

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 12th October 2001

Members present:

President : Dr. C.M.P. Johnson
Senior Treasurer : Dr. C.Y. Barlow
Master : Andrew Tibbetts
Secretary : Mair Allen-Williams

David Cornish *
Philip Earis
Jillian Galloway
Charles Isitt
Richard Lewis
Philip Saddleton
Jonathan Shanklin
Carys Underwood
Claudia Smith
George van der Dreische
Clarke Walters
Ian Wells

Those marked * were elected to membership during the meeting.

Also present : James Cruise

The President opened the meeting at 21:10 with 17 members present.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from:-

Nicola Baxter	Henry Lockwood
Martin Bright	Richard Smith
William Edwards	John Sturdy
Jo Garner	Lucy Weston
Robert Johnson	

2. Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting

These were read and the meeting agreed that the President should sign them as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

The President summarised the report on the bearings at GSA which was made at the AGM. He then reported that Tom Ridgman had once been to listen to the bells and look at the bearings, and that Tom found no evidence of trouble but said we should wait and see, as we would get plenty of warning if something were wrong. Clarke Walters suggested we make sure to go and listen to the bearings annually. Jonathan Shanklin observed that when he had looked at the bells a couple of years ago there was no problem. The President noted that we should remain aware of the issue, as meeting even half the cost of repair would make a dent in the Guild finances.

4. Election of new members

The following were elected to life membership of the Guild;

Nicola Baxter, of Selwyn, (studying Biological Science)

David Cornish, of Emmanuel, (studying Computer Science)

Alan Dickenson, of Clare, (Studying Engineering)

- all proposed by the Master and seconded by the Secretary.

Richard Thrippleton, of Churchill, (studying Computer Science)

Carys Underdown, of Fitzwilliam

- proposed by Richard Lewis and seconded by Philip Earis.

5. Diary Dates

- Saturday 13th October; Freshers' Cycle Outing
- Saturday 3rd November; SUA Striking Competition in Bristol,
- Saturday 10th November; Mystery Outing
- Saturday 17th November; UL Dinner
- 1st December; London outing to Birmingham
- Friday 25th January; Lent Term Business Meeting
- Saturday 16th March; Dinner at Downing College

6. The Guild Library

The President explained that currently the Guild Library is housed partly in the University Library, partly in the Pendlebury Library, and partly in the President's room in St. John's, with the Archives also in the University Library. He commented that we are the university society with the longest surviving records.

He then said that the Pendlebury Librarian has said that ultimately he would like to be rid of the Guild books, and that his (the President's) room is not guaranteed indefinitely. Therefore, he felt that at some point the books should be moved to the University Library where they can be given a permanent home.

Clarke Walters asked if they would belong to the Guild or the UL if they were to move, and the President replied that that was one of several things which would have to be negotiated before a move could take place.

Clarke then asked about non-resident access, to which the President replied that all members of the senate have access to the UL. Ian Wells observed that first and second year undergraduates are not allowed to take books out of the U. Library. The Librarian replied that if ownership of the books remained with the Guild, the rules about their use need not follow exactly the UL policy.

The President said that no commitments would be made without a further report to the Guild, and accepted the meetings permission to explore further.

7. Any other business

Clarke observed that we had not elected CC representatives and proposed that we do so in the Lent meeting, with nominations to be in by the end of this term. The meeting agreed.

The president said that St Bene't's Church was not a suitable venue for the Guild meeting and proposed we accept the Senior Treasurer's offer of a room in the engineering department. The meeting agreed.

The President closed the meeting at 21:50.

AFTERNOTE : The President thanked the distant non-resident members for travelling to the meeting.