

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in

The Church Hall at St. Mary's Church, Weaverham

on

Saturday 11th September, 2010

1. **Master's opening remarks.** In her opening remarks, the Master thanked all who had helped her; committee members, volunteers at the Cheshire Show and those who had helped organise the very successful trip to Worcester. She wished the new Master well and hoped the Guild continued to encourage both young and old to give their best.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Paul Maddock, Kathy Slater, Robert Peers, Gavin Price, Andrew Mays, Brian Pugh, Ron Sykes, Ian Swindells, Margaret Shuttleworth, Ann Wigley, Brian Wigley, Jamie Richardson, David Sumbler, Peter Robson.
3. **Remembering departed members.** The meeting paid their respects to:
John Young of Over
Max Pemberton of Bromborough and Shotwick
Les Coventry of Bebington
4. **Minutes of the last AGM.** The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
Item 8 Child Protection. There was a question from the floor about whether it was necessary to ratify the Child Protection Officer (CPO). The Master explained that she had taken on the role of CPO and had liaised with the Diocesan CPO. She now had a list of members of the Guild who had shown her their CRB disclosure. This was only necessary for situations such as the recent trip to Worcester. The secretary confirmed that at their meeting of 16/10/09, the Executive Committee had decided that the role of CPO would be vested with one of the Executive Officers (*minute item 8(ii)*) and consequently a rule change was not required.
6. **Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts for 2009.** The Treasurer gave a brief report and confirmed that the Guild finances were in a 'healthy' position. The accounts, as published in the Guild Report, were adopted (proposed, Peter Dyson, seconded, John Gibb). The meeting agreed to the Treasurer's recommendation that the subs should remain the same for the coming year. The meeting also agreed to no change in peal fees.
The Master asked the meeting for permission to transfer £1500 to a different account to allow the 2012 committee 'working capital' to begin to arrange what was required for the Central Council's visit to Chester. The Committee would attempt to mitigate all costs to the Guild by seeking advertising revenue and sponsorship but there will be a cost to the Guild. A more accurate idea of probable costs will be known next year and if more money is required the Committee will bring this to the 2011 AGM. The Treasurer confirmed the Guild has sufficient funds to do this and the proposal was passed unanimously. (Proposed Pam Thomson, Seconded, Chris Broadley).
7. **Central Council 2012** The Master confirmed that the Central Council Meeting will

be Monday 4th June 2012 in Chester. The AGM was able to see the logo which had been selected. The 2012 committee is working hard and Pam Thomson will continue to chair that committee when she steps down as Master. Alan McFall has kindly agreed to act as Treasurer for the event.

8. **Ratification of Life Members.**

The following members were elected Honorary Life Members of the Guild:

Valerie Beecroft (Bebington)

Paul Maddock (Wistaston)

Richard Turner (Thurstaston)

9. **Election of Officers** Posts vacated this year are that of Master and Central Council Rep. Peter Dyson stood down as CC Rep after a serving the Guild for an amazing 32 years in this post, (this in addition to the other positions he has held). The meeting noted immense gratitude to Peter for all he has given to the Guild.

Guild Master	Stefan Zientek of Nantwich (prop Mike Orme, sec John Gibbs)
C C Rep	Pam Thomson of Weaverham (prop Peter Dyson, sec Jackie Roberts)

All the other officers are prepared to remain in post and the meeting approved all other appointments en bloc.

13. **Any other business.** None

14. **Vote of thanks** In his vote of thanks David Adams thanked the ringers of Weaverham and Mid Branch for the excellent ringers' tea they had provided for us. He congratulated Pam Thomson for a successful three years as our first lady Master.

15. **The meeting closed** and ringing continued at Daresbury