

ESSEX ASSOCIATION of CHANGE RINGERS
MINUTES of
NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
Held at Bocking on Saturday 3rd January 2009

1 WELCOME

Marian Wood welcomed members to the ADM for 2008. The Master extended a special welcome to the EACR Master Brian Meads and Robin Winkworth from Petersfield Hants. A minutes silence was then observed in memory of Linda Wood of Feering.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Neil Bromley, Kate Champness, Terry Earle, Janet Edwards, Roger Flemming, Viv and Ian Hamilton, Debbie and Bradley Hill, David Kerrison, Vicki LeFevre and Janet Smith.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Alistair Donaldson proposed and Richard Dunhill seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting held at Braintree on 25th October 2008 are a true and correct record. This was passed with no opposition.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The solution to the problems with the bells at Kelvedon is still under discussion. There is no change at Pebmarsh.

5 NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

RINGING

Ryan Finlayson Rayne Proposed by Maurice Downs 2nd David Learmonth
Alexandra Mackle Wethersfield Proposed by Roy Threadgold 2nd Cherry Threadgold
Both those nominated were passed as Junior Members.

6 REPORTS for 2008

Reports were received from The Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Ringing School, Beyond Bob Minor, Advanced Practice, and Quarter Peal Month and lodged with these minutes.

7 ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

MASTER Marian Wood proposed by Libby Laurence 2nd Pauline Brenner
DEPUTY MASTER Maurice Downs proposed by Debbie Hill 2nd Bradley Hill
SECRETARY Peter Smith proposed by Libby Laurence 2nd Pauline Brenner
TREASURER Pat Healy proposed by Libby Laurence 2nd Pauline Brenner

As there were no other nominations the proposed were elected unopposed.

Marian Wood advised the meeting that this would be her last year as Master.

It was felt by the Officers that younger members should be in office in the future

8 NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND LIFE MEMBERS

Nominations for Association Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Property Trustees[3], Independent Examiners[2], Life Vice-Presidents and Life Members should be with the EACR Secretary by the February committee meeting

9 DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR 2009/2010

The draft programme drawn up by the Officers was accepted with a BBQ preferred to an outing. The Secretary will go ahead with the arrangements.

There is a District meeting on Saturday 7th March at Sible Hedingham with evening ringing at Wickham St. Paul.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Meads brought the Essex Ringing Course to the attention of the meeting.

Applications for places to Brian by 13th February. There is also a need for helpers with names to Yvonne Towler.

Our Master gave our support to the Associations survey into the state of ringing in Essex. Maurice Downs would like ideas as to the format for advanced practice. It was felt that advanced practice should take ringers on from 6 bell ringing to 8 and 10 not forgetting Triples. Ringing From plain to surprise methods.

Alistair would like to hand over the editorship of the News Letter so it is hoped a volunteer will come forward.

Alistair was commended for producing the District Website

11 VOTES OF THANKS

Marian Wood thanked the Rev. Tristan Chapman taking the service, Peter Wood for playing the Organ and the Bocking Ringers for providing the tea and for the use of the bells.

£27 was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund.

Marian Wood Master
7th March 2009