



THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS LEWISHAM DISTRICT

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held at Chelsfield on 9th January 2010

1. Apologies for Absence

19 people attended the meeting. It should be noted that the weather was extremely poor and the committee would like to thank those who made the effort.

Apologies for absence were received from David Macey and Helen and Peter Valuks (Beckenham), Chris Webb and David Brown (Bromley), Rupert and Cathy Cheeseman (Crayford) and Esther Correia (Dartford)

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Jim Rooke said that he hadn't received the new clothing catalogue mentioned in the last KCACR Committee Report at the October meeting

The raffle held at the October meeting raised £48. Brenda Barton mentioned that there would be another raffle at the next Annual Meeting and that she would collect prizes at forthcoming District Meetings.

Pending this amendment the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Ross Hartley; Seconded: Lesley Barclay.

3. Election of new members

The following new member was elected:

New Member	Tower	Proposed By	Seconded By
Naomi Valuks	Beckenham	Helen Valuks	David Macey

4. 120 Club Results

Due to the inclement weather, the December 120 Club draw was delayed until the January Quarterly Meeting

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	89	Sue Cameron	Unattached
1 st	67	Pauline Morley	Eltham
2 nd	82	Barry Macey	Foots Cray
2 nd	20	Yvonne Wright	Sidcup
3 rd	85	Jan Odell	Foots Cray

3 rd	57	Deryck Jones	Dartford
4 th	116	120 Club	
4 th	64	Ken Gristwood	Bromley Common

	Number	Name	Tower
1 st	63	Chris Lawrence	Bromley Common
2 nd	113	120 Club	
3 rd	104	120 Club	
4 th	15	Ian Nurdin	Ash-by-Wrotham

5. KCACR Committee Meeting Report

- Brenda Barton reported that District reports were awaited from the Lewisham and Maidstone Districts. It was agreed that these would include an item on training in the District.
- Following the recent auditing of the 2008 accounts it was decided that endowment funds be handed back to the relevant tower/district. It was noted that the A G Hill Memorial Fund fell into the category (see below).
- The webmaster requested more articles for publication.
- The Child Protection Rules and Policy are being redrafted.
- The Bell Restoration Team's risk assessment procedures have been modified. The template for risk assessment has not yet been modified.
- The Central Council are organising a course entitled 'Teaching People to Teach Bell Handling' on 6th March 2010. No venue was mentioned.
- The Training Officer and Publicity Officer roles are still vacant.
- The KCACR display boards are now kept at Leeds. Contact Tim Munt if you wish to utilise them. A diary will be appearing on the website.
- Competitions:
 - The Essex Trophy team is being organised by Ian Mills. Please contact him if you are interested in being in the team.
 - The County Eight Bell Competition will be held in Canterbury District (possibly at Eastry) on 26th June 2010.
 - The County Six Bell Competition will be held in Lewisham District on 25th September 2010.
 - If your tower is interested in hosting either the Six Bell Competition this year or the Eight Bell Competition next year please mention it to the committee.
- If you or a member of your tower is approaching their 50 year continuous membership please notify the District Secretary.
- The rules state each district has to appoint a Secretary and two District Reps. The County Committee suggested they needed to know when one of these positions was going to go unfilled.
- The next KCACR Committee meeting will be on 27th February.
- The Ringing World centenary is in 2011. They are requesting that all London towers be open on 26th March 2011. There was no definition forthcoming for what exactly constitutes a London tower.

6. A G Hill Memorial Fund

- Rachel Backhouse gave a history of the fund, which amounts to just over £100 and was left to buy books for the learners of Lewisham District. A debate was held on what to do with the money.
- Rachel suggested that we buy three sets of the most useful of the Central Council publications, to be held at three towers across the district.
- Ross Hartley said that most towers probably had some of those books and suggested the fund should be used to fill gaps in each tower library.
- Brenda Barton mentioned she had found 'Ringing Circles' very useful and suggested we buy one copy of this book for each tower.
- Lesley Barclay expressed the opinion that every tower should get something from the fund.
- The meeting decided that the money should be spent on books. It was decided that each tower should be contacted by the District Secretary to see what books they have and a final decision would be made in April. Proposed: Mark Backhouse; Seconded: Sue Cameron.

7. AOB

- Handbook Returns
 - The Secretary reminded everyone that KCACR handbook forms should be returned to him by 22nd January at the latest
- District Quarter Peal Week
 - The Secretary also asked that towers forward their plans for District Quarter Peal Week to the organising committee (quarterweek@lewishamdistrict.org.uk) so that they can coordinate extra ringers if any are needed.
 - Lesley Barclay asked if the Quarter Peal Week was going to be an annual event and if so, could half term week be avoided next year.
 - Mark Backhouse drew attention to the fact that, as their bells will be out of action during the Quarter Peal Week, Ash-by-Wrotham had rung a quarter peal early, as their contribution to the event.
- County Subs
 - Rachel Backhouse reminded everyone that county subs are now due.
- 120 Club
 - Rachel Backhouse announced the 120 Club will be restarting in April and tower will be receiving entry forms shortly.
- Date of January Meeting 2011
 - Sue Allport asked that the District Meeting in 2011 be moved back a week (to the 15th January) to allow more time for production of the newsletter. The meeting generally approved of this idea and it was agreed that it would be raised at the Annual Meeting in October, when meeting dates are set.

- Training Day
 - The Training Officer appealed for more helpers for the training day on the 16th January.
- District Call Change Competition Trophy
 - The Secretary raised the point that the District Call Change Competition Trophy (The Arthur Richards Trophy) was looking rather tired and had almost run out of room on it's base for any more winners. He suggested that the trophy should either be refurbished or replaced.
 - Jon Fry said a number of West Wickham ringers remember Arthur Richards and expressed an opinion that the original cup should be kept. The meeting agreed with these sentiments.
 - Ross Hartley proposed that a £10 entry fee be levied at the District Call Change Competition this year and the funds used to refurbish the cup and provide a new base to take the additional winners. The meeting passed this proposal by vote. Proposed: Ross Hartley; Seconded: Brenda Barton.
 - The Secretary agreed to have a quote prepared for the work.

8. Vote of Thanks

- The meeting expressed a vote of thanks to Ann Blatcher for conducting the service, to Gwen Bowen for playing the organ and to the Chelsfield band for organising the tea. Proposed: Jim Rooke; Seconded Sue Allport.