

**Minutes of the CUGCR Annual General Meeting held in the Boys Smith Room,
St John's College, on 5th May 2002.**

Those present:

President: C.M.P. Johnson
Senior Treasurer: C.Y.Barlow
Auditor: F.H.King
Secretary: Mair Allen-Williams
Master: Andrew Tibbetts

Tim Butler
Nik Baxter
Martin Bright
James Cruise
Philip Earis
Jill Galloway
Laura Hill
Clover Green
C H Isitt
Robert Johnson
Henry Lockwood
Jonathan Shanklin
Philip Saddleton
J C G Sturdy
Richard Thrippleton
Clarke Walters
Ian Wells
Philip Wise

Apologies for absence were received from:

Joanne Johnson
Andrew Johnson
Caroline Blowers
Tim Poole
Lucy Weston

Minutes of the 2001 AGM were read.

Philip Saddleton noted that:

- Clarke Walters had not suggested erecting a peal board.
- The Central Council meeting was in St Ives, not Norwich.

The president signed the minutes as a true and correct record, subject to these amendments.

Matters Arising

- M. J. Bright drew attention to his Master's report.
- Jonathan Shanklin suggested the Ramsay rooms at St Bene't's as a possible future meeting venue. The matter was deferred to AOB.

Election of New Members

Dominick Ford (Trinity): proposed by Philip Earis, seconded by J.D. Shanklin.
Clover Green (Peterhouse) :proposed by Philip Earis, seconded by J.D. Shanklin.
Both elected.

Presentation of Accounts

- F.H. King observed that 'current' account should say 'general' account. He gave a brief run-through of the accounts.
- Clarke Walters asked to whom the handbell insurance was paid. The secretary replied that it was Mayola Music.
- Jonathan Shanklin asked if the figures included quarter peal fees incurred but not yet received. Frank King replies that he merely audited what was reported. C.M.P. Johnson replied that the incoming librarian and secretary could discuss the matter.
- Martin Bright noted that the handbell set on the asset should have 'second D#' in place of 'treble F#'.
- Robert Johnson asked whether J.B. Williamson's bells should be added to the assets. He suggested storing them in the library. C.M.P. Johnson agreed.
- Martin Bright mentioned a set of ancient handbells stored in Grafton Street. C.M.P. Johnson suggested moving them to the library, and the librarian asked if the UL would take handbells, were the library to move there.
- Frank King proposed the accounts and Jonathan Shanklin seconded them. The accounts were accepted.

Master's report

It was assumed everyone had had a chance to read the report. Andrew Tibbetts mentioned that he was particularly pleased with the number of peals rung and a general increase of standard (in most touches). The Guild received the report with pleasure.

Steeplekeeper's report

Jonathan Shanklin corrected the spelling of his name and mentioned that there was to be a post-exam spring-clean at St Bene't's. He then left. The report was received with pleasure.

Guild Library

The Librarian explained the proposal to move the library. Currently, it is partly housed in the Pendlebury Library, where the librarian is becoming fidgetty, and partly housed at Chris Johnson's. The librarian and president had met with Brian Jenkins, the UL's head of special collections. He said that the UL would take the Guild Library under the conditions that

- Manuscripts and pre 1800 material would go to the Guild archives where they could only be consulted.
- Books would be subject to UL borrowing rights
- Books of which they already have a copy would not be catalogued or accessible, and would take years to get through the system.

This would mean either

- librarian would have to be a 3rd year or above, or
- someone separate would have to be appointed to access books on behalf of others.

Before moving books it would be necessary to check and sort them, deal with missing copies and check our books against the UL catalogue.

Chris Johnson noted that some of our manuscripts have been in the guild archives for some time with no trouble, and it was a good security precaution.

Ian Wells asked if the university at large would be able to access our books – the librarian suspected that this would be so.

Richard Smith mentioned that it would be necessary to get reader's tickets for some associate members. The president doubted there would be a problem.

John Sturdy said the system sounded restrictive, but would that matter? He asked how many books were involved. Chris Johnson said he had about 10m of linear space' worth. Claudia Smith observed that none had been borrowed since 1997.

Clarke recalled when the books had been on a shelf in St Andrew's, reflecting that they had been more useful and accessible there. Claire Barlow wondered about having the books in GSM, but Frank King said that the ringing room there is too full and too damp for this to be suitable. He agreed that having an easily browsable library was great. The President said that we might be stuck with the UL, and mentioned that we have a duty of care of the books, even if we cannot make them easily accessible.

It was agreed that the UL's manuscript room would be a good place for the manuscripts and that old (pre 1800) books would be better looked after there.

John Sturdy suggested that the librarian and webmaster take it upon themselves to produce an online catalogue of the library. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

Clarke noted that we were more likely to be donated or bequeathed books if the library were not in the UL.

It was agreed that the irreplaceable material should go to the manuscript room. The president agreed to explore further with the new librarian and report back to the next meeting.

Donation to SRCF

It was agreed to donate the SRCF £30. Charles Isitt proposed the donation, Philip Earis seconded it.

Election of officers

The senior officers were reelected unopposed.

Philip Earis was elected Master

Charles Isitt was elected Webmaster unopposed

It was agreed the committee should meet later to appoint a secretary

Henry Lockwood was elected steeplekeeper unopposed

Tim Butler was elected librarian unopposed

The president thanked the outgoing officers and all those involved in organising the dinner, particularly John Sturdy for the calligraphy on the place cards. He also thanked the handbellman (who was at home sleeping).

Clarke thanked Chris Johnson for looking after us all so very well.

Diary dates

- The photo, May 9th
- Guild Week. Chris Johnson mentioned that a location had been found for the 2003 Guild Week.
- Guild Communion. John Sturdy suggested joining the daily communion at St Bene't's. The incoming officers agreed to look into it

Location of future meetings. It was agreed to hold the Michaelmas meeting in the new room in St Bene't's. This was proposed by Richard Smith, seconded by Henry Lockwood, and carried.

- The Michaelmas meeting will be Friday 18th October.
- Lent Meeting: Jan 24th

Any Other Business

- Frank King mentioned that two Guild Quarter peals were published in the reporter.
- John Sturdy mentioned that the noticeboard from St Andrew's was missing
- Clarke reported on the Central Council meeting:
 - they had not passed the motion about strange methods
 - there was a strange new motion, comments would be welcome.
 - the next meeting was to be in Norwich on 3rd June.
- Philip Earis mentioned the Dixon's bob minor rung by a Guild band for future discussion.

The meeting closed at 1540.