

# YACR

## Leeds and District Branch

Annual General Meeting – Kirk Deighton – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Minutes

The meeting opened at 5.58pm.

1. [REDACTED] welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM  
There were no amendments to the minutes. Proposed [REDACTED], seconded [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] signed the minutes as a true record.
3. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda  
There were no matters arising.
4. Reports for the last year
  - a. Accounts (2019) – [REDACTED]

#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEEDS AND DISTRICT BRANCH

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019

RECEIPTS	£.	PAYMENTS	£
Branch grant	334.89	Bramley Hall (AGM)	52.00
AGM teas	65.70	AGM tea	29.26
		AGM tutor gift + prizes	16.50
		Printing	4.80
		Postage	2.48
		Thorner Hall (YACR meeting)	20.00
YACR Pontefract teas	60.00	Pontefract Hall (YACR meeting)	60.00
		Grant Beckwithshaw	150.00
		Grant Cleckheaton	150.00
		Grant to St Anne's	75.00
		Tower inspection Hampsthwaite	50.00
		Tower inspection East Ardsley	50.00
		Tower inspection Rothwell	50.00
		Rothwell Hall	15.00
		Mince pies and mulled wine	17.25
		Tower donations	133.47
		Outing donations	74.00
		GDO Prizes	22.98
		Cup engraving	8.50
	<u>460.59</u>	Total	<u>981.24</u>
		Excess expenditure over income	<u>520.65</u>
Balance brought forward			
Yorkshire Bank	2052.16		
Cash	0.00		
Excess expenditure over income	520.65		
New balance as of 01/01/2020	<u>1531.51</u>		

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The total expenditure was much greater than the income. █████ explained that the committee was trying to spend money to reduce the large surplus in the branch funds. One of the ways we were doing this was to give grants to towers having maintenance work carried out and by paying for maintenance inspections for towers. This is still open and if towers are interested they should apply.

█████ asked if there was a level that we regarded as the minimum we would want to keep in the branch accounts – the running costs of the branch are less than the grant we get from the YACR each year, so there isn't really a minimum.

- b. Secretary's report – circulated at this meeting and is as will be printed in the annual report unless there are any alterations today. █████ said that she wanted to emphasise that grants are not only available for maintenance, but could be for anything that could benefit ringing within the branch. Also, we have purchased two DVD's from the Whiting Society – 'From Rounds to Ropesight' and 'Come on! Listen to it!' which we have been using today, and these are available for branch members to borrow. One of them has had two 'bookings' already.
- c. Ringing Master – █████ thanked everyone who comes to the branch meetings, and hoped that everyone continued to find them beneficial. He always attempts to cater for everyone present and today ringing had ranged from Rounds and Call-changes to London Surprise Minor.

#### 5. Election of new members – all upgrades from Associate to Qualified:-



All in favour.

#### 6. Election of officers.

- a. Ringing Master – █████ was proposed by █████ and seconded by █████.
- b. Treasurer - █████ was proposed by █████ and seconded by █████.
- c. Committee member – █████ was proposed by █████ and seconded by █████.

There were no other nominations.

█████ thanked the three outgoing officers - █████ who has been the ringing master for the last three years as well as covering for the previous ringing master before that; █████ who had been treasurer for thirteen of the last fifteen years and █████ who, as well as being a committee member, has previously been the branch chairman. As the post of Deputy Ringing Master had now become vacant nominations were invited for that role:-

- d. █████ was proposed by █████ and seconded by █████.

There being no further nominations, █████ welcomed all four to their new roles.

#### 7. Safeguarding

█████ said that all towers should have received a notice about the most recent safeguarding guidelines. In particular:-

- a. Every tower should have a new notice "Good Practice for maintaining a safe environment in the belfry for young people" on their noticeboard (and get rid of the old one).
- b. At towers where there are children in the band, tower captains and deputy tower captains must attend a C2 safeguarding course. (Prior to this you need to have done the C1 course which can be online or classroom based). We have arranged to have a C2 safeguarding course within the branch on the morning of Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, and I hope to have representatives from all towers there. Please let me know if you will be there.

It is also good practice to make yourselves known to the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

- c. There is an online course C0, which all ringers are advised to do.

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- d. DBS checks are separate from the safeguarding courses and are for tower captains, deputies and anyone who trains children.
8. Vote of thanks  
█ thanked everyone who had been involved in arranging today's ringing, meeting and tea – all the usual people and also the committee.
9. Future branch events (morning unless stated)
  - a. March 14<sup>th</sup> – Thornhill and Horbury
  - b. April 4<sup>th</sup> – Thorne and ?
  - c. May 9<sup>th</sup> Kirk Deighton and ? (Note ringing at 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May for VE day.)
  - d. June 13<sup>th</sup> – Birstall and ?
  - e. July 11<sup>th</sup> – Striking competition (afternoon)
  - f. August 8<sup>th</sup> – tbc
  - g. September 12<sup>th</sup> – tbc
  - h. October 10<sup>th</sup> – Branch outing (all day)
  - i. November 14<sup>th</sup> – tbc
  - j. December 5<sup>th</sup> – Leeds Minster  
followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Note that all ringers have been challenged to ring at a 12-bell tower before the end of the year to celebrate the National 12-bell striking competition final being held in Yorkshire. There is an 'event' on bellboard for you to register that you have 'done it'.
  - k. February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Branch AGM
10. █ advertised the Education Committee training courses that were to be held this year, and said that they are asking people who are willing to help on training courses to register with the education committee so that they can get in touch with you when they have a course in your area.

The meeting finished at 6.28pm.