

WARE AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held remotely via zoom
on Monday 5th July 2021 Start 19:30

Present: David Allen, Pat Horridge, Colin McIntyre, Gavin Miles, Russell Meek, Peter Raymen, David, Geoff Addy, Paul Stretch, Karen, Christine Sharman, Oliver Rose, Stef Campbell, Jim Campbell, Keith Jennings, Debbie Gilbert, Lynn Isham, Karl Adamson, Taylor Wilson, Marcia, Manda, Iona.

1. Welcome

David Allen as Chairman welcomed all those present. Pat Horridge was thanked for organising the virtual meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Liz Walker, Peter Makewell, Karen White, Wendy Smith, Graham Paul.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM.

The minutes were then approved, proposed by Pat Horridge and seconded by Peter Raymen.

4. Trustees Report and Accounts 2021.

The trustees report was noted. The report noted the difficulties of the previous year. There were some meetings when restriction permitted and there were a number of meeting held virtually. Risk assessments were processed promptly to ensure meeting went ahead in a safe manner that complied with government restrictions issued at the time.

The Accounts are yet to be independently audited and would go to the Executive committee for approval when they are completed.

5. District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman

For this item Pat Horridge, the District Commissioner took over the chair and went on to nominate David Allen to be the District Chairman.

David Allen confirmed he was willing to accept this role.
David 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

The District Executive Committee members, Bob Cooper, Peter Raymen, Keith Jennings and Gavin Miles are still within their election period and remain as committee members. Oliver Rose has agreed to join the committee and was thanked by David Allen for being involved.

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. Please contact Pat with any nominees. (Russell Meek subsequently offered to take the role)

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 Exec members for their efforts and recognised the work done by the GSL's and thanked them for all they had done during a difficult and challenging year.

Pat thanked Bob Cooper for his very many years as our Nights Away Advisor with Bob having stepped back in 2020. Keith Jennings has offered to help with Nights away and Pat asked for additional volunteers to help with this task.

With TSA post Covid taking a much tougher line re POR and training Karen White our Appointments secretary has agreed to take on the Local Training Manager role and with Pat will formulate a policy and wording for communications to help encourage leaders to meet their POR requirements in terms of training.

Pat also gave notice that he will be stepping down and DC at the end of February 2022 as part of his retirement and move out of the area.

11. Presentations

There are a number of presentation's due to the following: Mark Collin, Jennifer Makewell, Ollie Rose, Matthew West, Karl Adamson, Emily Challis, William Ives, Gemma Chapman, Paul Sharman, Samantha Burgess, Ryan Savage.

12. AOB

Stef announced there was to be a new award for guiding participation in guiding events. Similar to the Scouting Peter Geer trophy we have run for a number of years. A great way to encourage participation.

The meeting concluded at 18:58