

## LEAMINGTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 online via Teams

Meeting opened at 7.30pm. There were 23 in attendance.

#### 1. **Chairman's welcome and opening remarks**

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Andy Walker attending as County Representative.

#### 2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Michelle Brierly, Andy Law, Karen Sagar, Gordon Ferguson, Hilary Crosby, Rosanna Hunt, Shenagh Booth, Dave Collins.

#### 3. **Approval of minutes from 4/11/21 AGM**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record - Proposed: Peter Schofield. Seconded: Andy Selby and followed by a murmur of approval. There were no matters arising.

#### 4. **Reports**

##### a. **The District Commissioner**

Mark reflected on the time since the last AGM and the loss of the rhythm of District and Group events over the last 18 months. However, the District had been working to support the viability of groups and also help them to deliver Scouting in a variety of new forms to keep scouting alive, and looked forward to when Scouting could restart with engaging events such as GetIn 2022 at Ragley Hall. Mark also thanked the GSLs, AAC, Hatton Campsite team and the new District Team for their continued support. Mark thanked everyone for their support this year.

##### b. **The District Chairman**

Brian expressed his heartfelt thanks to all Leaders for their commitment throughout the pandemic and their drive to keep scouting alive and relevant in whatever form they could. It was also a time to recognise the "backroom" volunteers who support delivery across the District. Particular thanks was given to the extended Hatton Team as they; lead by Gordon Ferguson came up with many innovative ways to ensure the site could be COVID safe and still enjoy a Scouting experience and the AAC to make sure we still had the leaders available

##### c. **The District Treasurer**

Ian circulated the accounts and thanked Raman Duhra for conducting an independent examination.

The accounts were approved at the meeting: Proposed by David Booth Seconded by Michael Hepburn.

District Commissioner

District Chairman

District Treasurer

District Secretary

Mark Payne

Brian Friar

Ian Welch

Vacant

A 12p increase in the District Levy was proposed by Gill Friar and seconded by Michael Hepburn and there was a murmur of approval.

**d. District Secretary - Trustees Report**

In the absence of a District Secretary, the report was given by the Chairman.

The Executive held two meetings over Zoom in the year, although the district team had met almost weekly to review risk assessments and approve activities as lock down restrictions eased, together with monitoring the ongoing viability of groups throughout this period.

The AAC had moved over to using Zoom for panel meetings towards the end of the year to deal with what had become a backlog of new and re-appointments due to lockdown and the inability to meet face to face.

**5. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Brian thanked Raman Duhra for auditing the accounts this year stepping in for the loss of Adam Revill at short notice. At the time it was not possible to confirm an Examiner for the coming financial year but this would be resolved at later date.

**6. District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman**

Mark thanked Brian Friar for his valued contributed, and nominated Brian to continue in as District Chairman, and there was a murmur of approval.

**7. Election of Officers**

- a. District Treasurer – Mr Ian Welch  
Proposed: Gillian Friar, Seconded: David Booth
- b. District Secretary – Vacancy
- c. Appointments Secretary – Mr John Sharp  
Proposed: Gillian Friar, Seconded: Peter Schofield

There was a murmur of approval.

**8. Election of District Executive Committee**

**a. Ex-Officio Members:**

- I. District Chairman – Mr Brian Friar
- II. District Commissioner – Mr Mark Payne
- III. District Treasurer – Mr Ian Welch
- IV. District Secretary – Vacant
- V. District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Vacant
- VI. District Network Scout Commissioner – Miss Holly Barnes
- VII. District Youth Commissioners – Josh Williams (Beavers), Chris Mears (Scouts), share 1 vote.

These members were confirmed.

**b. For Election:**

- I. Mr Gordon Ferguson.
- II. Group Representatives to the District Executive:  
Mandy Hughes – 4<sup>th</sup> Leamington St Mark's  
Chris Wynne – 12<sup>th</sup> Leamington

No other nominations were received:

Proposed: Michael Hepburn Seconded: Ian Welch, followed by a murmur of approval.

**c. Approval of nomination to Warwickshire County Scout Council**

This position is now being fulfilled by each District Chairperson and Brian confirmed he was happy to continue in this role.

**9. County Commissioners Representative – Andy Walker**

Andy thanked the District for all the support they had given to ensure Scouting could take place despite the restrictions in place and indeed, all in Scouting for their tenacity in making sure Scouting stayed alive and relevant. And looked forward to when we could all meet face-to-face at GetIn 2022.

**10. Closing Remarks**

Brian thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for their continued passion and drive. As the meeting was on-line we would not be able to chat over refreshments but suggested we all go and put the kettle on!

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.