

Report of the Annual General Meeting Chelmsford Cathedral on 3.5.10

1. Standing orders were accepted.
2. The Master Brian Meads welcomed everyone.
3. A number of apologies for absence were noted.
4. Members were asked to sign the Roll.
5. Members were asked if they agreed with the minutes of the previous AGM, Alistair Donaldson had a query regarding a question that had been asked regarding CRB checks. It was agreed to make the amendment.
6. The accounts were accepted by the members present. Andrew Brewster spoke about his enquiries regarding insurance cover for members. Currently cover provides £100 per week should a member be off work through an injury caused whilst ringing and £10,000 death benefit. For an increase of fees between 30p - £1.40 these sums could be increased to £300 and £30,000 respectively. It was suggested that it was not necessary to provide this facility but following a vote it was agreed that Andrew should look into this.
7. The Annual Report was received but an amendment proposed by Peter Chapman and Seconded by Maurice Downs with regard to an omission concerning a Peal Report was accepted. The Master gave his thanks to Colin Chapman for producing the report.
8. A presentation was made by the sub-committee (Colin Chapman, Mary Bone, David Sparling and Andrew Brewster) concerning proposed changes to Rules of the Association. The proposals will be submitted to the Charity Commission in May/June. A new draft will be presented to the Executive Committee in October with a formal proposal being put to the members at the AGM in 2011.
9. A number of members spoke for and against the proposal for an amendment to the membership rules. A paper ballot was taken. 138 papers were given out. 136 were handed in. For the motion 78, against the motion 55; there were 3 spoilt papers. The motion was therefore carried.
10. Election of Officers

Master	Brian Meads
Secretary	Vicki Chapman
Treasurer	Andrew Brewster
Property Trustees (3)	Mary Bone, Colin Chapman
Independent Examiners	R Dunhill, M Green
Central Council Representatives (5)	
Dr J Armstrong, F Bone, Mrs W Gooden, B Meads	
11. Association Annual Dinner: the secretary explained that this was an opportunity for ringers to meet other ringers as well as being an occasion where Life Vice Presidents and Life Members could be presented with their certificates but in recent years numbers have been low therefore a show of hands was asked for to determine if it was feasible to offer this. As there was less than 70 members who would be willing to attend the secretary felt that this should be discussed further by officers.

12. Association Officers

Peal Secretary	Colin Chapman
Child Protection Officer	Steve Nash
Education Officer	Liz Rayner
Technical Adviser	Paul Bray
Public Relations Officer	Tracey Southgate
Newsletter Editor	Anne Bray
Webmaster	Fred Bone
Annual Report Editor	Colin Chapman
Essex Ringing Course	Mary Bone

Members were referred to the Annual Report for the District Officers.

Thanks were given to those retiring as well as to the retiring chaplain whilst new officers were congratulated.

13. A.O.B. a reminder was given concerning the striking competition on 6th July. Also members were asked to promote the South Western District Open day on 31.8.10 which was raising money for the Bell Restoration account.
14. A presentation was made to Peter Eves who had rung a peal at Kirbly-le-Soken 50 years after ringing a record peal there.
15. The Master thanked all those involved in organising and delivering the service as well as the choir, choirmaster, organist; the South Western District for providing the sidespeople and the Southern district for the afternoon ringing.