



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 18th June 2020 by Zoom**

Present: Ian Avery, Joanne Tucker, Christine Ley, William Carew, James Kerslake, Lee Avery, Keith Bavin, John Lock, Sue Ashton, James Steer, Andrew Steer, Ian Fielding, Michael Adams, Charles Conibear, Julia Jarvis, Graham Sharland, Colin Adams, John Barnes and James Grant with John Dietz and Paul Hext via telephone.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Chairman Ian Avery welcomed all members in attendance and opened the meeting at 19.38
Apologies had been received from Tim Jones, Barry Osborne, Margaret White and Gerald Arscott

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20th February 2020

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes and the Chair duly signed them as a true document.
(*Nb: the signed copy needs to be filed in the minutes book at some point*)

3. Outstanding Items

a) Trophy Refurbishment

Ian Avery reported that due to the constraints of the current situation we are in with the Covid-19 pandemic lock down this item will be ongoing. **Action: Ian Avery**

b) Long Service Award

The 50 years of service certificate due to be presented to Loxhore ringer Chris Golds in March has had to be postponed, again due to Covid-19

4. Reports

a) Treasurers Report

Christine Ley reported officially taking over the role of Treasurer following the last committee meeting in February 2020 at which time there were 96 towers affiliated. The number currently stands at 140. Her ambition to have it at 160 by now has though been hampered by Covid-19.

The Nat West Current account stands at £2,845.13 and the NSI account holds £3,064.80 giving a total of £5,909.93

At this point in the meeting the provider of our web site and Web Master James Kerslake reported he is now being invoiced for the site on a monthly basis but agreed the treasurer could settle with him annually.

b) Publicity Officer and c) Training Officer

This item also includes item 8 from the February minutes – Association Outreach

The chairman reported there had been many informal discussions around how to move forward with this conundrum and this was followed with a lot of discussion within this meeting about how it might be resolved with many and good suggestions made by various members.

Andrew Steer reported that when he had raised the matter with them the younger ringers felt the role of Publicity Officer was too great for any one individual to take on. The upshot though is that unless people actually get to sit around the same table, or as is most likely in front of their computers on a Zoom meeting, little will be achieved. To this end it was unanimously agreed by the members present that an invitation should be put out via email (committee members), the Association Web Site and Face Book (for the wider membership) to join a temporary discussion group meeting (*date yet to be set*) with the intention of being able to report back at the next committee meeting in September 2020 with proposals on how to achieve the aims of being able to provide a cohesive training program alongside the promotion of the Association and Devon Call Change Ringing. **Action: Ian Avery, James Kerlake and Joanne Tucker** (ONGOING)

d) Devon Calls

Colin Adams reported he has the July edition of Devon Calls in draft which should be ready for printing and distribution by early July. He was very pleased to have received a good amount of late copy which should boost the edition from a planned 8 pages to 12. Following the Treasurer's sterling efforts at encouraging more towers to affiliate, the printing requirements are now IRO 140 copies. He thanked Chris Ley for distributing the last edition to all towers, individual members and paid up advertisers by post.

He also asked for committee members to spread the word that he is keen for any feedback on the magazine – the good and the maybe not so good.

e) Bell Advisor Posts

Graham Sharland reported that he had visited Milton Abbot with Victoria Tucker to advise them on publicity and fundraising matters in relation to their Bell restoration project; Littlehempston to look at their installation and a couple of issues they had; East Anstey with Keith Bavin as they are hoping to undertake some restoration work on the bells there and finally Manaton.

Both Jim Steer and Keith Bavin have been doing what they could to assist various towers throughout the region with both tower visits and fundraising advice.

f) Central Council Church Bell Ringers

Jo Tucker reported that the Council has been working hard to produce guidance for towers with regards to when we go back ringing again, although when that might be is still an unknown. It is all available on their web site but if emailed information specifically as one of the Associations representatives, the information is posted on the DAR one as well. She also reminded the committee that the Central Council are a huge resource at our disposal, with a wealth of experience and advice on recruitment, retention, training etc and that they do seem to be looking at Devon Call Change ringing with great interest, seeing it as an aid to those same issues that the ringing world in general is prey to. Their Annual Conference in September will be held virtually and she hopes to be able to attend!

g) Fund raising Officer

Julia Jarvis reported that unfortunately with all the tickets printed and 50% distributed already, this year's draw had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Any tickets sold will be refunded, replaced or

entered into next year's draw instead. She has managed to secure a good deal from the printers for 2021

5. Competitions 2020

Proposed by Ian Avery, Seconded by Lee Avery it was agreed by all, with much regret that it would be necessary to cancel the Devon Eight Bell competition that was due to be held in September.

Also to transfer all the cancelled competition towers directly to next year as suggested by Andrew Steer. This was what had happened in the year of Foot and Mouth. *Action: Andrew Steer & Will Carew.*

Will congratulated James on a well-run Novice competition in March this year, which just squeaked in before lock down commenced.

6. Proposal to extend the President's Term of Office

It having been such a quiet time and following due consultation with the President and Vice President, it was proposed by John Barnes, seconded by John Lock and agreed by all, to extend Sue Ashton's Term of Office for another 12 months.

7. Correspondence

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8. Committee Members Reports

None

9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September 2020 via Zoom.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:49

Joanne Tucker
Honorary Secretary