

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
MINUTES OF NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING held at RAYNE
5th JANUARY 2008

1. WELCOME

Our Master, Marian Wood, opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to EACR Master Steve Nash and family and to the 36 district members from 15 towers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologised for none attendance:- Mary Bone, Ernie Andrews, Terry and Wendy Earle, Derek Hammond, Sue Stephens, Claire Malone-Lee, Carol Taylor, Nick and Sarah Holland, Linda and Alan May, John Smith, Viv and Ian Hamilton, Kate Champness, Vic and Wendy Turner, Ted Tennant, Libby Laurence, Janet Donaldson, John Henry, Jean Lewis, David Kerrison, Cherry Threadgold,

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were circulated. Roger Fleming proposed and Di Carpenter seconded their acceptance which was passed with no dissent.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Kelvedon :- A meeting of all interested parties is to be held on Thursday 10th January to resolve all the issues.

The membership and insurance position for 65's and over is not retrospective.

5. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

There were 4 nominations for ringing membership:-

Caroline Nicholls, Coggeshall, Proposer, Brian Meads, Seconder, Adrian Semken. Lewis Denegri, Braintree, Proposer, Peter Smith, Seconder, Richard Dunhill Susan Walker, Black Notley, Proposer, Deryk Talbot, Seconder, Peter Smith Emily Mayo, Rayne, Proposer, Maurice Downs, Seconder, Ian Finlayson Deryk Talbot wishes to be moved to Black Notley from the unattached list.

All these proposals were passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS FOR 2007

The Master reported on a positive and interesting year of ups and downs. The problems with the bell installation at Kelvedon, Foxearth being unringable, Earls Colne ringing again and the imminent dedication of the new ring at Toppesfield. 13 Peals and 109 Quarter Peals were rung and many personal achievements were reached.

In the Secretaries report it was stated 4 Business meetings [with an average attendance of 23], 5 Evening Practices, monthly Advanced Practices, Beyond Bob Minor, and weekly Ringing School were held.

The Treasurers report included the balance sheet, number of members, and amount collected and paid into the belfry repair fund.

Healthy reports were presented for the ringing school, advanced practice and quarter peal month in which over half the membership took part.

Beyond Bob Minor. A discussion took place on the format for the coming year resulting in half the year for doubles methods and the other half following the format of previous years.

Full reports are lodged with the minutes.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was only one nomination for each post.

Master Marian Wood proposed by Kate Champness, seconded by Di Carpenter
Deputy Master Maurice Downs proposed by Peter Chapman. seconded by Sue Stephens
Secretary Peter Smith proposed by Peter Chapman ,seconded by Sue Stephens
Treasurer Pat Healy proposed by Sue Tobbell, seconded by Pauline Brenner
The Master extended the Districts big thank you to Di Carpenter for all her tireless work
as Treasurer on her retirement.

8. NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND LIFE MEMBERS

Brian Meads announced his intention to stand for Master. Yvonne Towler has been
nominated for life membership. Any other nominations need to be with the EACR
Secretary by 1st February.

9. DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR 2008/2009

The district committee presented a proposed programme for 2008/09 which met with
general approval.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Adrian Semken outlined the availability of the Coggeshall ringing centre for all to use for
extra practices. The centre will run courses throughout the year covering a wide range of
subjects.

There is an active handbell group at Bocking.

The Essex Ringing Course is to run from 10th to 12th April and will be centred at
Coggeshall.

The District has EACR badges for sale.

Attendance at the dedication of Toppesfield bells would have to be by invitation only

11. VOTES OF THANKS

The Master thanked the Rayne ringers for the use of the bells and for an excellent tea, to
Revd. Phillip Meader for taking the service and to Peter Wood for playing the organ.