



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM

Present: Ian Avery (Chairman), Rachel Avery (Honorary Secretary), John Barnes, James Grant, Charles Conibear, Lee Avery, John Staddon, Christine Ley (Honorary Treasurer), Andrew Steer, Ian Fielding, Julia Jarvis and James Steer.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Chairman Ian Avery welcomed all members in attendance and opened the meeting at 19.35. Apologies had been received from Michael Adams, Colin Adams, John Dietz, Margaret White and Graham Sharland.

2. Minutes of 17 June 2021 and 16 September 2021

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes and the Chairman would duly sign them as a true document at the next face to face meeting. (Proposed by John Staddon, seconded by Andrew Steer).

3. Outstanding Items from the AGM:

a) Election of Vice President

Consideration was given to the position of Vice President, whilst being noted that the candidate should be from the South. It was RESOLVED that Suzanne Driscoll would be asked if she would like to take the position. (Proposed by Christine Ley, seconded by Andrew Steer).

Action: Honorary Secretary to contact candidate.

4. Long Service Awards

It was NOTED that a Long Service Award register should be created to ensure that the Association are aware of who has received an award. It was NOTED that two ringers are reaching a 70-year milestone and should be given an award.

Action: Publicity Officer to obtain award certificate and bring together names of those in receipt of award in past years.

5. Remit of the sub-committee originally set up to consider the constitution

Ian Avery provided an overview of how the sub-committee is useful to call a smaller group of people together in order to discuss various issues on an ad-hoc idea.

It was RESOLVED that the sub-committee would continue to work on various issues, undertaking the majority of required work in order for the committee to make decisions with the required information. (Proposed by John Staddon, seconded by Lee Avery).

Ian Fielding stated that the amendments to the areas needed to be included within the constitution so that the constitution is ready for approval at the next AGM.

It was NOTED that the sub-committee members are John Staddon, Ian Fielding, Lee Avery, Graham Sharland, James Kerslake and Ian Avery.

6. CCCBR regarding affiliation fees

It was NOTED that the DAR are currently unable to provide an accurate number of members, and this is difficult for the CCCBR to allocate affiliation fees as they do for other societies/associations.

It was NOTED that the current representatives to the CCCBR are Tim Jones and Jo Tucker and they would be asked if they wished to continue in the role.

It was RESOLVED that the sub-committee would discuss the relationship between the DAR and CCCBR and the affiliation fees. (Proposed by John Staddon, seconded by Andrew Steer).

James Steer joined the meeting at 20.08.

7. Update on the creation of a '300 Club'

Julia Jarvis reported that she had opened a new bank account specifically for the 300 Club. The monthly prizes were APPROVED (proposed by James Grant, seconded by Lee Avery) as follows:

£25.00 x 11 months

£200, £75, £50 x 1 month (December).

8. Treasurers Report

Christine Ley reported that the Natwest account held £2834.70 and the NS&I account held £3087.12, totalling £5921.82.

9. Publicity Officers Report

John Staddon reported that he continued to send CCCBR information where relevant and had sent out a poster regarding the upcoming novice competition.

10. Training Officers Report

It was NOTED that Graham Sharland was not in attendance.

It was NOTED that some towers had asked about splicing and maintenance courses in the Exeter area.

Action: Graham Sharland to investigate.

11. Devon Calls Report

In Colin Adams' absence, the secretary reported the following on his behalf:

'Copies of the early 2022 edition of Devon Calls, together with 2022 Year Cards will be distributed shortly.'

The magazine contains six advertisements. This amounts to a total annual income of £90.00 being received. The magazine could accommodate one or two more advertisers to help further off-set the running costs. I have tried, and will continue to try and attract more advertisers but, if any committee member can think of a company worth trying I will be grateful if they will let me know.

I hope the magazine is seen to give value for money. If anyone has any ideas about how the content may be improved I hope they will let me know.'

12. Competitions 2022

Andrew Steer reported that we have received 5 entries for the novice competition so far. Consideration was given to the Devon 6-Bell, and the concern at lack of teams entering due to the continuing concerns of Covid-19. It was NOTED that the secretary would create a poster to advertise that competitions are returning.

It was NOTED that dates of upcoming competitions are not on the website.

Action: James Kerslake to update website accordingly.

13. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

14. Agenda items for June Committee meeting

It was NOTED that the sub-committee would start to direct the agenda, but the following items were requested:

- constitution
- future proofing and reenergising post Covid-19

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting would be held on Thursday 16 June 2022 at Whiddon Down Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42.

Rachel Avery - Honorary Secretary