

**WARE AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held at DHQ Broadmeads, Ware**  
**on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Start 18:30**

**1. Welcome**

Noel Sanders as Chairman welcomed all those present Colin McIntyre, Jo Baily Guiding rep.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Liz Walker, County Commissioner, Karen White, Ian Hooper, Anna Page Commissioner for Buntingford Guides, Keith Jennings, Phil Claydon, Stef Campbell, Hailey Murdoch.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM.**

The minutes were then approved, proposed by Gavin Matthews and seconded by Jim Smith.

**4. Trustees Report and Accounts 2018.**

In his report Noel highlighted – The work done to secure the extended lease for the DHQ. The ongoing repairs and improvements and take up in bookings.

He also informed the meeting that we had signed the new lease for the DHQ, 5 years (1 year used already) with a 40 years option subject to planning permission being granted for a new building. He left the question for the next Exec Chair to consider the DHQ future?

The Accounts have been independently audited would go to the Executive committee for approval.

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

For this item Pat Horridge, the District Commissioner took over the chair and after thanking Noel for his Chairmanship over the last year, went on to nominate Dave Allen to be the District Chairman.

Dave Allen confirmed he was willing to accept this role.

Dave Allen then took over the chair.

**6. Election of the District Secretary and District Treasurer**

The role of District Secretary remains vacant and no nominations were received.

Geoff Addy agreed to continue in the role of District Treasurer and thanks expressed for that. Proposed by Noel Sander and seconded by Jim Smith.

There being no other nominations Geoff was elected unopposed.

## **7. Election of the District Executive Committee**

Keith Jennings was nominated to the District Exec (Having stepped down in June 2019 as DESC and losing his Ex-officio role) Also Peter Raymen and Bob Cooper finished their 3 year terms but agreed to re-stand. All accepted and appointed to the exec to server till 2022

Gail Stretch      Group Scout Leader Great Amwell stepped down from the exec and thanks passed to her.

Jim Smith and Dano O'Neill completed their 3 year terms and have now stood down. Thanks passed to them.

Harry Bonfield stepped down as DYC in 2018 so is no longer an ex-officio Exec member.

The following will serve until 2020:

Phil Clayden	District Scout Network
Gavin Miles	Group Chairman Stanstead Abbots

## **8. Election of scouters to serve on the County Scout Council**

Pat Horridge explained that up to three scouters could be elected to serve on the County Scout Council, together with the District Commissioner, the District Chairman, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer.

It was expressed by a previous County Scout Council member that this role had no effective input into the County Exec and was little more than a token position. In view of that t here were no nominations.

## **9. Appointment of Independent Examiner to the District Accounts**

The Chairman thanked Geoff Addy for his important work on the Accounts and informed the meeting that the Exec that Karl Gravenor has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner.

## **10. District Commissioner – Pat Horridge.**

Pat thanked the 3 ADC's now in role and expressed hope that the coming year would see them become more embedded in the Districts sections to help support them.

Pat acknowledged that the ongoing lack of LTM wasn't helping Leader training support but that the District team and TAs had met and agreed a plan to resolve the urgent training issues and strive to have all leaders POR compliant as soon as practical.

Thanks were made to the Exec, GSLs, District Team and all leaders for their work in delivering scouting.

## **11. Presentations**

There we 2 presentations that the Colin McIntyre made. A 5 YL long service for Dave Allen and a CSC for Geoff Addy

## **12. County Representative – Colin McIntyre.**

Colin explained that the most effective input into the County Exec was to be nominated, which he was prepared to do for anyone offering to stand.

Colin thanked Pat as DC for his work and the ongoing development of the District and its team. Colin passed on the thanks of the County to the District team and Exec in delivering Scouting locally.

The meeting concluded at 18:56

**Awaiting Approval of Exec Chair 2020**