB. All in favour.

[REDACTED] noted that the balance had increased from £1560 to £1980 and suggested that the branch gave £1000 to the Association Bell Repair Fund. Several other suggestions for how we could spend the money within the branch followed. WB said that there were a lot of possible projects, and suggested asking the branch for ideas, making it known that money is available.

It was proposed that a notice should be sent around towers asking them if they have projects and for other ideas. Should tell them that we would particularly like to spend the money in the Leeds Branch and invite applications. This would then be discussed again in a year's time, and if the money hasn't been spent it will be given away.

Proposed by WB, seconded by KT. All in favour.

JT suggested another meeting as at Bramley.

- b) [REDACTED] reported that ringing meetings during the last year had generally been well attended. We have been having two towers open, one for less experienced ringers which has been pretty well attended, and a second tower which had been less so. In particular had been pleased to ring at at least one tower where the locals heard all their bells rung for the first time.

- c) [REDACTED] reported that attendances at meetings had increased. Lots of new faces had been seen, many of whom had come back to further meetings. We have also attracted people from outside the branch. The meeting structure of one tower for less experienced ringers followed by another more advanced, seems to work well. The first tower is also well supported by more experienced ringers, the second tower less so, and we are going to try a few things to see if that improves interest. Have experimented with time of day and morning meetings seem more popular.

The branch has offered free recruitment posters to towers (some 'Ringing Remembers' and 'The Battle's Over' posters with recruiting to ring for the centenary of the armistice in mind, and some general recruitment and open day posters) and five towers have taken this offer up.

- d) [REDACTED] reported that he had collected all the subs for 2017, and had collected approximately half of the subs for 2018.

8. Reports on YACR/National activities

- a. Sunday Service Striking competition – no Leeds Branch team. Batley had been unable to field a team, and Leeds Minster, who were replacing them, had to drop out at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.
- b. Inter-branch striking competition – had been held at Ripon, and Leeds branch came 3rd.
- c. National 12-bell competition – Leeds are through to the final, coming 3rd in their heat (at Ossett). ██████ sent the branch's best wishes for Leeds in the final, and ██████ said that they were proud to represent Yorkshire.
- d. Central Council meeting/Ringing World – this year's Central Council meeting had been held at Lancaster University. The changes begun in previous years had continued, with the council members voting in favour of the revised rules and standing orders. At the Ringing World AGM it was reported that the board are considering producing the Ringing World fortnightly rather than weekly. An account of the CC meeting has been reported in the Ringing World.

9. Vote of thanks.

RC said that he had enjoyed the 'very ringable' bells at Hampsthwaite, and thanked the branch committee for preparing the food today, and everyone for 'turning up' and taking part.

10. Future events

- a. July 14th – Branch walk between Kirk Deighton and Spofforth. Ringing 10.00-10.45am at Kirk Deighton, walk along the old railway line, lunch, ring at Spofforth then walk back.
- b. August 11th } tbc - morning meeting
- c. September 8th } tbc - morning meeting
- d. September 8th – BRF Quiz night at Sherburn in Elmet
- e. September 15th YACR meeting and Sunday Service Striking competition, Central Branch
- f. October 13th - Branch outing
- g. October 20th Snowdon Lunch
- h. November 1st – 14th Quarter peal and training fortnight – we would like to have more quarters rung than in recent years. The committee aim to arrange one each. JL said that we should try and ring a 'first' for somebody, for example, 10 minutes of call changes, and said that the Education Committee were happy to help.
- i. December 8th – Branch party and ringing at Knaresborough.
- j. April 13th 2019 – Grand Day Out. People should have received flyers with their annual reports. Would e-mail them out again. JL said that there would be 2 mini-rings, 2 Wombels, a striking competition, talks, rope-splicing, handbell demonstrations, a baking competition, a tug of war. It would be a fun day. In theory it is for the YACR but also the B&D. Non-members are welcome. Bring a friend. The Leeds Branch are arranging a Conducting forum and a Bell-themed bake-off.

11. AOB None.

The meeting finished at 6.57pm.