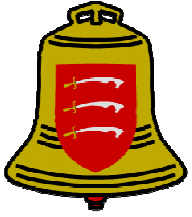


Essex Association of Change Ringers

Rules Sub-Committee

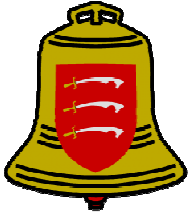
Overview of Changes incorporated in
draft Rules



Rules Sub-Committee

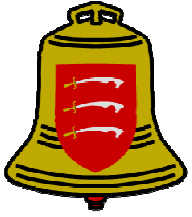
Terms of Reference:

- ◆ The sub-committee was appointed at the October 2009 Executive Committee meeting to perform a thorough review of the current Objects and Rules and make recommendations to the October 2010 Executive Committee.



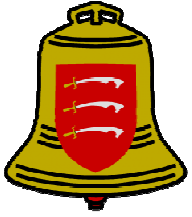
Sub-Committee Members

- 🔔 Mary Bone (Property Trustee & Past Secretary)
- 🔔 Andrew Brewster (Treasurer)
- 🔔 Colin Chapman (LVP & Property Trustee)
- 🔔 David Sparling (CC Rep & Past Master)



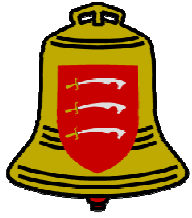
Timeline

- 🔔 Membership comments to be provided by 30 November 2010.
- 🔔 Sub-committee to meet in December 2010 to review feedback.
- 🔔 Districts to have the draft rules as and Agenda item and members of the sub-committee to attend each ADM in January 2011 to answer any questions.
- 🔔 Sub-committee to make a formal proposal for consideration at the February 2011 Executive Committee and the May 2011 AGM.
- 🔔 If passed the rules would become effective immediately.



Main Considerations

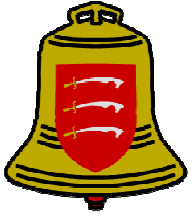
- 🔔 Revised Objects
- 🔔 Moving some Committee Appointments to AGM
- 🔔 New Association Executive
- 🔔 Role Descriptions/Responsibilities for Main Officers
- 🔔 Committee: Size & New Grants Sub-Committee
- 🔔 Tightening rules re membership lapse and subscription payment
- 🔔 Rules for Suspension and Termination of Office or Membership
- 🔔 Review of rules against Charity Commission model



Revised Objects

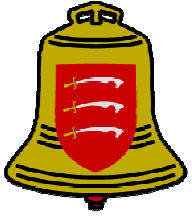
Modernise the wording and bring in more public benefit:

- ◆ to encourage the attendance of its members both at service ringing and at public worship; and to encourage the recognition of ringers as Church workers;
- ◆ to encourage fellowship and communication among ringers;
- ◆ to recruit and train new ringers, so that there may be regular service ringing in all the towers within the Association's boundaries where the bells are ringable;
- ◆ to promote the art of change ringing; and
- ◆ to promote interest in the care of all the bells and provision of new bells within the Association's boundaries.



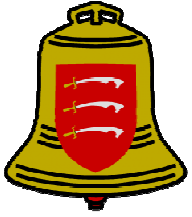
AGM Officer Elections

- 🔔 Move some key officers from Committee Appointment to AGM Election
- 🔔 The Committee appoints a number of administrative roles, but to support the proposed new or revised objects related Officers ought to be elected by the full membership:
 - ◆ Technical Adviser
 - ◆ Education Officer
 - ◆ Public Relations Officer



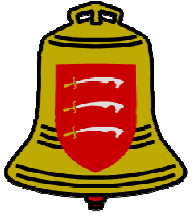
New Association Executive

- 🔔 New Executive group that can meet at short notice to consider urgent items in between Management Committee meetings
- 🔔 Comprises the Master, Secretary and Treasurer plus District Masters (quorum 7)
- 🔔 Decisions must be unanimous, or convene Committee
- 🔔 May make emergency Officer appointments in extreme cases if urgently required



Officer Roles

- 🔔 Revise and/or add role descriptions for elected officers
- 🔔 Clarify the Responsibility and Authority of the principal Officers, the Association Executive, the Charity Trustees and the Management Committee



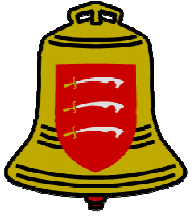
Trustees & Committee

 Number of Charity Trustees reduced:

◆ now 21 (was 53)

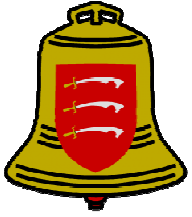
 Committee Size reduced:

◆ now 41 (was 53)



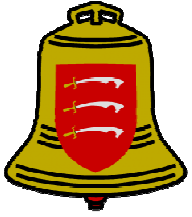
District Officers

- 🔔 Only those District Officers who are Charity Trustees have to be 18 or over.
- 🔔 As not all District Officers now have to be over 18, this can encourage young ringers to take a more active part in district management.



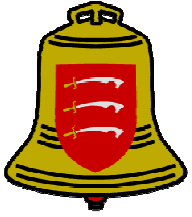
Grants Sub-Committee

- 🔔 The Committee recently approved the setting up of a Grants Sub-Committee to review in detail applications for restoration grants and make recommendations to the Committee
- 🔔 It is considered that this important sub-committee should be recognised as a permanent requirement in the rules – it will make the grants process more transparent



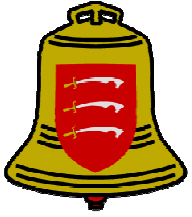
Membership Rules

- 🔔 The current rules for membership lapse and subscription payment are unclear
- 🔔 Proposals
 - ◆ that membership will lapse if subscriptions are not paid by the end of the year due (currently members are not removed until the end of the following year)
 - ◆ that members voting rights and peal ringing will be suspended if subs are not paid by end of April each year (they are due on 1st January)
- 🔔 In many other organisations membership is often suspended or lapses if subscriptions are not paid immediately they are due.



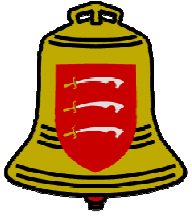
Suspension and Termination

- 🔔 Rule for Executive to meet and suspend Officer if unfit to hold office
- 🔔 Rule for Executive to meet and suspend membership for acts that have damaged or are likely to damage the reputation of the Association
- 🔔 Rule for Management Committee to consider Suspension and Termination (4/5 majority vote)
- 🔔 Rule for re-election if approved by Management Committee after considering a written proposal (4/5 majority vote)



Other Clarifications

- 🔔 Update of various Charity requirements
- 🔔 Requirement for Officers to sign declaration that they are not disqualified under Charity Rules
- 🔔 LVP & LM Criteria & Nomination Process
- 🔔 Quorum for District Meetings & EGMs
- 🔔 Review of criteria for Restoration Grants
- 🔔 Responsibilities for Membership records
- 🔔 Update of Expenses rules
- 🔔 Minor changes necessary during redrafting



Rules Structure

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