

**Ware & District Scouts
Annual General Meeting
Held remotely by Zoom on Monday 29th June 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Pat Horridge (DC), Jo Horridge, David Allen, Geoff Addy, Gavin Matthews, Gavin Miles, Keith Jennings, Angela Adamson, Christine Sharman, Colin MacIntyre, Debbie Gilbert, Gail Stretch, Graham Paul, Lynn Isham, Mark Watt, Mike, Neil Johnson, Robin, Robin J, Russell Meek, Shaun Maguire, Wendy Smith, Peter Raymen, Elaine Alles, Lucy Isham

Apologies: Dano O'Neil

The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 8th July 2019 were accepted as accurate, proposed by Gavin and seconded by Jo Horridge

Trustees Annual Report:

Thanks to all concerned after a busy year.

Report by Geoff Addy, Treasurer:

Total income

£37,391 compared to £93,620 in previous year due to Lochearnhead Expedition of 2018. Membership subscriptions were included in this total of £41,677, compared to £41,178 in 2018.

The District received £7,494 in donations.

The Scout Shop generated £13,023 in sales. The cost of sales was £10,308 leaving surplus of £2,715.

Scout section income was £8,152 and £8,079 expenditure.

Barn Dance made small loss of £3 but good opportunity for networking and socialising with local community.

The District spent £2,826 on legal fees and related expenses re renewing of lease for District HQ.

£7,604 spent on Lochearnhead expedition as accounts finalized in 2019.

Overall the District made a net loss of £6,304 with cash balances reducing from £76,548 to £70,114 which includes Restricted Funds balance of £27,465 at 31st December 2019.

Pat thanked Geoff for his hard work throughout the year as Treasurer.

Pat also thanked David for Chairing the Executive during a difficult year.

District Chair:

Pat nominated and Pete Raymen seconded that David stand as Chair for a further year and there being no other nominations the proposal stands.

District Secretary:

Sadly there were no volunteers for the role of District Secretary so the role is still vacant.

David nominated Geoff to stand as District Treasurer again and this was seconded by Pat Horridge.

Election of District Scouter:

Gavin's 3 year term had come to an end. Keith Jennings proposed and Angela seconded that Gavin stand again.

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Three Scouters for County Scout Council:

Three vacancies – Russell Meek volunteered to stand and the remaining vacancies will be discussed outside the meeting.

Independent Examiner:

Karl Gravenor had agreed to be the independent examiner.

Questions re Presentation of Accounts:

There were no questions.

District Commissioner's Report:

Pat thanked everyone for their hard work during a particularly challenging 12 months with lockdown caused by Covid-19. Meetings had continued by Zoom and each group had been given a free Zoom account. Most groups had been eligible for and had received a £10k grant from the Government.

The District would be taking advice from National and County scouters before resuming face to face meetings.

The census would be undertaken 3 months early in October of 2020 with payments being made in April 2021. Main focus to keep numbers as high as possible whilst preparing for an uncertain future.

Thanks to GSLs and all leaders.

Presentation of District Awards:

It was proposed and agreed to defer these till face to face meetings can restart.

County Representative:

Colin MacIntyre was the County Rep in attendance. There were no questions for Colin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.