

SUGCR AGM 2009

27/04/09

Location: The Museum pub

Meeting commenced: 2150

1. Apologies for absence

Sue Burchell, Tim Jarvis, Simon Smith.

2. Minutes from the last AGM

These were agreed and passed as an accurate record of last year's AGM.

3. Matters arising

A account money

The money left in the A account at the end of the year is taken back by the union. We requested for it to be saved to pay for next year's Ringing World subscription, however the union have taken it back anyway. We will apply to the Societies Extra Fund to replace this loss.

Alumni Foundation money

We are still due the £410 grant from the Alumni Foundation. Sarah will chase this up.

4. Chair's report (Claire Monk)

The year has been a smooth one, with no major disasters and a very successful dinner weekend! The events which we have run throughout the year have been well attended by students and a few (wonderful!) alumni, however it would be good to get more support from those who live locally.

The new alumni email address has been working well to keep everyone in touch, and the website is looking good – just need to keep it updated with the 50th stuff which is in progress.

Lots of ringing has been going on since the anniversary which has been a combined effort of current and alumni members, and hopefully we'll get another article in the Ringing World to follow the 50th one a while ago.

The dinner was a great success with 116 people attending, an amazing cake, many speakers, t shirts mugs and a million other things so a MASSIVE well one to everyone and I hope all who attended enjoyed themselves.

NUA was ace with a good turn out and a minibus which meant everyone had fun :0)

5. Master's report (John Prebble)

In the past year we have been ringing a variety of methods with ringing from plain hunt up to surprise major. All of the ringers have made progress this year and hopefully this will continue in the next year. There have been several quarter peals and peals rung during this year for the 50th anniversary. I would also like to thank the alumni and local ringers for their support in the past year.

6. Treasurer's report (Sarah Green)

Total B Account: £648.51

- Summer tour: + £50
- Easter tour: -£8
- Subs: £55
- Other minor costs have included the poster to be displayed at the Society Awards where we are nominated as other society of the year, there is the possibility of re-using this at the start of next year at the societies fair.
- Union Funding: £50, this has paid for next years subscription to the ringing world in advance.
- We have paid for all of the tours and transport ourselves this year (except £8 from the easter tour) as this was thought to be one reason why our funds were low. We are yet to decide if this will continue, or, as we are now in a better position if SUGCR will go back to subsidising tours.

50th Dinner Sales

- Tickets sold: 116.
- Profit: (£396 + £410 =) £806

(Due to £100 off ceiledh, 16 x £9= £144 profit (as over 100 tickets), the remaining profit was planned as we received far less funding off the union this year and due to the loss on the Dinner last year. The alumni foundation grant lowered our costs).

- A big thank you to the Alumni Foundation who donated £410 to the costs of the 50th Anniversary Weekend. As it had not been decided whether we were to receive this funding before pricing the tickets, the extra costs were priced into the tickets. We have used this money for the weekend as that is what it was given for although haven't been given it yet...
- Raffle: £160
- Mugs: At present running at a slight loss as we need to sell 59 (out of 72) mugs to break even, I don't think many more need to be sold for this to provide a slight profit and this can be on going.
- Clothing: - £3.42
Minor loss caused as the pricing was slightly low and did not account enough for the higher price of clothing in larger sizes. The next batch is set at the same prices although includes some smaller sizes which will hopefully result in them breaking even.

7. Tower Maintenance report

Slider

A new slider was put onto the 4th and the old slider from the 4th was fitted to the 3rd. This was to reduce how deepset the 3rd was.

Washer

The washer on the 7th needs changing. John will do the work.

Annual Maintenance check

This year St Marie's paid for Taylors to come and give the bells a maintenance check. It was decided for this to continue annually to ensure that the bells never get into a bad condition. It is hard to do the maintenance amongst the students due to a high turnover and lack of expertise. Richard mentioned that in the past other people had done maintenance on the bells. Claire will check previous AGM minutes to see if there is another contract in place.

Maintenance book

There is a maintenance book kept in the tower and it is important that this is filled in with any work that is done in the tower. This is important so that new students can see what has been done in the past and if there are any problems. It will be the Vice Master's job to check and update the logbook.

8. Election of officers

New Officer

The union has introduced a new compulsory committee position: Inclusion Officer. This can be taken on by a person already with a committee post, or by another person. The officer's job is trying to accommodate minority groups into the society, such as disabled students or religious groups. There will be training provided by the union for this position, as well as the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer posts.

Chair: Sarah Green (Seconded by Dan Richardson)

Sarah Green nominated.

Master: Dan Richardson (Seconded by Claire Monk)

Other nomination: John Prebble. Seconded by Pete Mansbridge

Vice Master: Claire Monk (Seconded by Jenny Crabtree)

Other nomination: John Prebble. Seconded by Emily Armitage

Secretary: John Prebble (Seconded by Claire Monk)

Treasurer: Helen Scarf (Seconded by Jenny Crabtree)

Inclusion Officer: Sarah Green (Seconded by Clare Monk)

A secret ballot was carried out and the committee were elected by majority vote.

It is presumed that the webmaster wishes to continue his role as nothing has been heard otherwise.

9. Election of new tower correspondent

Simon Smith is moving away at the end of June, Simon Reading was elected to be the new tower correspondent. Claire will notify Simon S. of the new officer.

10. AOB

Ringling World Diary

The Ringling World Diary for next year will not have a specific person as the SUGCR contact, just the email address and union postal address. This will prevent out of date details.

Guild report

The Sunday service ringing times are incorrect in the Guild Report and need to be changed for next year. Simon Reading will sort this.

Branch mailing list

None of the current SUGCR students are on the branch mailing list. Claire will ensure that sugcr@shef.ac.uk is added to the list.

100th SUGCR peal

The aim of 100 peals for the 50th year is coming along well. However we are still a few short. We want the 100th peal to be special – possibly a band of current students, or a band of regular St Marie's ringers – and to be rung at St Marie's.

Claire will send an email to the Guild to find out details of any peals that have been organised and ensure that the total reaches 99. Dan will organise the 100th peal.

Weddings in the summer

It was noted that SUGCR students do not tend to get asked to ring for weddings at St Marie's over the summer. Simon Reading agreed to ask students first, and Claire will send him an email list to ensure this.

Payment for tours

This year students have stood the cost of tours rather than claiming money from the union. This has been successful and it was decided that this will continue to ensure that the society money does not run out. If there is a large cost for a tour (eg. hire of a hall or minibus) this may be subsidised by the society, but this will be decided as need arises.

Ringling World collection

Currently the Ringling World is not collected regularly from the Source. This will now be the Secretary's job to collect it weekly.

Activities Awards

SUGCR is nominated for the 'other interests society of the year' award. The awards ceremony is on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm. There will be no ringing on this night so it is suggested that as many SUGCR students as possible attend. Tickets can be bought from the Box Office for £6.

Committee meetings

It was suggested that committee meetings should be held on a regular basis, so the meetings will now be held once a month.

Ringling over the next few weeks

There will be no ringing on the 4th or 25th May due to Bank Holidays

There is also no ringing on 11th May due to a concert in the chapel across from the church.

The next Give It A Go is on 18th May.

Meeting closed: 2255.