



HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

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NORTH EAST REGION

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**Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting
held at
The Town Hall, Grassington
on Saturday 13th May 2023 at 11.45 am**

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, John Atkinson welcomed members and visitors from other regions, East Anglia, South West, South East, East Midlands and North West. An apology for absence was received from Christine Lazenby

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Jane Lynch (Bingley Ringers) and seconded by Roger Lazenby (Treble Eight) that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. This was agreed unanimously and a copy of the minutes signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive the report of the Regional Treasurer

We as a Region had a donation of a set of bells the Wharfedale Bells and this donation isn't reflected in the earlier published accounts and should have been entered as an income/donation value of £9180.00 taking this donation into account at the close of business on 31 December 2022 the society had made a Net Income/Expenditure of £ 9344.06

There is also a slight adjustment to - HRGB Sales Card Reader should be £65.30

Both these amendments have been given to and accepted by our National Treasurer Anthony Hayes.

As Regional Treasurer I have prepared the North East Region's Accounts in line with the requirements - Statement of Recommended Practice as laid down by the HRGB's National Treasurer and these regional accounts form part of the consolidated accounts of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. The format of this year's accounts is in line with the recommendations of the National Treasurer.

The Accounts have been prepared and have been examined by our Regional Examiner of the Accounts (Mr David Hepworth) and are before you today for adoption. A copy of the full accounts is available for anyone wishing to have a closer look.

**Looking at the accounts as prepared and presented to the National Treasurer -
Income and Expenditure.**

Incoming Resources

Membership Subscriptions £552.00 down by £45.00 from 2021

Donation - Wharfedale Bells £9180.00

HRGB Regional Rebate - £50.00 HRGB National allowed regions to hold rallies that were free to members under the heading 'Return to Ringing' Rally - Summer Ring at Ecclesfield

Rallies / Events - 1023.45 - Spring Rally, Summer Ring and Silsden Rally

Bell/Chime Loan fee - £60.00

HRGB Sales Income £103.45 increase £60.04 from 2021

HRGB Sales Card Reader Payment £63.90 increase £51.31 from 2021

This gives a Total Income of £11050.24

Resources Expended

Liversedge Bell /NER Chimes Insurance/Wharfedale Bells £203.41 is the Annual Cost of Insurance for the regions Liversedge Bells, regions Handchimes and the Wharfedale Bells

General Administration £462.31 is the cost of travel, postage, stationery and telephone,

Zoom Licence

Website £22.35 Cookie Licence

Examination/Accounting costs £22.35

Donation to WHMF £200.00

Sales Stock £148.81

This gives a **Total Expended of £ (1706.18)**

Net Income / (Expenditure) £ 9344.06

Total Surplus £ (9344.06)

Total Funds b/forward 1 January 2022 - £32,881.63

Total Funds c/forward 31 December 2022 - £ 42225.69

Balance Sheet

Assets £37181.60 - Liversedge Bells (£27100.70)/ NER Chimes (£900.90 / Wharfedale Bells (£9181.00)

Stock £481.49 - Sales Stock held

Cash in hand - £100.00 (Sales/Raffle/Food float)

Cash at bank £4,299.98

Total Net Assets: £42225.69

Due to the change in the NE Secretary for the region, Rona Gager was proposed as a signatory for the regional bank account. This was proposed by John Atkinson (Chair) and seconded by Andrew Ford (Treasurer). This was approved unanimously.

5. To adopt the Financial Statement for the year 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

It was proposed by Margaret Ibbetson (Holy Trinity Handbell Ringers) and seconded by Solna Burnham (Bingley Ringers) that the Statement of Affairs be accepted. Carried unanimously.

6. To receive the report of the Regional Committee 2022-23

Rona Gager gave the report of the Regional Committee. Post meeting note, it was incorrectly said that the 2024 National Rally was being hosted by the WM region, this has been changed in the minutes.

Over the period from the last AGM there have been five committee meetings and several eNEwsletters. Regional events held during the time were the Summer Ring at Ecclesfield in June and the Autumn Rally hosted by the Bingley Ringers in October. Two NE teams entered into the Classic FM Platinum competition, they were unsuccessful on this occasion but successful at raising awareness of handbell ringing. In early March a small team from the NE made up of Bingley, Treble 8 and Ecclesfield ringers performed Eric Whitakers 'Cloudburst' at Bradford Cathedral together with Leeds Philharmonic Chorus.

In National events, UK Bronze and the National Rally had representation from our region and the region has been represented at the National Executive Committee. A conductors seminar was held in Sheffield and attended by two NE members.

Future events include this year's Summer Ring hosted by Ecclesfield and the Autumn Rally at Holderness School hosted by the Hedon Ringers, flyers for these events are at the back of the hall and we do hope you can attend. Ringing Week will be held in Sheffield this summer and attendance will include NE region members, one of the conductors will be Kate Sawallisich from our own regional team. The National Rally for 2024 will be held at

Swanwick, hosted by the NW region but close to our area. Further details will be available nearer the time. The 2026 Symposium will be held in our region at Newcastle Quays and it's hoped that members will be volunteering at this event.

At the University of Huddersfield there will be an exhibition of material from the HRGB archive and HRGB input from 19th June to 5th August.

There is also a concert from the regional team, the Northern Bell Orchestra next week in Sheffield. The NBO is recruiting for next season and if you would like any further information please ask a member of the team.

The McLean set of bells will be returned to the William Hartley Trust at this Rally. There are also spare bells belonging to the region, should they be needed for any additional ringers to a team.

7. Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked the NE committee for the work done, with a special thank you to Andrew and Rona for work done on the website and eNEws.

All officers have indicated their willingness to continue for a further twelve months. In the absence of any other nominations they were duly re-elected.

8. Election of Committee Members

An open invitation was made to all members who may be interested in joining the committee. All committee members have indicated that they were willing to be re-elected.

The following were duly elected to the committee:

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| Chairman | John Atkinson |
| Treasurer | Andrew Ford |

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Secretary Rona Gager

Committee Members: Thomas Baker, Solna Burnham, Helen Foley,
Christine Lazenby, Jane Lynch

Sales Manager: Claire Ford

Young People Co-Ordinator/Safeguarding Officer: Jane Lynch

9. Election of Representatives to the NEC

John Atkinson and Christine Lazenby are willing to continue as NEC Representatives. In the absence of any other nominations they were duly elected. Roger Lazenby in his role of Life Membership also represents the region.

10. Election of Examiner of Accounts for the financial year 2022-23

Andrew Ford proposed that David Hepworth should be the Examiner of Accounts for the Region. This was seconded by Diane Wilkinson (Ryburn Handbell Ringers) and all were in agreement.

NER AGM - RG - 14/05/23