

EACR NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 15th May 2010 at Toppesfield

Prior to officially welcoming members the Master gave everyone an update on Pat Healy's progress following her recent stroke.

He then announced that Mary Blakey of Gt Easton had sadly passed away on 3.5.10. Mary had had done much to promote ringing in her local area. A prayer was said and a minutes silence kept.

The Master welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if the minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were a true account. A proposal to accept the minutes was made by Ian Hamilton and seconded by Wendy Turner.

Matters Arising

A letter had been received from the Association Master in response to the letter that had been sent to him from the district. This letter was read out to members (attached to Minutes).

{The letter addresses the points we raised to our satisfaction in that if an application for membership was made by a suspended person it would be for the Association not a District to make the decision. He also made the point that the rules review, if passed would be in place by 2011. This of course has been superseded by the Motion passed at the AGM}

There was no response from members in relation to the reply.

Nominations for Membership

Two nominations had been received: one for **Nigel Bennett**, proposed by John Elliott and seconded by Vicki Bennett. It was pointed out that Nigel would be the only registered member of the Feering Tower but it was hoped that more members would follow.

The other was for a non-resident member, **June Mackay** proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by David Learmonth.

Both nominations were accepted by the members.

EACR AGM Report

As members had a copy this was not read to the meeting however the Master read out the rule change which had been accepted by members attending the AGM.

Marion Wood commented on how well the meeting had been chaired by the Association Master. This was endorsed by the District Master and David Learmonth.

Achievements

As members had been given a copy of these, and as there were quite a number, all the achievements were not read out: however the Master highlighted a few particular achievements.

Future Events

The **Striking Competition** is the next district event; the Master encouraged ringers to participate and suggested that towers could combine with other towers to make a team if they could not field a team of their own.

District Practice at Pentlow on 24th July.

District Barbecue at Graham and Sue Torbell's Finchingfield from 3:00 pm

District Meeting at Witham with ringing beforehand, followed by a service, tea and meeting with evening ringing at Stisted.

The **Ringling School** continues to run each Saturday at Finchingfield from 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

David Leamonth pointed out that he was happy for the ringling school to run on the days of the striking competitions as long as there were enough helpers available.

The **Advanced Practice** continues to run on the third Saturday of the month at Braintree 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

The **Beyond Bob Minor** practice continues to run on the last Saturday of the month at Wethersfield 7:00 pm for theory, ringing from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

A.O.B.

Ian Hamilton asked for clarification regarding the rules concerning the striking competition. *Could ringers ring in more than one team?*

Two towers can combine to make one team but ringers cannot ring in more than one team.

Votes of Thanks

The Master thanked the people of Toppesfield for the use of their bells and church. He thanked everyone involved for providing the tea.

The meeting closed at 6:50 pm.