

HRGB West Midland region

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at Lower Broadheath Village Hall

1. Apologies for absence

Keith Hemming, St James Harvington H R, Ruth and Kevin Hewison, Tom Oldershaw, Lindsay Trevarthan, Wendy and Alan Walters, Rowena and Stephen Shipley, Jenny Barraclough, Louise Robinson.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

These were agreed as an accurate record subject to Jean Lloyd's name being deleted from the list of apologies for absence.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Officers' reports

4.1 The chairman reported that

- three committee meetings had been held plus one extraordinary meeting. Minutes of committee meetings can be viewed on the region's website once they have been approved.
- he expressed regret that 3 committee members had tendered their resignation including one who had undergone safeguarding training and did not wish to continue as a safeguarding officer.
- 131 members have renewed their membership including two new members and a new team.
- sadly, the DWMW had to be cancelled due to lack of support.
- actions need to be considered to try and improve attendance by members at regional events.

4.2 The acting secretary listed some of the work she had carried out e.g. finding a team to play at various public events, circulation of various items of correspondence to members, including a questionnaire for members to complete on their particular ringing skills. She expressed disappointment that very few independent members and team correspondents take the trouble to acknowledge receipt of and respond to correspondence circulated.

4.3 A copy of the Accounts had been circulated before the meeting. David Hampson highlighted some of the significant items of income and expenditure.

There were no questions relating to the accounts.

5. Approval of the accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report

It was unanimously agreed that the Accounts be accepted. The Independent Examiner certified that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with the books, information and explanations given to him. The accounts have been sent to the National Treasurer.

6. Election of officers

Only one nomination for each of the three offices had been received. The following persons were considered elected without the need for a vote.

6.1 Chair: Richard Hartnell

6.2 Secretary: Margaret Moss

6.3 Treasurer: David Hampson

6.4 Wendy Hartwright, Liz Smith and Janice Sheasby were happy to continue serving as committee members. Diane Dolley and Jane Smith were invited and agreed to become additional committee members.

6.5 David Hampson felt that being a non-ringer as an NEC representative, he wasn't able to contribute to discussions on ringing matters at meetings and decided it would be better if he stood down. Richard Hartnell agreed to take his place. *(David has since given the matter further consideration and has agreed to rescind his decision to stand down and support Richard in the role).*

6.6 There were no volunteers to undertake the role of Sales Table manager.

6.7 Jenny is happy to continue as website administrator.

7. A.O.B.

- Richard is happy to continue producing the newsletter (one copy per year) and aims to have the next one ready for circulation later in the year.
- A diary of dates for 2024 -2025 has been produced and is ready for circulation shortly. *These have now been circulated*
- A set of handbells is included in a list of items advertised for sale in an article viewed by Liz Smith. She agreed to make further enquiries.

8. Date of next meeting

Saturday 1st March 2025 with the venue to be arranged.

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 1.00 pm