



Southern District IACR

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on 1st April 2023

Attendees:

Rev. Cliff Jeffers (District Chairman), Kieron Brislane (District Secretary), Ivan McCutcheon (District Treasurer), Niamh Hickey (District Ringing Master) Julia Lysaght, Deirdre Roberts, Ian McCullagh, Killian Kingston, Shanice Kingston, Richelle Kingston, Eunice Jeffers, David O'Neill, Susan Ellis, Torstein Strandenes, Richard deCourcy, John Daniels, Brian Wilhour, Guy St. Leger, Richard Ryan, Victor Ryan, Betty Kingston, Marja Van Maanen, Margaret Hennessy, Nathan Kingston, Bill Appelbe, Craig Copley Brown, Frank Cusack, Gerry O'Shea, Christy Pratt, Pat Mulcahy, Daniel Mulcahy, Adrienne Baron, Bryan Brislane, Diana Pritchard.

Also in attendance - Betty Brislane, Colin Holliday, Barbara Mulcahy, Don McLean (IACR Ringing Master).

Minutes as per Agenda:

- Attendees were welcomed by Chairman, Rev. Cliff Jeffers who opened the meeting with prayer.
- Apologies were received from Marcus Calvert, Liam O'Sullivan, Oliver Roberts, Eric Good, Philip Talbot, Andrew White (IACR Treasure).
- Tributes to the late Mike Pomeroy of St. Mary's Cathedral, were led by the Chairman and the Secretary.
Also remember in a minute's silence were Tony Curtin (Mt. St. Alphonsus) and Jean Jeffrey (former IACR President).
- Minutes of the IACR Southern District AGM held on 24th April 2022 were agreed and signed.
- Matters Arising from the minutes: -
 - Despite a number of enquires, the Southern District Secretaries "bag" has still not been located. The Secretary agreed to review his and Mike Pomeroy's personal files and attempt to reconstruct some of the missing AGM minutes.
- Southern District Treasurers Report.
District Treasurer Ivan McCutcheon spoke to the Treasurer's report as printed in the annual report, pointing that there was expected a number of towers will submit a claim to the District Bell Restoration fund – Doneraile, Waterford and Limerick (St. Mary's) have started, or are about to start, work to their bells.
Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard deCourcy, seconded by Niamh Hickey and approved by all present.
- Executive Council Matters.
 - Proposals for Executive Councils office holders: -

Office	Present Holder	Eligible for Re-Election	Year of Election
President	Julia Lysaght	Yes	2019
Ringing Master	Don McLean	Yes	2017
Gen Secretary	Fiona Chamberlain	Yes	2021
Gen Treasurer	Andrew White	No	2018
Librarian	June Kelly	Yes	
Auditor	Dorcas Borland	Yes	

Following a discussion, on the proposal of Di Prichard, seconded by Gerry O'Shea and approved by all present, it was agreed that the 5 eligible out-going officers be re-elected en-bloc.

There was no nomination for IACR Treasurer.

- The Secretary, in his role as web site committee chairman, requested all present to continue to access the IACR web and Facebook websites; send relevant dates and/or items of interest to the committee.
- Proposal to amend the Association Rules.
Association Ringing Master, Don McLean gave the background to the Rules Review, and the

reasoning to what was presented. However, as both the Eastern and Northern districts, at their AGMs, had some reservations, it had been decided to postpone further debate until next year. In the meantime, Don requested all to read and make themselves familiar with the proposals.

- iv. Association President Julia Lysaght invited all present to the Association's 125th Anniversary in October -
There will be ringing in Bray on Saturday 21st October followed by dinner, at a venue to be confirmed. The 125th Anniversary service is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 22nd October 2023 at 15.30pm.
 - v. It was noted that to celebrate the 125th Anniversary merchandise - umbrellas and badges – were commissioned by the IACR Executive and are now available for purchase.
 - vi. At the suggestion of the Northern District, the Executive requested the Eastern and Southern District to discuss the idea of rotating the Murphy Cup around the districts. Following a discussion, the consensus was that the Murphy Cup should be held in Dublin, or a tower close to Dublin.
8. Bell Inspections were completed in late 2022 and individual reports shared with each tower. Since then, work has commenced in Doneraile and is scheduled for St. Mary's Cathedral. Waterford hope to get started on their required repairs.
9. Proposed by Gerry O'Shea and seconded by Di Prichard, the following were elected as new members of the IACR:-
St. Mary's Cathedral – Brian Shepard, Ian Wilson, Louise Wilson
Christ Church Cathedral (Waterford) – Brian Wilhour, Bryan Belton and Sandra King
St. Fin Barre's Cathedral - Bernie Murray and Renata Sakowicz
St. Mary's Dunmanway – Suzanne Murphy, Dylan McNamara
St. Canice's Cathedral – Bob Yeo, Molly Yeo (J), Gavin Ryan (J)
St. Fachtna's Cathedral – R Perkins, M Potenz.
10. Election of IACR Southern District officers.

	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairperson	Niamh Hickey	Cliff Jeffers	Ivan McCutchen
Ringling Master	Bill Appelbe	Ivan McCutchen	Niamh Hickey
Secretary	Kieron Brislane	Daniel Mulcahy	Pat Mulcahy
Treasurer	Eunice Jeffers	Di Prichard	Deirdre Roberts
Child Protection Officer	Diana Pitcher	Re-nominated by the meeting	
Representative	Diana Pitcher	Guy St. Leger	Gerry O'Shea
Representative	Victor Ryan	Guy St. Leger	Gerry O'Shea
Representative	Oliver Roberts	Guy St. Leger	Gerry O'Shea
Supplemental	Eddie Gabriel	Guy St. Leger	Gerry O'Shea
Supplemental	David O'Neil	Richard DeCourcy	Adrienne Baron
Supplemental	Vacant		

11. Following discussion it was agreed by the meeting that both the 2023 Fred Bogan trophy and the 2024 RR Cherry Cup would be held on a Saturday.
- i. The 2023 Fred Bogan trophy was set for 24 September, in Dunmanway.
 - ii. The 2024 RR Cherry Cup was set for 23rd March, in Skibbereen.
12. Any Other Business –
- i. On the proposal of Kieron Brislane, seconded by Craig Copley Brown and agreed unanimously that the name of Philip Talbot (St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin) be proposed as an Honorary Life Member of the IACR, at the Association AGM in May. The Secretary agreed to prepare and present the citation at the AGM.

- ii. Di Prichard informed the meeting that the first post-COVID Autumn West Cork Ringing Festival would be held on a date to be confirmed in September.
 - iii. The Chairman thanked the dean and ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral for hosting the ringing, the tea, and the AGM.
13. Competition results – the Ringing Master than declared the results of the RR Cherry Cup, in Reverse order.
St. Mary's Dunmanway, the Scratch team, Christ Church Cathedral (Waterford), and the winners were St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.
As one of the competing teams was a "scratch" team, therefore with 3 eligible teams participating, only 1 team was eligible to go forward to the Murphy cup in May.
14. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting and wished all a safe journey home.

Chairman

Date