

South Marches District Scout Council AGM
(Registered Charity No. 521368)



28 September 2018 – 19:00 pm at Kindle Centre, Hereford.

Minutes

Present: 38 attended as per the signing in record.

Apologies: Ty Symonds, Joanne Burkin, Robyn Shaw, Pat Rusher, Helen Rees, Nick VanDer Walle (Group Chair), Helen Parry, Sid (County Commissioner), Ashley Good, James Johnson.

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Introductions**

David Owen District Chair opened the meeting and gave thanks to everyone for coming, with a special welcome given to our President, Lady Darnley and also to Gus Edwards, who had received his Silver Wolf Award.

2. **Apologies:** Received & recorded as above.

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017**

The minutes of the previous AGM were available on the website which were proposed by Ellie Bridges, seconded by Jackie Mumford and therefore accepted as a true and accurate record, carried unanimously.

4. **The Annual Report for the year 2017-18**

The report was received and was made available for further circulation. No amendments were forthcoming and therefore approved by the Executive Committee.

5. **The Financial Accounts for the year 2017 -18**

David presented the accounts thanking Audrey for her hard work and all those involved to enable the quick and efficient auditing to be completed.

David explained that the capitation that groups pay is used to run and support the groups of which:-

72% (over £8,000) being spent on the young people

20% (£2,400) being spent on insurance/legal and rental

8% (£800) remains surplus.

The District Executive have therefore agreed not to increase the District Levy, which will remain the same as last and this year.

Cash Reserves (excluded designated accounts) totals £63,000, which meets the reserves policy. It was noted that some of the funds will be spent on the Head Quarters (Scouts

Corner) to improve facilities, the Wallis Hut to ensure it remains in a habitable state until such time as the lottery funding is available.

No questions or queries were raised therefore the accounts were proposed by Doreen Rogers, seconded by Gus Edwards and carried unanimously.

6. **District Commissioners' nomination for District Chairman**

On behalf of Team DC, Rich Frost nominated David Owen as Chair, David accepted.

7. **Election of Officers**

David advised that both Audrey and Jane had kindly agreed to stand for a further 12 months.

a. District Treasurer – Audrey Harris – proposed by Ellie Bridges, seconded by Pam Owen.

b. District Secretary – Jane Thomas – proposed by Ellie Bridges, seconded by Doreen Rogers.

David thanked Audrey and Jane for their support.

8. **Election of members to the District Executive Committee**

As per the POR that had been previously adopted by South Marches District, it is confirmed that there continue to be a maximum of 4 committee members.

Rich Frost advised that Cathy Draper, Pat Rusher, Jo Burkin and Ruth Williams expressed an interest to stand on the Executive Committee. No other nominations were received. Proposed by Carla Good and seconded by Doreen Rogers.

David thanked both Nick Mason and Chris Stacy for their support during the last 12 months, but unfortunately were unable to re-stand due to personal reasons.

9. **District Commissioners' nominations of members to the District Executive Committee**

On behalf of Team DC (who were able to nominate no more than 4 additional members to the committee should they choose to), Matt nominated Greg Symonds and James Price.

10. **To co-opt members to the District Executive Committee**

On behalf of Team DC, Matt sought for the following to be co-opted

1. Chris Ruffe (Tosh) – Scouts Corner.

2. Jackie Williams-Smith – Media Services.

Proposed by Peter Johnson, seconded by James Price, unanimously carried.

11. **To appoint an independent examiner for the coming year**

David Owen advised that Simon Smith who was the independent examiner for the last 2 years would be happy to continue for a further 12 months if there were no other nominations. No other nominations were received.

Proposed by Ian Talboys and seconded by Jackie Mumford, unanimously carried.

12. **To appoint a representative to the County Scout Council**

Mick Rees volunteered to stand again, proposed by Lee Fletcher, seconded by Peter Johnson, unanimously carried.

13. Chairman's closing remarks

David made reference to the following

- a. **Capitation** - although it was already noted that the district would not increase their levy next year, the County would be increasing capitation by £3.25, to £50.25. There could be a discount of 25p if the returns were completed and paid for before the end of March 2019. The split would be HQ - £28, County £10.25 and District £12.
- b. **Scout Shop** - It was also noted that Jennifer and Chris Fletcher are to retire and the scout shop would cease. However, the District Executive will open a

UNIFORM Shop at the Wallis Hut, Scouts Corner, Eign Road Hereford on Saturday Mornings only, (Term Time) during the hours of 9.00 – 12.30.

Thanks went to Chris Ruffe and James Price to making the hut ready and also to Sonya Johnson, PJ and Pam Owen for volunteering initially to run the shop.

All profits will benefit the young members of South Marches, so please encourage all parents to make use of the shop. Also volunteers were being sought to help run the shop.

- c. **Badges** were available from the Badge Secretary, Pam Owen who currently holds 12,000 badges so leaders are encouraged to contact Pam as this method would be cheaper as no postage will be required.

David continued by saying for several years he's sought inspiration from world leaders, and the enthusiasm in the use of Volunteers. This reflects the District, the work we do and how this can influence young people. Over 20 years ago, Nick at the age of 12 attended camp and was home sick. After 8 days he returned to the troop and became patrol leader. He is now a Safari Manager in Kenya due to his years and experiences in scouting. Just today, following a Swiss International Camp, a father of an 11 year old scout has sent an e mail saying " I have no doubt it will stand him in great stead as he grows older and uses the many experiences he has had on the trip in his future life". David finished by thanking everyone for the work they do with our young people and felt that 2019 would be an exciting year.

This was followed by presentation of awards by Lady Darnley who concluded by thanking everyone present for the work they do as there is a huge number of young people across Herefordshire and requested that the thanks to be passed onto all members of the groups.

Meeting closed 20:00pm