

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – EUCRS AGM – St. David's Church

### 19:08 – Meeting Opens

**Present:** Vicki Abrams, Daisy Atkin, Rosie Illingworth, Alice Holden, Emma Cross, Andrew Browne, Kerensa Harvey, Martin Gentile, John Underhill, Ludwig, Jimmi Kerlake

**Apologies:** Richard Johnson, Stephanie Hills. James Bennett would like to apologise for everything he has done, all he is doing, and anything he will do.

#### 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

- a) One per learner books need to be bought. This has not been sorted since previous AGM.

Steph says she will sort this out – they will be purchased because finances are looking good – 5 to be purchased.

- b) Website needs to be updated in terms of both context and design – James Bennett will look at this and speak to Matt Hilling.

As explained, the amount of consideration required is also under consideration – ie, nothing has yet been done!

- c) Any income that goes through the Students' Guild will now be subject to 20% VAT. Query new bank account with St. David's tower/ECG.

Still the case – we have a separate bank account for anything which doesn't need to go through the Student Guild bank account.

- d) James Whittaker objects to this as ECG is a charity and is exempt from VAT. However we are operating as the EUCRS. James suggests that an ECG bank account is set up.

See above.

- e) Steph points out that she wishes for the dinner to remain with the students and does want it to be taken over by anyone else.

- f) Richard suggests waiting until the Students' Guild actually know what is happening, we lay low. The Guild are seemingly unsure about what is going on as well, so we shall wait and possibly have an EGM.

EGM wasn't held as the student's guild still don't know what's going on.

Minutes accepted as accurate.

#### 2. President's Summary of last year's activities:

- a) Round Ringing Novice Competition won by Exeter St. David's with an almost all student band. Sadly we have to give back the trophy but we aim to win again!
- b) JExeter tour was held in Bath, organised by Bristol. Easy to get to on the train and enjoyed by all. Date for next year's has been set for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- c) Beach BBQ was well attended and included some brave souls dipping into the sea. Date for next year's has been set for May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Intake of freshers was OK this year – we have had 2 international students which is both a blessing and a curse as they will be leaving soon.
- e) SUA was attended by Steph in Bristol this year. Next year's SUA should be well publicised and people encouraged to attend more.
- f) Curry social was replaced by Grich's birthday meal and a trip to the bridge – very successful.
- g) Hallowe'en Dessert Social was well attended with excellent nosh provided by all.
- h) Christmas dinner was held in the White Hart – not as good as in previous years and £77 was taken off the bill after complaining (see treasurer's report) to be put back into the St. David's Tower Fund. Suggestions for a different venue next year.
- i) Annual Dinner was held at the Thistle and was heralded a great success with some excellent ringing and guest speeches. The outing was good, but next year it has been suggested that we phone through food orders to the pub in the morning to make sure lunch is served timely.
- j) Pancake Party was very well attended with much tossing by all. A very enjoyable event – thanks must go to Andrew Withers at this point for giving up his house for both 'house' socials this past year.
- k) Handbells have been going well with progress made by all involved. Quarters and peals have been rung.
- l) Tower ringing is going well with progress being made by most in the tower. Quarters and one peal have been rung since March last year.
- m) Overall impression of this past year – very good, enjoyable and keeping the society in repute. Would like more contact with Bristol and the Plymouth Youths in future for joint events.
- n) **Futher Questions:**
  - **ADVERTISING:** Martin stated we should advertise on Campanophile – we do. Kerensa: we still need to advertise; Andrew Browne: the advertising still wasn't very good.  
Daisy: due to problems with the Student Guild.  
Emma: people should still be around to flier.  
Andrew: posters – there were some.  
Kerensa: noise more important – fliers just get put in the bin – use the hand bells? Need people that are happy and confident to do so. But would be a very good idea. We do have a limited number of teachers.
  - **Problems with food orders at outing** – Jimi pointed out that there were more covers than we had said, which would explain the delay.

Emma – people wouldn't be impressed if 50 people turned up in the morning – need to reserve/ phone ahead orders in the morning?

Jimi – spread out to different pubs?

Daisy – people want to socialise; Martin – worked fine in the past; Jimi – find a weatherspoons.

- **What's going to happen to the handbell practice?** Evening practice hopefully to be set up BUT responsibility of Matt Hilling and the president.

### 3. Treasurer's Report: See attached paper.

#### a) Further questions:

- **Jimi would like to thank the ECG, as a representative of the tower, for the generous donation.**
- **The money in the student's guild will be used for books, outings, etc.**
- **Vicky: who has control of the ECG account?** Matt Hilling – constant presence – ECG general secretary. So we need to maintain relations with him.
- **James: Was any money taken out of the EUCRS account for the dinner?** No – they are entirely separate accounts. Essentially the ECG account is the dinner account.
- **Jimi: why is there only 3 months on the ECG account?** Because there was nothing in the account before then.
- **Why does the EUCRS account have minus figures?** We're NOT in the red – just ignore it – it's how much we have to spend.

### 4. Election of committee members for 2013/2014:

**James is to be responsible for counting votes. Only current students can vote.**

**President: Martin Gentile: Proposed by Vicky Abrams; Seconded by Kerensa Harvey. For: 8, Abstentions: 2, RON: 0**

**Secretary: Alice Holden: Proposed by Daisy Atkin; Seconded by Emma Cross. For: 9, Abstentions: 1, RON: 0**

**Treasurer: Andrew Browne: Proposed by Daisy Atkin; Seconded by Emma Cross. For: 9, Abstentions: 1, RON: 0.**

**Round of applause for the new committee.**

**Jimi: extra positions surely need to be filled?**

No they don't: committee has all the positions required. If anyone wants to take it on, they can at the beginning of next year.

### 5. Any other business:

- a. **Martin: where we stand on ringing etiquette?** Tower captain runs the ringing. If someone is in charge of a touch, no-one else should jump in except with the prior arrangement of the conductor.

Daisy – health and safety: not having someone jump in if there's an issue can be dangerous.

Jimi: that's totally different – about etiquette, not health and safety. As tower captain, Jimi retains the right anyway.

Daisy: Is stealing thunder a real reason to not shout?

Emma: Does agree that shouting repeatedly is wrong – adds to confusion. With a lot of people learning to ring, many people jump in at the same time.

Andrew disagrees – if someone tells you you're doing wrong, you're happy that they want to help.

Daisy agrees with Andrew.

- b. Kerensa Harvey proposes a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee. Seconded by Andrew Browne.**
- c. Daisy Atkin returns the thanks.**

**Meeting Closed – 19:46.**