

# HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN S E REGION

Reg. Charity numbers 298945 (England) & SC038918 (Scotland)

## DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 3:30 pm

All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, Surrey CR2 9AB

### 1. Chairman's Welcome and Remarks

Valerie Boon welcomed 109 members to the meeting, and thanked The Wandle Ringers for hosting the St David's Day Rally and AGM. She also welcomed the National Chairman, Dr Alan Hartley, and Margaret Hartley, who retired last year as National Membership secretary.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Received from Fred Stone & Frindsbury HR, Barfield HR, Marianne Thompson, Robert Nichols and Mary Hews.

### 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2013

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Michael Wilkinson, seconded by Ann Nicholas and agreed *nem con*. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

### 5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on another very active year for the region, with a large number and variety of events being held. She drew attention to the increased interest from the media during the year. She thanked her fellow officers and committee members for all their work during the year. A copy of the Secretary's report is appended to these Minutes.

### 6. Financial Report and presentation of accounts

The Treasurer reported on a very healthy year for the region.

He highlighted a rise in the regional rebate, but also an increase in postage costs for the newsletter. The Sales Manager was thanked for her work. One query was raised for the Treasurer's attention.

The meeting received the accounts.

A vote of thanks to the treasurer for his work was proposed by Martin Winter.

### 7. Elections

The unopposed nominations were processed *en bloc*, and agreed unanimously as follows:

Chairman Valerie Boon	Committee members
Vice Chairman Gay Cooper	Alan Cooper, Alan Sharps,
Secretary Sandra Winter	Keith & Wendy Rowland,
Treasurer John Boon	Helen Secker, Derek Wilkinson; Martin Winter

### 8. Report on the National AGM 2013

The draft minutes of this meeting were printed in the Autumn 2013 'Reverberations'. As last year, attention was drawn to a personnel change – Sandra Winter had retired as National Secretary and Christine Reid had taken over. Thanks had been extended to everyone who had helped to run the International Symposium in 2012. John and Jane Willis from the South West Region, and Margaret Hartley, former National Membership secretary, were awarded Honorary Life Membership.

### 9. Any Other Business

(i) The Chairman asked members to look for venues suitable for holding events in the future – and to consider hosting!

(ii) There are several vacancies for regional County Representatives. Tim Willetts and Mollie Varcoe were thanked for their work and members were asked to consider taking on the posts.

(iii) The SE Region 'Honoured Member' award was mentioned and suggestions were invited for future awards.

(iv) The Dorothy Shaw handbell choir from Texas' concert on 9<sup>th</sup> March was advertised.

(v) The Chairman's challenge to members to try attend as many events as possible was won by St Mary Teddington.

(vi) Members were thanked for their generous response to the raffle.

Alan Hartley, National Chairman, said a few words by way of farewell, as he is retiring at the National AGM 2014 – eighteen years ago, the SE region had been one of his proposers.

He thanked the former NEC representatives Keith Rowland and Martin Winter; Sandra Winter the former secretary and the members of the region for their support of the Society. He said that as the largest region in HRGB, and the one encompassing London, it is an important one particularly where media links and requests are concerned.

He wished the region well and hoped that it continues to prosper and grow.

The meeting closed at 3:59 p.m.

Please note that appended reports may be obtained from the Secretary, Sandra Winter