

WARE AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held at Great Amwell Scouts HQ, 142 London Road, Ware, SG12 9NH on Monday 19 June 2017

1. Welcome

Martin Vaughan as Chairman welcomed all those present especially Cllr Alexander Curtis Mayor of Ware, Cllr John Noades, Mayor of Buntingford, Steff Campbell Ware District Guides, our County representative- Graham Woolley and 35 members of the Scout Council

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Liz Walker, County Commissioner, Claire Reeves -Williams, Karen Hale, Karen White, Karen Osterley, Jerry Pollard, Tony Hinson, Mark Stubbs, Hayley Murdoch & David Horner

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM.

The minutes were approved with no matters arising.

4. Trustees Report and Accounts 2016.

In his report Martin highlighted – that our census increase of 2% was much higher than the county as a whole, the Beaver 30th Anniversary, the Cub 100th Birthday celebrated on the 6th December when at 19:16 the whole of the national cubs were given the opportunity of renewing their promise.

He took the opportunity of referring to John Crown and paying tribute to his lifetime of service was remembered in a minute's silence. He did highlight the urgency of forming a committee to start the DHQ rebuilding project.

The Accounts would go to the Executive committee for approval shortly

5. District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman

For this item Pat Horridge, the District Commissioner took over the chair and after thanking Martin for his Chairmanship over the last 4 years (which have not been without their problems), went on to nominate Noel Sanders to be the District Chairman.

Mr Sanders confirmed he was willing to accept this role and this was approved by the Meeting.

Mr Sanders then took over the chair.

6. Election of the District Secretary and District Treasurer

David Horner was nominated for the role of District Secretary.

Geoff Addy was nominated for the role of District Treasurer.

There being no other nominations both were elected unopposed.

7. Election of the District Executive Committee

The following were nominated for election to the Executive Committee:

Phil Clayden	District Scout Network
Gavin Miles	Group Chairman Stanstead Abbots
Gail Stretch	Assistant Group Scout Leader Great Amwell

These nominations were unanimously approved.

Peter Raymen (ADC Development), Jim Smith, Bob Cooper and Daniel O'Neill were elected last year and will continue until 2019

It was noted the following Ex-officio members

Keith Jennings	District Explorer Commissioner
Harry Bonfield	District Youth Commissioner

Have been appointed

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

The Chairman 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.

There were no other nominations

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner to the District Accounts

The Chairman thanked Geoff Addy for his important work on the Accounts and asked if anyone had any nominations they should speak to the DC

There was no nomination so the position is left vacant.

10. District Commissioner – Pat Horridge.

In his remarks Pat anticipated some changes and anticipated an increased participation by the District in groups and an improved input by Groups to the District.

He thanked Tony Hinson for his contribution to the district over many years and also thanked Martin Vaughan, Colin McIntyre & Sue Vaughan.

The Scout Shop is looking for more help and volunteers would be welcomed – speak to Jim Smith

11. Presentations

The County Representative Graham Woolley presented Long Service Certificates to

Jo Horridge	10 Years
Sue Vaughan	25 Years
Keith Jennings	30 Years

12. County Representative – Graham Woolley.

Graham Woolley took the opportunity of Welcoming Pat as DC and thanked him in anticipation for what he intends to do in the District. He highlighted the Jamboree in 2019. The National Target was 500,000 Scouts and 150,000 leaders by 2018. We want more young people to get invested and to share our outdoor adventurous programmes. Sections could share programmes with other Groups.

We should be aware of the benefits arising through contacts with Local Communities & Industry.

He promoted the County Road Show to help recruit leaders and reminded us that we aim to have Valued, Motivated and Trained people to provide high quality and diverse Scouting.

He offered the County's thanks to all.

The meeting concluded with refreshments.