

SCACR WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

6pm Saturday 11 February 2017 at Methodist Church Hall, 18 High Street, Steyning. BN44 3GG

MINUTES OF MEETING.

Graham Hills asked members to stand to remember those from this District who have died since the last ADM. He reminded everyone to let us know about any deaths, as often, we only find out from Quarter Peal reports or not at all.

1. Apologies for Absence: Helen Bickers, Ruth Brown, Brenda Cox, Alison Everett, Christine Hounslow, Ken Knight, Valerie Mourilyan, Kirsten Scott, Tim Wright.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13/02/2016, agreed and signed by Graham Hills.
3. Matters arising from the last minutes.
 - None.
4. Awards
 - New members were awarded certificates. Two names were missing: Janice Crawford (Angemering), Maggie Williams (Findon), Graham Hills will ensure they get their certificates.
 - The Michael Palmer Achievement Award was awarded to Jamie, a young ringer from Funtington.
 - 50 year certificates were awarded to John Taylor, Caroline Jones, Barbara Harbut.
5. Reports by Officers.
 - Secretary (Once approved, this report will appear in the Association Annual Report). Agreed
 - Treasurer - We agreed to change this to 'BRF funds collected report'. This was presented by Committee member Moya Hills. Agreed.
 - Publicity Officer - Mandy Rodgers read out the costings for issuing Sally Forth. Agreed.
 - Education Officer. Agreed.
 - Bell Restoration Officer n/a as post vacant. Graham Hills give an overview of the role and encouraged everyone to try to find someone. Roger Watts has volunteered to do it on a trial basis.
6. The outline of the 2017 Programme prepared by David Hall, was read out by Graham Hills. He mentioned that there will be an Association Songs of Praise event in East Grinstead on April 8th in remembrance of World War 1, and encouraged members to support this.
7. Election of District Officers and Committee Members. The Secretary does not wish to be re-elected.
Ringing Master BRF Rep are presently vacant.
 - Ringing Master - Post still vacant
 - Secretary – Moya Hills to be the contact point.
 - Treasurer – This is not a role.
 - Publicity Officer – Mandy Rodgers & Hamish McNaughton will continue. Proposed by Moya Hills, seconded by Caroline Taylor.
 - Education Officer – Christine Butterfield. Proposed by Jane Wilkinson, seconded by John Taylor
 - BRF Representative - Roger Watts has volunteered on a trial basis. Proposed by John Taylor, seconded by Sue Gadd.
 - Central Council Rep. Currently is David Kirkcaldy and we can ignore this for now as it is a three-year post. We shall consider this role again in 2019, ready for 2020.

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- Committee Members. To remain the same as last year. David Hall, Helen Bickers, Sue Gadd, John Taylor. Proposed en-bloc by Roger Watts. Margaret Sherwood seconded en-bloc
8. Nominations (if any) of General Officers
- Master - Graham Hills by Mandy Rodgers
 - Secretary - Sandra Alford by Sue Gadd
 - Treasurer - Sue Gadd by Jan Whitchurch
 - BRF Secretary - David Kirkcaldy by Hamish McNaughton
 - Trustees - Val Atkins three year term of office is now up. There were no nominations, but Val is entitled to stand again for a further 3 years.
 - Safeguarding Officer - Pat Aylward by Stella Bianco
 - 5th Central Council Rep - Graham Hills by Sue Gadd
9. Any other business.
- **Adele Potton** – wants to pass on the role of ordering the clothing. The role is not very onerous, as she's had only a few orders since doing this. She will be happy to hand over the details to whoever wishes to take this forward.
 - **Graham Hills** – Alan Collings (Dewbys Bells) has offered funding of up ten places at the ART conference on 11/12 March. Names to Sandra Alford
 - **Sella Bianco** – The library is selling off duplicate copies of books.
10. Date of next ADM. (10th February 2018, the venue is yet to arranged.)

Mandie Merlin

Secretary SCACR West

SCACR Western District - Secretary's Report For 2016.

We have 11 new members this year.

Following the publication of the Annual Report, I noticed discrepancies from what I had submitted, so passed on the correct information to the General Secretary. I hope that these may be less now the new system for membership is in place.

The Publicity and Events role seems to have worked well split into two: the production of Sally Forth and the two monthly diary of events.

Our monthly get togethers included a Walk and Ring and a quiz. The evening practice at Felpham was not as popular as our afternoon practices.

Graham Hills and David Hall were co-opted onto the committee.

The post of Ringing Master remains vacant.

Lodsworth and Fernhurst have no band and the tower contact is the West Secretary.

We had a group of twenty ringers from Hexham Abbey visit West Sussex and they rang at towers including Stedham, Easebourne, Graffham, Lodsworth, Westbourne. Ringing at Lodsworth was requested a few times including one quarter peal.

I am standing down as secretary. Although things in this role started off well, my job got in the way and ailing relations come before everything. A big problem for me has been the distant location of some the meetings compounded by mid-week timings (I need to be up at 6am). Fortunately, the district runs remarkably well with the support of a core of the membership doing the organising and attending most of the practices.

Thanks to Alison Everett and Hamish McNaughton for coming up with a solution to help me with organisation of district practices. This was finding someone, David Hall, to organise the events for me. Thank you David for stepping into the role.

I would like to thank all who have assisted me and in this role and to those who have agreed to run district practices for me.

Mandie Merlin

12 Jan 2017

West District's Sussex BRF Donations for 2016

During the year the following amounts have been raised by us for the Sussex Bell Restoration Fund. The money raised in the BRF donation bell should be able to have gift aid claimed under the small donations gift aid scheme, which Sue Gadd the Association Treasurer is in the process of doing.

Raffles	£369.00
BRF Donation Bell	£313.52
Quiz Night Profit	£97.75
Donation from Heene (Get Together Teas)	£55.00
TOTAL	£835.27