



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

Present: Ian Avery (Chairman), Rachel Avery (Honorary Secretary), Christine Ley (Honorary Treasurer), James Steer, Andrew Steer, Julia Jarvis, Tim Jones, Ian Fielding, John Barnes, James Grant and James Kerslake.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Chairman Ian Avery welcomed all members in attendance and opened the meeting at 19.33. Apologies had been received from Colin Adams, Christine Ley, Charles Conibear, John Staddon, Margaret White, John Dietz, Graham Sharland and Lee Avery.

2. Minutes of 16 June 2022

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes and the Chairman duly signed the minutes. (Proposed by James Steer, seconded by Tim Jones).

3. To discuss 8-Bell Competition arrangements

It was **resolved** to cancel the 8-Bell Competition due to a lack of date availability. (Proposed by Ian Avery, seconded by Ian Fielding).

4. To consider and agree amendments to the constitution for ratification at the Annual General Meeting

Consideration was given to each amendment and were agreed unanimously. It was agreed that a clear document would be included with the AGM paperwork. (Proposed by Christine Ley, seconded by Andrew Steer).

5. To discuss a complaint made to the ICO regarding personal data and to agree any future actions

The complaint was noted. It was resolved that a Data Processing Policy and Form and complaints procedure should be drafted for approval at the AGM. A complaint had been received regarding the Honorary Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary left the room whilst the complaint was discussed.

It was **noted** that the Chairman would contact the complainant regarding a resolution, for further consideration.

6. To discuss plans for the Annual General Meeting

It was **resolved** that there would be open towers from 13.00, with the AGM commencing at 16.00. After the meeting, there would be food, drinks and a quiz. (Proposed by Ian Avery, seconded by Christine Ley).

7. To discuss and agree any actions relating to officer vacancies due for renewal at the Annual General Meeting

It was noted that the positions of North and South Secretary, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Webmaster would be vacant. Concerns were raised about the future of the Association, but the vacancies would be advertised prior to any discussion.

8. To discuss 2023 competition locations

The following locations had been either requested or put forward:

South Devon Qualifier or Major Final – Buckland in the Moor

8-Bell – Plympton St Maurice

Novice – Tiverton St Pauls.

A poster would be circulated requesting towers and members would make enquiries.

9. To discuss the purchase of new badges

It was resolved to obtain quotes for 100 badges, with a centenary badge being designed additionally. (Proposed by James Kerslake, seconded by Julia Jarvis).

10. To consider initial plans for the Centenary Year

It was **resolved** to defer this item to the February meeting. (Proposed by Ian Avery, seconded by James Steer).

11. To receive an update on the Lottery

Julia Jarvis reported that she had sold 180 numbers and anticipated a total profit of approximately £1400 to be paid to the Devon Bell Restoration Fund in March 2023.

12. Treasurers Report

The following bank balances were noted:

NS&I account: £3087.12

Natwest: £1905.51.

It was **noted** that an increase in affiliation fees would be added to the AGM agenda.

13. Publicity Officers Report

John Staddon reported that he continues to send out information to all affiliated towers.

14. Training Officers Report

It was noted that a training event for Marlborough had been arranged by Graham Sharland.

15. Central Council Report

Tim Jones' report had been circulated prior to the meeting and forms appendix two of the minutes. It was resolved that the Association only needed one representative for the Central Council. (Proposed by Tim Jones, seconded by James Steer).

16. Devon Calls Report

It was **resolved** that the Year Card would form part of the Devon Calls this year, rather than as a separate insert. (Proposed by Christine Ley, seconded by James Grant).

17. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

18. To agree agenda items for February Committee meeting

It was requested that the DAR Centenary year be added to the agenda.

19. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting would be held on Thursday 16 February 2023 at Whiddon Down Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.28.

Rachel Avery - Honorary Secretary