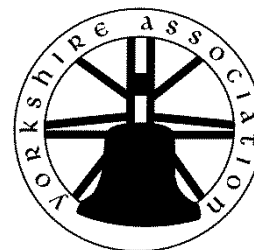


Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

General Meeting



Minutes

Minutes of the Association General Meeting held at North Cave on 16th September 2017. The President presided in the chair and about 70 members present. The meeting opened at 6.15pm.

1. President's welcome.
The President welcomed all present to the meeting. Two groups from the YACR have had successes the Young Ringers Branch, 'Yorkshire Tykes' won the Ringing World National Youth Contest held in Birmingham in July and in September a team from Yorkshire won the Hexham Abbey Challenge – a call change striking contest on 10 bells. Both Trophies were presented to the meeting with applause.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded and accepted as a true record.
There were two matters arising;
 - i. a standing sub-committee meeting has been held which included a review of the web-site. The General Secretary and Membership Secretary will be working on the content and pages. Any comments should be directed to them.. Some alterations are planned;
 - New front page
 - drop down menu function
 - contacts of towers are under review due to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) which comes into force 25 May 2018. The YACR General Secretary is working in liaison with the Central Council to fully understand the impact of this regulation.
 - ii. CRAG – at the Central Council Meeting in May the proposal for the reformation of the CCCBR was voted through.
 - iii. The proposal of a mini-ring made at the previous meeting, no progress has been made but this will be looked into.
3. Following brief obituaries, all those present stood in silence to remember those who had died since the last meeting, followed by a short prayer:
John Nixon – Bingley
Dennis Vane – Penistone
Brian Johnson – Hurworth
Stanley Ireland – East Witton
Derek Dane – St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds
John Walsh – Horbury
4. New members.
14 new members were elected
5. Results of the Sunday Service Striking competition.
This had been held at North Cave earlier in the day. The judges after giving general comments on each team the results were announced, as follows: -

Ripon Cathedral	C & NY Branch	35 faults	1 st
St Martin, York	York Branch	36 faults	2 nd
Sheffield Cathedral	Sheffield Branch	47 faults	3 rd
Pickering	Scarborough Branch	49 faults	4 th
Selby Abbey	Selby Branch	79 faults	5 th

The trophy was presented to Ripon Cathedral, and the judges were thanked for their hard work with a bottle of wine each.

6. The vote of thanks was proposed; Everyone involved in the day; from those organising the event, local ringers, the organist, the excellent tea, the judges, and those taking part in the day. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way.
7. Future events: -
 - 21st October 2017 - Snowdon Lunch – at the Castlegate House, York.
 - 3rd February 2018 - General meeting hosted by Sheffield Branch.
 - 3rd March 2018 - General Committee meeting at Sherburn in Elmet.
 - 12th May 2018 - Annual General meeting and inter-branch striking competition hosted by C&NY Branch.
8. Insurance
The General Secretary has received many enquiries on the public liability insurance during the year. Clarification has been sort from the insurers Ecclesiastical. The same statement as previously been given “any activity performed under the auspices of the Association” is covered for all members. The web site will include frequently asked questions to provide clarification.
9. There was no correspondence.
10. £80.17 and 1ISK (Icelandic Króna) had been collected for the bell repair fund, which would rise to £100.21 with Gift Aid. Post meeting further money donated takes the sum collected to £91.90 with Gift Aid totals £124.87.
11. Any other business.
 - i. A cheque for £1400 was presented for the bell repair fund from the proceeds from the sales of Snowdon Books. This takes the total amount raised through Snowdon Books to over £19,700.
 - ii. A cheque for £100 was presented for the bell repair fund from the excess of the Leeds Branch hosting the AGM in May 2017
 - iii. £10 was presented for the bell repair fund from a family of a soldier lost during WWI for which a peal was rung in Whitby.
 - iv. YACR clothing was available.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm.