

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



25 September 2020 – 19:15 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Present: David Owen (Chair), Audrey Clements (Treasurer), Sonya Johnson (Secretary), Rich Frost, Lee Fletcher, Matthew Bayley (Team DC), Robert Sidley (County Commissioner), Pat Rusher, PJ, Ali Shaw, Ellie Bridges, Dorren Rogers, Tosh, Ashleigh Goode, Melanie Brammer, Cathie Draper, Jo Burkin, Nick Mason, Adam Slough, Claire Snead, Steve Goss, Lisa Davies, Marcus Terry, Jackie Neave, Rob Williams, Jackie Williams Smith

Apologies: James Price, Gary Fleet, Kate Tyler, Karen Jones, Harry Bantham Jones, Billie Bantham Jones, Beth Norwood, Jim Barnett, Simon Turner, Patrick Smith, Margaret and Neil Storey, James Johnson, Ian Talboys, Helen Parry

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

David Owen District Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

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

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 27 September 2019 had been circulated. Signed as a true record by David Owen, District Chair, proposed by Cathie Draper and seconded by Claire Snead.

4. **The Trustees Annual Report for the year 2019-20**

The Annual Report had been approved by the District Executive, with copies circulated. Proposed for adoption by Pat Rusher and seconded by Doreen Rogers.

5. **The Financial Accounts for the year 2019 -20**

David presented a summary of the accounts.

We use two main Banks to avoid any possibility of having more than £85K in either. Currently £25K is held in the Gang Show Account.

The revenue Account currently holds: Unrestricted funds £56k, Restricted funds £0.1k, Designated funds £9K, Sectional Operational Funds £37.4k

The badge account, for its second year contributed £1k to the general account. Thanks to Pam Owen for all her hard work.

Projects: Still seeking to purchase a District camp site. In the process of obtaining planning permission for a rebuild of Scouts Corner, hence the balance held in the unrestricted funds account.

No questions were received relating to the accounts and therefore the audited accounts were adopted having been proposed by Pat Rusher and seconded by Cathie Draper.

6. District Commissioners' nomination for District Chair

On behalf of Team DC, Rich Frost would like to nominate David Owen as Chair for the next 12 months, which David accepted.

7. Election of Officers

a. District Treasurer – Audrey Clements had agreed to stand for a further 12 months. There were no further nominations

Proposed by Doreen Rogers, seconded by Joanne Burkin.

b. District Secretary –Sonya Johnson had agreed to stand for a further 12 months. There were no further nominations

Proposed by Pat Rusher, seconded by Cathie Draper.

David thanked both Audrey and Sonya for their hard work and support over the last 12 months.

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.

David advised that Cathy Draper, Pat Rusher and Jo Burkin expressed an interest to continue on the Executive Committee. A nomination for the vacancy had been received from Nick Mason. No other nominations were received on the night, so the recommendation that Cathy Draper, Pat Rusher, Jo Burkin and Nick Mason be put forward was proposed by PJ, seconded by Clare Snead.

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), Rich nominated both Greg Symonds and James Price.

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

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

1. Chris Ruffe (Tosh) – Scouts Corner.
 2. Jackie Williams-Smith – Media Services.
- Proposed by PJ, seconded by Doreen Rogers.

David welcomed the new members onto the committee.

11. To appoint an independent examiner for the coming year

David Owen advised that Simon Smith who was the independent examiner for the last 4 years would be happy to continue for a further 12 months if there were no other nominations. No other nominations were received.

Proposed by Pat Rusher, seconded by Doreen Rogers

12. To appoint a representative to the County Scout Council

David advised that this representative does not attend County meetings but they do have voting rights at the AGM, which is important. James Price was proposed by Rob Williams and seconded by Jackie Williams-Smith. As James Price was not at the meeting this could not be confirmed. *Post meeting note James does not wish to stand for this position*

13. Chair's closing remarks

Our generation is now experiencing a major international crisis. However, history shows that this will be defeated and our forebears, when faced with a similar situation, ensured that Scouting continued. We will do the same for by the dedication of our volunteers I am convinced that our great movement will continue to prosper.

Therefore, a huge thank you to all our volunteers, brilliantly led by our leaders, whether they be at National, County, District or Group level.

Although we may occasionally take a step but that will not deter us, so it with enthusiasm I look forward to the future.

Thank you all once again.

Meeting closed at 19.30pm