

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

Annual General Meeting 6th May 2017

Minutes



Minutes of the Association General Meeting held at Birstwith on 6th May 2017. The President presided in the chair and about 50 members present. The meeting opened at 17:52.

1 **President's welcome & Vote of Thanks**

The President welcomed all members to the meeting at Birstwith, as his last meeting as President wished to give the vote of thanks to the members of the Leeds Branch for arranging the day, the organist, the incumbent for an enjoyable service. Not forgetting the bacon butty squad earlier in the day for the striking competition. Thanks was given by all in the customary manner.

2. **In Memoriam**

Ben Hodges – Ranmoor
David Stafford Crossman – Boroughbridge
Donald Hood – Headingley
Ron Sanderson (Huntington)
Alan Carter – Kirk Deighton

A short period of silence to their memory which was followed by a short prayer.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

These were proposed as a true record by the President.

All in favour.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda)**

- i) The web master is appointed by the General Committee, this was done in March 2017 and therefore does not appear during this meeting.
- ii) The Web Site has been launched. Thanks to all those involved in getting it up and running. There still remains some work 'authoring' sections.

Comments from the floor;

- contacts for tower are not included – response that this may not be possible in the short term but to review or look at alternatives
- contacts are not available on the web site – (post meeting clarification YACR officer contacts are available and accessible this comment referred to Branch contacts)
- Ideas and thoughts from members to make it a priority to get contacts on the web site
- Scarborough Branch have asked tower contacts if they agree for their details to be included on the web site, all agreed to have details published
- The future President indicated that it would be a priority to have a meeting soon to review with Branch officers.

5. **Results of Inter Branch Striking Competition**

The judge gave brief comments on each band's performance with the number of faults. These were

Scarborough	138 faults
Selby	119
York	53
C&NY	84
Leeds	75
Young Ringers	151

York Branch were declared the winners.

The President made a mention of the Young Ringers taking part in the competition for the first time, and they were to be congratulated on entering a team.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were duly elected;

President –

Peal Secretary –

7. Election of New Members

5 members were elected

8. Confirmation of Life Membership

The following 12 members were confirmed as life members

9. Presentation of Annual Accounts for 2016

The Treasurer, pointed to the accounts in the annual report and gave a brief overview of the income and expenditure. Overall there was a slight decrease in income and a slight increase in expenditure however still remains in credit. The accounts as they appeared in the report were proposed and agreed.

10. Budget Proposals for 2018

The accounts are healthy therefore there are no proposed changes for 2018.

Proposal from the floor that subscriptions are increased from £10 to £12, other subscriptions to increase pro-rata to specifically raise funds for the BRF. Seconded.

- Clarification was it £2 to the BRF or 25% as per the current rules.

From the floor; proposed an amendment that the additional £2 was to be for the BRF.

The Treasurer indicated that this required a change to the Schedule to the rules which currently states 25% of all subscriptions shall be paid into the bell repair fund.

From the floor; proposed an amendment to states that subscriptions are increased from £10 to £12, other subscriptions to increase pro-rata, with 40% of all subscriptions to be paid into the bell repair fund.

Seconded.

27 For
3 Against
Abstentions were not counted

11. Appointment of Independent Examiners

Two members were appointed.

12. Presentation of Annual Report for 2016

The Report Editor presented the annual report.

13. **Change to Rules**

Current Rule

1. To be eligible for election to the status of Qualified Member a ringer shall have rung to a method either:

a) on tower bells 720 changes on either a working bell or the treble; or the tenor covering to 1260 changes; or

b) 720 changes on a pair of handbells.

2. Associate Members are those ringers who have not yet qualified for (1) above.

Proposed Rule:

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b) 720 changes on a pair of handbells.

Elections shall take place at a meeting of the Association or relevant branch.

2. *Ringers who have not yet qualified for (1) above may become Associate Members by payment of the annual subscription.*

Comments from the floor;

- Would associate members have voting rights, if so then they should be elected
- It is a mark of achievement to be elected as an associate and qualified member. This should be recognised.
- Suggestion to remove the two levels as many ringers are loyal Sunday Service Band but would never meet the criteria of a qualified member.
- By not having an election then anyone could become a member, including non-ringers.

Proposed, no one seconded. Further clarification for the rule change required.

A new membership form which has been agreed with Branch secretaries will be available via the YACR web site which is designed to make it easier to complete electronically, and removes the requirement of repeat information.

14. **Education Committee**

A handout is available for courses planned for 2017. Some courses are held on a fixed date, other courses are available on demand – the date to be organised with the course contact directly. There are plans for an 'Extravaganza Day' on multiple and diverse topics during 2018.

The bookstall has had a revamp – ART products are now in stock and more diverse titles.

15. **Future Events**

August 2017	Life Members Event	(TBC)
16th September 2017	General Meeting	East Riding Branch
	Including the Sunday Service Band Striking competition	

16. **Correspondence**

- i) CRAG this is to be voted on at the CCCBR meeting at the end of the month by the reps. It is available to review on the CCCBR web site.
 - will CCCBR reps be voting according to their opinion or represent the Association. Those at the meeting only a minority had read the CRAG summary and 1 the full report. Reps would accept feedback from members but indications are that limited engagement currently of the membership.
- ii) Powerpoint presentations for PR purposes are available on the CCCBR website. These have been used by the C&NY Secretary with great success.

- iii) CCCBR committees are open to all ringers to get involved, you do not have to be a Central Council Member. See CCCBR website for details
- iv) Tulloch Ringing Centre in Scotland is available for courses.
- v) BBC Music Day – Notice on all the tables this is to be held on Thursday 17 June, the BBC are encouraging bells to be rung (7pm local time). All details are on the CCCBR BBC website

17. **BRF Collection**

£131.00 + €1 was collected with tax relief this is £163.75

18. **Any Other Business**

- i) From the floor; proposed the association consider the acquisition of a mini ring
- ii) YACR Clothing is available to order.
- iii) Vice President – Wished to thank the President for the past 3 years and wished to highlight achievements in that time;
 - BRF has been revamped
 - A new Web Site has been launched
 - A Snowdon Dinner which was enjoyed by all attended in October 2016.A small gift of appreciation was presented

The meeting closed at 19:18

Redacted Approved Minutes