

Minutes of the Northamptonshire County Scout Council Annual General Meeting

The Sir John Lowther County Scout Training Activity Centre - 29th September 2019

Present: Karen Tonks (County Chair), Dean Smith (County Commissioner), Paula Evans Regional Commissioner, David Laing (HM Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire) then as taken from the attendance sheets: County: D. Manciocchi, L. Jones, G. Dowling, H. Whiting, H. Cameron, C. Stephenson, D. Bromley, K. Briers, M. Minney, J. Timmins, G. Timmins, K. Shackleton, S. Rolt, R. Paragreen, K. Aitken, A. Hunt, B. Peden, J. Hazell, W. Hazell, M. Thompson, J. Burton. Daventry District: I. Lockley, A. Rolt, Mark Joiner, Matt Joiner, Mandy Joiner, E. Quinn, G. Rookledge. Glendon District: S. Brear, L. White, G. Patrick, C. Chapman, L. Richardson, C. Smith, T. Smith, T. Wayman, T. Proctor, T. McInall, S. Manciocchi, D. Crawshaw, J. Crawshaw, L. Crawshaw, T. Haynes, A. Haynes, J. Thompson, John Masters, Julia Masters, F. Goodwin. Grafton District: J. Hazell, A. Oram, M. O'Connor, R. Kentigern-Fox. Nene Valley District: F. Harris, D. Medler, M. Hunt, C. Grant, L. Cowan, T. Knott, J. Francis. Northampton District: M. Dyer, J. Sharman, T. May, I. Malcolmson, J. Russell, D. Everson. Wellingborough District: C. Haybyrne, P. Morrall, P. Shefchick, D. Jones, J. Marriott, J. Rudge, M. Rudge, G. Simmons, G. Bardon, A. Jewell, K. Roberts, C. Jewell, J. Marriott, A. Burgess, A. Swann, D. Weigleb, S. Freeman. Invited Guests: A. Johnson, Cllr D. Hughes, Cllr J. Hakewell, Cllr M. Arnold, Cllr K. Watts, Cllr N. Choudary.

Apologies: T. Althorpe, H. Althorpe, C. Baxter, P. Richardson, J. Rogers, L. Driver, J. Driver, C. Appleby, E. Farr, C. Kidd, M. Jennings, S. Pearson, E. Phillips, J. Rogers, S. Little.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the AGM especially David Laing Lord Lieutenant.

2. Queen Scout Awards

The Lord Lieutenant and The County Commissioner presented Queen Scout Awards to Christopher Chapman, Daniel Crawshaw, Daniel Manciocchi and Harry Whiting

3. The Lord Lieutenant then said a few words followed by a presentation of a thank you gift and a 5 years long service award to him by the County Commissioner before the Lord Lieutenant left.

4. Apologies

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

5. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, having been made available prior to the meeting were taken as ready, their adoption was proposed by Ron Hasler and seconded by Carole Stephenson. The proposal was put to the meeting and passed with a show of voting cards.

6. Annual Trustees' report

The Chairman reported the Finance and General Purposes sub-committee has continued the focus on developing and documenting the policies necessary for good governance and financial management. The F&GP had identified there was risk from keeping financial information in limited hands and they had agreed a move to an online accounting system for the Sir John Lowther Centre and County Accounts. This should not only improve the Centre's management of invoicing but also how to report and analyse finances. The system changed over at the beginning of the 2019/2020 Financial Year as the outgoing County Treasurer stepped down.

The Centre Management Committee changed hands during the year moving from Chairmanship of Mark Mulcahey to David McInally. The Centre is 21 years old this year and the County has continued to invest in refurbishment. The foyer, coffee bar and leaders lounge have been revamped with the support of the Lowther Knights SASU, which makes them more presentable for Scout purposes but also for corporate clients who help underpin the Centre's funding. The Centre is also in the planning stages for a new amenities block. The Chair thanked the Centre's team of paid staff and volunteers for the continued smooth running of the Centre.

The Trustees have considered many issues over the year and have always been willing to support funding for initiatives which further the aims of the Scout Association and ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.

All meetings are the opportunity to discuss issues, understand them and make decisions, the Chairman thanked everyone involved for their commitment to the process, for engaging in debate, for completing their actions and for ensuring that as a County we continue to move forward and to develop.

7. 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.

8. Proposal to adopt Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Lee Jones proposed the adoption of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements and was seconded by Jenny Curtis. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

9. Proposal to appoint independent examiners for 2019/2020

Richard Paragreen proposed the appointment of independent examiners Jane Francis, Absolute Accounts, for 2019/2020 and this was seconded by Geoff Simmons. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

10. 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.

11. Election of County Treasurer

Geoff Simmons stepped down as County Treasurer at the end of the Financial Year, he has continued to work to produce the accounts for the 2018/2019 Financial Year. The Chair thanked him for his contribution and wished him well in the future. The election of Glyn Timmins as County Treasurer was proposed by Michele Hunt, seconded by John Rudge and approved by a show of voting cards.

12. Election of Deputy County Treasurer

The election of a Deputy County Treasurer Jill Gamon, was proposed by Jonathan Hazell, seconded by Steve Rolt and approved by a show of voting cards.

13. Election of County Secretary

The election of Lesley Chattaway as County Secretary was proposed by Gillian Dowling seconded by Kay Aitken and approved by a show of voting cards.

14. Receipt and Election of District Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2019/2020

The approval of the District Representatives to the Executive was proposed by Bob Peden, seconded by Tony Knott and approved by a show of voting cards. The members are Daventry – John Driver, Glendon – Tony Filsak, Grafton – Mike O'Connor, Nene Valley – Fred Harris, Northampton – Ian Malcolmson and Wellingborough – John Rudge.

15. Election of Young Persons Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2019/2020

The election of Stephanie Harding and Alisdair Rolt was proposed by Vinny Burgess, seconded by Will Hazel and approved by a show of voting cards.

16. Approval of County Commissioner's nominations to the Executive Committee

The Chairman thanked Debbie Bromley for her time on the committee who now steps down. The nominees to the County Executive are Henny Cameron, Mark Mulcahey, Richard Paragreen, Julie Timmins, Anna Swann and David McNally.

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

Notification was given of co-opted members to the Executive Committee these are; Bob Peden and Gillian Dowling.

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

Approved by a show of voting cards.

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

The election of Lee Jones was proposed by Jonathan Marriot, seconded by Harry Whiting and agreed with a show of voting cards.

20. Date of the 2020 Annual General Meeting – 26th September 2020.

21. This closed the formal meeting

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

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

The following presentations were made:

- 5 year Long Service Award to Ron Hasler
- Wood Badges to Debbie Bromley, Michele Hunt, Steven Rolt and Mark Hampson.
- County Commissioner's Commendation to Henny Cameron
- Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service to Judith Hazell
- Award for Merit to David McInally
- Bar to the Award for Merit to David Curtis and John Rudge
- Bob Peden awarded the Scouts of the World Award to Luke Cowan
- Young Leader Champion was awarded to Lucy Jewell
- County Commissioner's Commendation was awarded to the World Scout Jamboree Leadership Team, Debbie Bromley, James Burton, Stuart Farrell and Mark Thompson

25. A presentation by World Scout Jamboree, Unit 6 Silverstone Flyers was given.