

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, held at Gorran Parish Church on Saturday 18 May 2019 at 3.00pm, and preceded by ringing at Caerhays and Gorran and by a service conducted by Revd Barry Browning.

PRESENT: Annie Holland (St Agnes) (President, in the Chair); Ruth Reeves (Advent and Lanteglos-by-Camelford); Rosie Falco (St Agnes); Robert Pearce (Bradoc); Carolyn Howell (St Buryan); Sue McLaughry (Calstock); Revd Canon Malcolm Bowers (Charlestown and Truro Cathedral); Ian Banbury (St Cleer); Kevan Borlase, Owen Borlase (St Dominic); Eric Bannister (St Erme); Barbara Miles, David Ralls, Juliet Thornton, Robert Thornton, Bob Tregunna (Gorran); Debbie Spittle, Martin Spittle (Gwennap); Helen Perry (Kenwyn); Hayley Young (Ladock and Truro Cathedral); Ian Young, Jonathan Young, Phil Young (Ladock and Kenwyn); Janeve Bainbridge, Christopher Hortin, Karen Johns (Lelant); Alastair Jeffery, Jane McCutchan, Andrew Queen (Liskeard); Robert Corney, Esther Jones, Sue Shadrack (Marhamchurch); Jacqueline Davis, John Davis (Mullion); Chris Davie, Christiana Hancox (Perranarworthal); Ian Self, Michael Wycherley (Redruth); Jeff Britchford, Sue Britchford (St Stephen-in-Brannel); Mary Jones (Towednack); Robert Perry (Truro Cathedral and Kenwyn); Sam Nankervis (Zennor).

Also present: Sarah Randall (non-resident life member).

43 resident members attended, representing 24 towers.

- 1 **THE PRESIDENT** opened the meeting by ringing the Guild Bell, and welcomed all present. She thanked Mr Browning for conducting the service, the organist and the local ringers for their welcome and for the refreshments to be consumed after the meeting.
- 2 **LOSS OF MEMBERS** Members stood while the Guild Secretary (Robert Perry) read the names of those members who had passed to higher service since the last meeting – Peter Burton, Ken Cooke, Terry Duke, Steve Goddard, Laurie Greer, Betty Hunter, Keith Peters, Ian Selvey-Willars, Henry Sharp and Dick Wood.
- 3 **APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE** were received from Rupert Atkins, Liza Deards, Jane Hitchens, Neil Hitchens, Christine Iles, Miranda Penhaligon, Margaret Pryor, Stan Pryor, Renfree Stephens, Doreen Sullivan, Roger Sullivan, Denise Tremain, Phil Tremain, Maire Warwick, Richard Warwick and Bill Willis. (16)
- 4 **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting, held at Week St Mary Parish Church on 14 April 2018, were taken as read, approved as a true record on the proposal of Ian Banbury and seconded by Martin Spittle and signed by the President. There were no matters arising.
- 5 **REPORTS** were presented either in person or by proxy by the President, the Treasurer (Rosie Falco), the Guild Secretary (Robert Perry), the Education Officer (Robert Pearce), the Health and Safety Officer (Robert Pearce), the Bell Restoration Officer (John Davis); the Public Relations Officer (Jane McCutchan), the Librarian (Ian Self), the Central Council Representatives (Ian Self) and the Safeguarding Officer (Sue Shadrack). Adoption of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Ian Self and seconded by Malcolm Bowers. The President thanked Jonathan Young for recording and analysing the ringing performances of the Guild, both method and call-change, during the year.

The Guild Secretary referred in his report to the retirement of Annie Holland and John Davis from their respective posts of President and Bell Restoration Officer, and thanked them for all the work which they had done in their respective areas. He also gave notice that while he was willing to accept nomination for a further year in post he would not be seeking nomination in 2020.

- 6 **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT** Annie Holland thanked the Guild for its support during her three years in office and invited nominations for the post of President. Sam Nankervis was proposed

by Carolyn Howell and seconded by Jonathan Young. There were no other nominations and Annie declared that Sam had been elected.

## 7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Other elections were held as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Guild Secretary	Robert Perry	Martin Spittle	Ian Self
Guild Treasurer	Rosie Falco	Sam Nankervis	David Ralls
Independent Examiner	Mike Cockeram	Sam Nankervis	Annie Holland
Education Officer	Robert Pearce	Ian Banbury	Kevan Borlase
Health and Safety Officer	Robert Pearce	Ian Banbury	Kevan Borlase
Public Relations Officer	Jane McCutchan	Phil Young	Sue McLaughry
Guild Librarian	Ian Self	Robert Perry	Sam Nankervis

No nomination was received for the post of Report Editor. The President commented that the Standing Committee was still considering the form of any future edition of the Guild Report and the best way in which the work necessary for its production might be carried out.

The Guild Secretary explained the position in respect of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, where there was a vacancy in the Guild's representation for the 2019 meeting of the Council, and the meeting was due to determine who its four representatives in the years 2020 – 2022 (inclusive) should be. Upon consideration of the whose members willing to represent the Guild on the Council it was noted that Helen Perry, Robert Perry and Ian Self would represent the Guild at the 2019 meeting of the Council, with one place vacant, and that for the following three years its representatives would be Robert Perry and Ian Self, with two places vacant unless they were filled at a subsequent meeting of the Guild.

- 8 **MOTIONS** Ian Banbury said that in view of the proposed forthcoming revision of the Guild's Rules with the aim inter alia of ensuring that the Guild's governance met the requirements of the Charity Commission he and his seconder (Annie Holland) would not be moving two of the motions which stood in their names (*That the Standing Committee is formed of the Guild Executive (President, Treasurer & Secretary (Secretary also being Central Council Representative)) and two representatives from each district and Rule 8.1 be amended accordingly and That the role of District Rep has a formalised Job Description*).
- 9 **MOTION** Ian Banbury proposed and Annie Holland seconded *That the quorum for a meeting of the Standing Committee be reduced to the number recommended by the Charity Commission, ie one third of the total number of charity trustees plus one, and Rule 5.6 be amended accordingly*. In support of this motion, Annie told members that the present quorum of the Standing Committee was ten members, while on the basis of the Charity Commission's recommendations it ought to be seven members. In opposing the motion, members referred to the practice of other ringing associations, and questioned whether the Standing Committee's role and responsibilities did in fact bring its members within the ambit of s 177 Charities Act 2011. After a full debate, the outgoing President put the matter to the vote, and declared the motion carried by the necessary two-thirds majority.
- 10 **MOTION** On behalf of the Standing Committee Robert Perry proposed and Annie Holland seconded *That the first sentence of Rule 6 be amended to read "The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the Saturday nine days before the Late Spring Bank Holiday or on such other date as agreed by the previous Annual General Meeting"*. This motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds majority.
- 11 **MOTION** On behalf of the Standing Committee Robert Perry proposed and Annie Holland seconded *That in Rules 6 (c) and 6 (e) the words "Peal Recorder" be omitted and replaced by the*

words “*Ringing Performance Secretary*”. This motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds majority. Jonathan Young was then elected to this position, on the proposal of Annie Holland, seconded by Robert Perry.

**12 MOTION** on behalf of the Standing Committee Robert Perry and Annie Holland seconded *That in Rules 6 (c), 6 (e) and (subject to the outcome of the Motion at Agenda Item 7) 8.1 the words “Membership Secretary” be inserted after the words “Education Officer*. This motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds majority. No nomination was received.

**13 REVISION OF GUILD RULES** Annie Holland confirmed that the Standing Committee would be proposing revisions to the Guild’s Rules, as previously mentioned.

**14 GUILD CAROL SERVICE 2019** Offers to host this event were received from both Ladock and Liskeard. Annie expressed the Guild’s thanks to both towers, and after discussion it was agreed to accept the invitation from Liskeard.

**15 PLACE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020** The Guild Secretary invited the Guild to hold its AGM in 2020 at Kenwyn Parish Church. This offer was accepted with thanks.

**16 GUILD MAILING LIST AND GUILD WEBSITE** Annie Holland reported on the arrangements to ensure the continued functionality of the Guild mailing list and of the Guild website. As far as the latter was concerned, Martin Spittle, Christina Hancox and Bill Willis would be assuming responsibility for its ongoing well-being.

**17 ELECTION OF NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS** The Guild Secretary read the names of the three people who had been elected as non-resident life members since the previous meeting – William P Carew, John P Lagdon and Matthew W Thewsey.

**18 LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES** The Guild Secretary read the names of the ten members who had been awarded Long Service Certificates since the previous meeting – Nicola Boase (Helston), Ian Hoskin (Tuckingmill) and Roger Nott (Helston) (**all 25 years**), Robin Woods (St Mellion) (**40 years**), Alec Bawden (St Mewan), Revd Canon Malcolm Bowers (the Diocese at large) and Rosemary Pengelly (Egloskerry and North Petherwin) (**all 60 years**), Roy Sanders (North Petherwin) and Hedley Stevens (Landewednack) (**both 70 years**) and Charles Taylor (Marhamchurch) (**75 years**). Annie Holland presented Malcolm Bowers with his Certificate, to applause from all present.

**19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ian Self reminded the meeting that he would welcome contributions to the next issue of An Clogh.

It was confirmed that all ringers were eligible to undertake safeguarding training at level C0, and everyone was encouraged to do so.

Helen Perry expressed the thanks of the Guild to Annie Holland for her services during her three years in office as president, and the meeting showed its appreciation with applause.

There being no further business Annie Holland invited Sam Nankervis to come forward and he was invested with the President’s badge, to applause from all present. The New President declared the meeting closed at 4.18 pm, following which all availed themselves of splendid refreshments provided by the ringers of Gorran. Further ringing took place afterwards at Gorran.

President  
16 May 2020