

MINUTES OF THE GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BAILGATE
METHODIST CHURCH, LINCOLN, on Saturday 25 April 2009

The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Reverend Philip Buckler, President of the Guild, welcomed Members and Visitors to the meeting from the Chair.

Apologies: Jim Benner, Michael & Jill Day, Nicola Jones, Chris Jackson, John Ketteringham, Lorraine Bateman, Matthew Jeffery, Peter Taylor, Philip Reeks, Frank & Maureen Kennington, Michael & Betty Stracey, Geoffrey Evison, Charles & Patience Thody, Terry & Kay Maddison, Stephanie Prosser, Dawn Hare, Michael Whiting, Pru & Steve Chadderton, Alison Elwess, Elizabeth Clarke, Walter Froggatt, Denis Frith.

Obituaries: Canon Orland read out the names of those who had died during the year – Bernard Tyrrell, Geoff Bromfield, Bridget Cracroft-Ely, Joyce Froggatt, Colin Hancock, Phyllis Johns, William James Sutton, Robert Sutton, David Forman, Tom Ward. Canon Orland then led the meeting in prayer.

Minutes: The minute of the previous AGM, held on 26 April 2008, were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Honorary Life members: The meeting approved the election of Les Townsend of Central Branch, proposed by Dot Mason and seconded by Sue Faull.

Non-Resident life Members: The meeting confirmed the election of the following shown on Page 62 of the report – Alexander E Holroyd, John Adcock, Mary E Gow, Simon R Holden, Michael G Clements, H Terry Greenacre, Victoria K Johnstone, Edith Robinson, David L Smith, Damien S Smith, Joanne Fielding. The following were transferred under Rule 2© - Sarah Andrews, Elizabeth Stokoe, C Anita Blundell

Accounts: The Treasurer, Roger Lord, presented the accounts for the General Fund as shown in the report, after thanking the previous treasurer, Nicola Jones, for all her assistance and the two Inspectors, Barbara Rand and Linda Bromfield, for checking them. David Whetton proposed the account be adopted, John Underwood seconded and the meeting agreed unanimously. The Bell Repair Fund Administrator, Dot Mason, presented the accounts for the Bell Repair Fund as shown in the report. Adoption of these accounts was proposed by David Whetton and seconded by Margaret Parker. The meeting agreed. Dot mason also stated that as interest rates were so poor at present, she would place all the BRF funds with the Central Board of Finance where we would obtain 1.5% instead of).05%. The meeting agreed that this should be done.

2008 Report: Trevor Hardcastle presented the report to the meeting and thanked Margaret Parker for proof reading and Philip Green for printing it. He then proposed adoption seconded by Ted Colley with unanimous agreement from the meeting. The Master, Sue Faull, thanked all concerned with the production, for the excellent quality once again.

Election of Officers:

President – The Dean of Lincoln the Very Reverend Philip Buckler
Prop. Judith Rogers, Sec Val Wild

Master – Sue Faull, Proposed from the Chair.

Secretary – Les Townsend, Prop. Dot Mason, Sec. Jim Sutherland

Treasurer – Roger Lord, Prop. John Underwood, Sec. Neville Sharpe

Peal Secretary – Emma Southerington, Prop. Mark Mumby, Sec Ian Dawson

Librarian – Delia Heppenstall, Prop Judith Rogers, Sec. Joan Payne

Report Sec – Trevor Hardcastle, Prop Margaret Parker, Sec. Roger Lord

Accounts Examiners – a) Gen Fund - Barbara Rand & Linda Bromfield Prop. Roger Lord, Sec. Joy Lord.

b) BRF – John Carr & Alan Haines Prop. Dot Mason, Sec. Margaret Parker

All Elections were agreed by the meeting.

The Master stated that this would be her fifth and final year.

Guild committee appointments:

To the Grants Committee – A R Heppenstall & I Dawson

Trustees to the Guild Bell Repair Fund – Susan Faull, Roger Lord, Dot Mason

Subscriptions for 2009

- a) Adults £10, Junior and those in full-time education £3, Assoc & NRL £5 – agreed by the meeting
- b) Peal booking fee 25p/rope – agreed by the meeting
- c) 2009 subs to be divided Gen Fund 40%, GBRF 45%, Branches 15% - agreed by the meeting

Future activities:

- a) The Master, Sue Faull, asked for volunteers to help with the Guild Simulator which will be used by Year 6 children attending the Church Schools' Festival in the Cathedral during June. The Simulator will also be in Boston Stump during September for their celebrations and John Collett asked for help to demonstrate its use on the open days and help also with handbells.
- b) The Guild Six-bell striking contest will be held on Sept 12 hosted by the Northern Branch at Tealby (cup) and Middle Rasen (Plate). Refreshments and results will be at Middle Rasen Village Hall.
- c) The Guild inter-branch 8-bell competition will be hosted by the Southern Branch on Oct 24 at Market Deeping.

Bishop's Award for Youth Achievements: The Master informed the meeting that the Diocesan Youth Officer, David Rose was keen to include bell ringing in this awards scheme for service to the Church, Youth club or Community together with an award for skills. A small group was working on this with the Master.

100 Club Draw: Did not take place at the meeting as the counters were not available. The draw was made during the afternoon at Hackthorn after ringing. Results:

1. £100 – 108 P Wild
2. £50 – 35 – N Davison
3. £25 – 8 – M Rose
4. £10 – 90 – S Wright
5. £5 – 56 – S Taylor.

Grand Draw results – also made at Hackthorn.-

£150 – Shirley Ford (Harrington) £75 – Delia Heppenstall (Gainsborough)

£50 John Collett (Boston) £50 George West (Stow)

Any other business:

Ben Ricketts thanked all Branches for Newsletter material and said the deadline for the next issue would be Sept/Oct and the Newsletter would be given the name "Go Lincolnshire".

The Master thanked Ben and the team.

Sandra Rhodes asked members to ensure she had their up-to-date e-mail addresses.

The Master, Sue Faull informed members that extra copies of the "Guidelines for Bell Ringing" were available and could be picked up after the meeting.

Vote of thanks: Robin Heppenstall proposed a vote of thanks to all members attending the meeting, the Dean for the use of the Cathedral bells and service of Holy Communion. To Bailgate Methodist Church for making us so welcome and comfortable. To Dot Mason and helpers for preparing and serving lunch. The Master and Secretary for the arrangements of the day.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.52am. There was no collection for the BRF as a Raffle would be drawn later in the day.