

Minutes from EACR Training and Recruitment Sub-Committee Meeting

Venue: Zoom
Date: 06/02/2023
Time: 19.30 hours

Apologies: Anne Bray, Sharon Lacey, Roy Threadgold, Sarah Chin-A-Loy.

Attendees: Beth Johnson, Ian Kerwin, Andrew Brewster, Christina Brewster, Adam Sloman, Richard Wilson, David Sparling, Richard Wilson, Helen Bridgman, Zoe Purdle-Wood, Yvonne Towler

Cc: Andrew Kelso, Master

Topic	Content	Action who	Action by when
1. Apologies, Minutes and Matters arising. -Beth Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See above for apologies• Minutes of previous meeting on 25th October 2023 read and agreed as an accurate record.• Matters arising or in progress specified in the meeting		N/A

<p>2. Training Courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Essex Course - AB has had 93 applications for the Essex Course mainly at the lower levels. Higher levels are not so well subscribed. Possibly due to the number of new learners at towers from active recruitment. This is reflected in the large number of M1 courses (Bell Handling). • ART – DS reported M1 and M2 are hoping to be run at the Essex course if there are sufficient applicants. Applications and payment are via the Essex Course page and not through the ART Website. ART are also putting together a Data Sharing Agreement with the Essex Association to cover GDPR • Plan for the location of the November Association Training Day – hoping to centralize the towers by choosing towers in the N District that are nearer to the centre of Essex and supplement them with towers in the Chelmsford area, which may help with the helpers and transport to towers. • Handbells – Paul Cammiade suggested that there should be some handbell training during 2023 and asked if there was someone else interested in facilitating the course. • AB announced at the management meeting that she will step down as Essex Course convenor after this year. Committee members were asked to suggest anyone they think could be her successor. AK has asked if we could find someone to mirror AB this year. 	<p>BJ to follow up</p>	
<p>3. Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No grant applications at present. • Steve Jeffries and David Sloman are working with Gt Tey to resolve the issues that have arisen. Two towers are in the early stages of applying for national grants to upgrade or have further training aids - these are Great Bentley and Ardleigh. 		

	<p>local towers. Zoe to target association members for ideas around bells for young uniformed groups e.g making bell shaped cookies, Lego build of a bell and come up with resources available to county towers.</p>		
5. Website resource centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is gradually being added to; eHive https://ehive.com/collections/203920/eacr-ringing-resources.. This project is ongoing. 		
6. Bequests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS stated, that the Bequests Initiative Proposal will be taken to the AGM in May, if approved the strategy will go forward if not it will need a rewrite. 		
7. Training events calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BJ has set this up on the Association website and demonstrated it. She is still waiting for the district calendars for training sessions or special practices. Once set up this will be a one-stop shop for training across county. This project is ongoing. AS pointed out that the districts have a different format and suggested that the format it should be consistent. BJ suggested a data entry form and will liaise with SCAL our new webmaster. 	BJ to follow up with district secretaries	
8. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Sloman – Approval given for the award to Peter Sloman, unanimously agreed at the Management Meeting. The wording for the award was agreed. To be presented at the AGM in May. DS said that several people have achieved their M1 and M2 accreditation following the targeting of those who had undertaken the course. Young ringers – AS said 19 attended the first meeting of the year. They are looking at having some advanced practices. First Pealer’s Club – YT said that two young ringers are keen to ring their first peal. YT 	BJ to arrange for the award to be engraved	

	<p>suggested that a notice could go out to get older First Pealer's too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Scout Jamboree 2024 in Essex, at Boyton Cross – BJ has a contact on the organizing body and will contact a bell ringer who is also involved with Scouting • Strike-ometer – Ian Culham enquired of BJ as to how many towers were using a strike-ometer. Nigel Taylor's odd-struck meter was mentioned, this device works out how 'odd struck' a bell is. Hawkear, used mainly for 12 bell competitions but is available for towers which monitors each bell at hand and back. Most simulator apps will also give a striking score. 	<p>BJ to contact Simon Ward and invite to committee meeting</p> <p>BJ to follow up with Ian Culham</p>	
<p>9. Next meeting Please note change of date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 5th April - Zoom 		
<p>10.Meeting closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21.00 hours 		