

Irish Association of Change Ringers

Eastern District

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Minutes

Saturday 31st October 2020, (via Zoom)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern District held via Zoom on Friday 30 October 2020, via zoom.

Attendees:

Vyvyenne Chamberlain (Chairperson)

Sorcha Duggan (Secretary)

Una Caulfield, (Treasurer)

Helen Little

Robert McDonald

Martha Waller

Derek Waller

June Kelly

Brian McCann

Nigel Pelow

Dervilla McKeith

Julia Lysaght

Andrew White

Mike Pomeroy

David Galbraith

Ray Cregan

Sean Waldron

Peter McBride

Apologies:

Gail McEndoo

Phillip Partridge

Phillip Talbot

Laura Higgins

1. **Loss of members**

it was noted that there was no loss of members through death in the preceding year.

2. **Association Officers**

The District Officers were listed and any changes were discussed. Martha Waller was not available to take any position in the coming year. Nigel Pelow was nominated as a supplemental and the proposal was accepted. David Taylor was also nominated as a Supplemental Representative, and was accepted, subject to his agreement. The Association office bearers were otherwise re-elected en bloc.

Name	Position	Elected	Re-election
Robert McDonald	Ringling Master	2019	
Vyvyenne Chamberlain	Chairperson	2019	
Sorcha Duggan	Secretary	2019	
Una Caulfield	Treasurer	2019	
David Galbraith	Representative	2015	
Una Caulfield	Representative	2018	
Laura Higgins	Supplemental Representative	2019	
John Clarke	Supplemental Representative	2019	
Nigel Pelow	Supplemental Representative	2020	
John Clarke	Supplemental Representative	2019	
David Taylor	Supplemental Representative	2020	
P.R.O.	Vacant		

The position of P.R.O. remains vacant. It was agreed to nominate a P.R.O. who would actively take part in recruiting new ringers. June Kelly proposed that a job specification be provided.

3. **Reports**

Robert McDonald reported as Ringling Master and referred to the Annual Report. It was noted that there were no new members. No District Practice Dates were set for the coming year due to the ongoing government restrictions.

4. **Child Protection**

A discussion took place on Child Protection. The existing document on Child Protection dated March 2016 was distributed and the words "approved by their home parish" were added to the final paragraph of the document. This was put to a vote of the members present and approved.

5. **Proposals for amendment of the Constitution**

Mike Pomeroy had two proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The first to change the dates of when the new officers would take up their positions. It was proposed that the incoming officer would take up their position in the following January. This proposal was put to a vote of members present and passed.

Proposed changes to the Attendance Shield rules were made to limit the entries to ringing of 15 minute slots. Towers which ring twice on Sunday should only enter their best ring. The maximum number of services to be 48 per year instead of the previous 50 services. The maximum number of bells to be rung is 12. The proposed changes were proposed by Brian McCann and seconded by Robert McDonald. The matter was put to a vote of members present and was passed.

Peter McBride proposed that Rule 11 of the Constitution which refers to the length of service for the Librarian to be increased to an unlimited time-span. The current term is five years. It was proposed that the position of Librarian could be held for 6 years and subsequent years. This proposal was put to a vote of members present and was passed.

6. **Subscriptions**

It was agreed that the annual subscriptions would be paid as normal for 2021. The subscription for an adult ringer is 10 euro, the subscription for a junior is 5 euro

7. **Website**

It was reported that progress was made with regard to the District Website. Andrew White agreed to continue in the role of Web-master. A need for a Content Writer was established. This role could be combined with the vacant position of P.R.O. It was agreed to source a Web-site Administrator and Web-Master.

8. **CCCBR – Strategic Priorities, 2020**

Julia Lysaght referred to the CCCBR – Strategic Priorities document. She recommended that each Tower Captain would read the document and discuss with the tower as relevant.

9. **A.O.B.**

The possibility of ringing throughout the coming year was discussed. It was considered likely that ringing would re-commence once the country moved to level 3 restrictions. This would be for service ringing only and would follow the guidelines of Central Council.

At 4.30 pm, thanks were given to all present and the meeting was ended.