

Minutes of the Northamptonshire County Scout Council Annual General Meeting

The Sir John Lowther County Scout Training Activity Centre

9th September 2017



Present: Karen Tonks (County Chair), Dean Smith (County Commissioner), J Mackaness (Deputy Lieutenant), D. Hughes (Chair NCC), Paula Evans (Regional Commissioner), R. Hasler (Vice President) T. Wayman (Vice President). Then as taken from the attendance sheets: County: L. Jones, B. Peden, M. Reilly, S. Graystone, T. Althorpe, H. Althorpe, D. Curtis, S. Petrossion, K. Sharman, D. Bromley, M. Minney, K. Aitken, T. Keay, G. Simmons, C. Robinson, A. Franklin, K. Shackleton, J. Hazell, A. Hunt, P. Coles, C. Buckby, R. Olieczock, M. Mulcahey, G. McClean. Daventry District: J. Curtis, C. Leddon, M. Thorneycroft, M. Taylor, P. Richardson, G. McLean. Glendon District: J. Masters, J. Masters, D. Manciocchi, S. Brear, M. Rowley, E. Christy, C. Jervis, R. Fullilove, C. Mehew. Grafton District: R. Kentigern-Fox, P. Rock, C. Fraser, R. Cooper, C. Shrubbs, S. Shrubbs, J. Hazell, P. Shrubbs, L. Shrubbs, J. Robinson. Nene Valley District: N. Powell, J. Guest, A. Odell, J. Gorton, M. Barnes, M. Howorth, T. Knott, F. Harris. Northampton District: S. Durdan, D. Graystone, C. Lomas, A. Taylor, S. Shrivess, J. Tilley, S. Tilley, K. Briers, J. Sharman, C. Kidd, D. Hamilton, C. Mackenzie, J. Collisom, M. Hogg, E. Phillips, J. Brooker, G. Jackson, K. Weatherley, M. Jackson, A. Jackson, B. Ingram, M. Dyer, E. Farr, A. Taylor. Wellingborough District: P. Morrall, D. Edwards, D. Jones, G. Gowling, J. Rudge, M. Rudge, S. Lewis, C. Haybyrne, K. Moore, C. Jewell.

Apologies: S. Little, P. Paradine, B. Sheard, S. Sheard, C. Butlin, R. Askew, R. Verner, S. Rolt, S. Pearson, A. Summerfield, D. Pinnington, A. Cochran, P. Candlin, D. Bampkin, R. Paragreen, I. Rivett, H. Cameron, P. Head, C. Millar, S. Edwards, M. Griffiths, G. Eales, S. Edens, J. Macklin, M. Keane, R. Roberts, I. McCord, T. Pursglove, C. Heaton-Harris, P. Hollobone, M. Ellis, A. Leadsom, P. Bone, D. Laing, P. Lane, D. Askew, J. Driver, L. Driver, I. Lockley, M. Lomas, J. Brooker, P. Shefchick, P. Crow, C. Smith, C. King.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the AGM especially Cllr Hughes Chair of Northamptonshire County Council.

2. Apologies

There were no other apologies from the floor of the meeting.

3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, having been made available prior to the meeting were taken as read, their adoption was proposed by Ron Hasler and seconded by Caroline Jewell. The proposal was put to the meeting and passed with a show of voting cards.

4. Annual Trustees' report

For the Report of the Trustees the Chairman reported on an interesting year for Northamptonshire Scouting, a lot of change and some new challenges. There have been investments in making Scouting better and growth in the County. There have been new ways of working including reconfiguring the Executive to ensure a balance of experience and Scouting knowledge.

Executive meetings have moved around the County to provide more District coverage. She thanked those Districts who have hosted so far.

A development day in January brought together Scouters and Trustees to discuss the focus for the County Development Plan. It was agreed that raising the media and stakeholder profile; setting ambitious targets for the number of new Groups and Sections to be opened in a year; developing ACC Inclusion and introducing a County Youth Forum were important local action for the national objectives of Community Impact; Growth; Inclusivity and Youth Shape.

Some of the funding initiatives supported over the year include: continuing sponsorship of school fees for the next two years at Outspan School, Bwaise, Uganda; a contribution to the Regional Fund established to support Counties to deliver the National Strategy; the celebration event in April; travel costs for three young people on the Future Leaders programme; approving a Fund of £20,017 to create a minimum of 7 new Groups and 17 new Sections across the County.

A significant amount of work has gone into SJLC to ensure it is on the correct and legal footing before further investment. Thanks expressed to the County Treasurer Geoff Simmons for his work done chasing debtors and improving the invoicing process. There has been a complete change of team and the Chairman thanked Matt and Kelly along with volunteer supporters Richard Paragreen and Greg McClean along with the Lowther Knights. In particular Carole Stephenson who has taken on the role of volunteer temporary Centre Manager and has contributed many hours voluntarily. Carole was presented with flowers.

The Chairman thanked all volunteers who give up time to make the County work. She also thanked the trustees for their time and advice, with a virtually unchanged team to take the County through the next year.

5. Treasurers report

The Annual Charity and Accounts Report for the year was presented by the County Treasurer, Geoff Simmons, who gave a brief outline of the years Financial Statements. The Summary of the Accounts was available to everyone at the meeting and he advised that a full copy of the Accounts would be available on the County website.

6. Proposal to adopt Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Sue Graystone proposed the adoption of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements and was seconded by Ray Cooper. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

7. Proposal to appoint independent examiners for 2017/2018

Peter Morrall proposed the appointment of independent examiners for 2017/2018 and was seconded by Patsy Coles. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

8. Approval for County Commissioner's nomination of County Chairman

The County Commissioner's nomination of Karen Tonks as County Chairman was approved by a show of voting cards.

9. Election of County Treasurer

The election of Geoff Simmonds as County Treasurer was proposed by Bob Peden, seconded by Caroline Jewell and approved by a show of voting cards.

10. Election of County Secretary

After six years in the role of County Secretary Mike Reilly has decided to stand down. The Chairman thanked him for his dedication to the County. Mags Minney has agreed to take on this role this was proposed by Lee Jones, seconded by Carole Stephenson and approved by a show of voting cards.

11. Receipt and election of District Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2017/2018

The approval of the District Representatives to the Executive was proposed by Ron Hasler, seconded by Sue Graystone and approved by a show of voting cards. The members are Daventry - Chris Adams, Glendon - Tony Filsak, Grafton - Tony Walker, Nene Valley - Tony Knott, Northampton - Karen Simpson, and Wellingborough - John Rudge.

12. Election of Young Persons Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2017/2018

The Chairman thanked Amanda Wilcox and Joe Robinson-Smith for their contributions last year. This year the nominations are Holly Barnes and Calum King, this was proposed by Daniel Mannciochi, seconded by Peter Morrall and approved by a show of voting cards.

13. Approval of County Commissioners nominations to the Executive Committee

The nominees to the County Executive; Jade Ackers, Debbie Bromley, Henny Cameron, Mark Mulcahey, Richard Paragreen, Shannon Petrossian Salmasi. Approved by a show of voting cards. The Chairman thanked Norman pope

who has been a stalwart member of the Executive in particular his chairmanship of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

14. Notification of co-opted members to the Executive Committee

Notification was given of co-opted members to the Executive Committee these are; Richard Askew, Bob Peden, Sarah Sheard.

15. Approval for Nominated members of the Executive Committee to be members of the County Scout Council

Approved by a show of voting cards.

16. Election of Northamptonshire County Scout Council representatives to the Council of The Scout Association.

The Election of Lee Jones and Calum King was proposed by Roy Cooper, seconded by Patsy Coles and agreed with a show of voting cards.

17. Adoption of the Northamptonshire County Scout Council Constitution

The Chairman introduced the Constitution. She described it as a set of fundamental principles which describe how an organization is governed. Whilst the County has got along for many years using the guidance contained within chapter five of The Scout Association's publication, Policy Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.) by using those rules and adding our own elements we can ensure that everyone is very clear on what the charity's purposes are, what the roles are within it and how it should be run.

The Constitution of Northamptonshire County Scout Council this was adopted by a show of voting cards. Confirmed as quorate by Tony Knott.

18. The date of the next Annual General Meeting is 29th September 2018 to be held at The Sir John Lowther Centre.

19. This closed the formal meeting.

20. Deputy Lieutenant, James Mackaness and Dean Smith presented Queen Scouts Awards to Gary Jackson, David Hamilton

21. Deputy Lieutenant, James Mackaness gave a short speech.

22. The County Commissioner, Dean Smith gave his report.

23. The Regional Commissioner, Paula Evans gave a short speech.

24. Presentations and Awards:

Steve Layt (County Training Manager) presented Wood Badges to Carole Stephenson, John Masters & Greg McLean.

Dean Smith then made the following presentations:

- County Neckers to: Nick Powell (ACC Talent Management), Nicky Groves (Safeguarding Awareness Co-ordinator) and Chris Butlin (Promoting Active Support Unit).
- Long Service Award for 30 years' service to Lee Jones.
- Cllr Dudley Hughes was made an Honorary Scouter of Northamptonshire and presented with a County Necker.
- Chief Scouts Commendation: Ruth Kentigern-Fox.
- Award for Merit: Greg McLean
- Bar to the Award for Merit: Jennie Curtis
- County Commissioner Award: Geoff Simmons, Lowther's Knights.

25. The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.