

AGM Business. Item 14 & 15

1. Proposal for Rule Change - Junior Membership Category

To bring the ODG in line with many other Ringing Associations it is proposed that we add a new category of Junior Membership.

In addition to recognising their status it will provide more accurate data on the age profile of the ODG membership. Junior members will be required to nominate a responsible adult for communication and safeguarding matters.

Proposer: Stuart Gibson

Seconder: Chris Mundy

2. Proposal that the Spring General Committee Meeting to be discontinued.

The Guild Rules do not actually specify that we must hold two General Meetings i.e. the Spring General Committee Meeting and the Autumn General Committee Meeting. The Rules indicate that there should be a General Committee consisting of various elected officers and **an AGM shall be held every year.**

Reasons for this proposal are in the extract from the previously circulated paper:

- **Inefficient** - The present ODG structure and roles predate modern technological communication advances and were put in place for historical needs. Governance processes take a disproportionate amount of ODG time.
Our aim is to reduce meeting time, by efficiently managing governance to make things happen.
- **Insufficient** - The ODG does not meet all its strategic and operational objectives. This is most obvious when posts cannot be filled, or volunteers secured for many functions. In response critical actions are then covered by the officers and valiant volunteers, but some matters are not undertaken, and posts not filled.
Our aim is to reduce the workload of anyone doing ODG administration.
- **Irrelevant** - For most Guild members the present meetings are irrelevant to their needs and interests so there are difficulties for example meeting the quorum requirements at meetings or interesting members to participate in Guild activities.
Our aim is to ensure that the activities of the Guild are meaningful to every member

The meeting structures of AGM and General Committee contain much replication of material. The focus is on reporting on what has happened in the previous year and not adequately on outputs. The AGM and General Committee meetings require streamlining to make them more outcome focused.

Actions required:

- Financial matters (subs, donations) to be brought to the November meeting.
- Notice of officer roles to be brought to the November meeting.
- Reports to be brought to the November meeting.
- Diocesan Bell fund's AGM to precede the Guild AGM in May.
- Proposer: Catherine Lane Seconder: Chris Mundy