

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

30 September 2022– 19:15 pm @ Scouts Corner



## Minutes

Present: David Owen (Chair), Sonya Johnson (Secretary), Rich Frost, Lee Fletcher, Matthew Bayley (Team DC), PJ, Ali Shaw, Doreen Rogers, Tosh, Cathie Draper, Jo Burkin, Rob Williams, Jackie Williams Smith, Pam Owen, Kim Marston, Kirstie Wright, Ellie Bridges, Ty Symonds, Deputy Lieutenant Rear Admiral Philip Wilcock

Apologies: James Price, Margaret and Neil Storey, James Johnson, Helen Parry, Sarah Laverick, Andrew Mason Robert Sidley, Josie Croft, Peter Clasby, Pat Rusher, Audrey Clements

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

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

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

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 24 September 2021 Signed by David Owen, District Chair, proposed by Lee Fletcher and seconded by Rich Frost

4. **The Trustees Annual Report for the year 2021 - 2022**

The Annual Report had been approved by the District Executive, with copies placed on the District website. Proposed for adoption by Tosh and seconded by Ty Symonds

5. **The Financial Accounts for the year 2021 -22**

David presented a summary of the accounts, as Audrey Clements, treasurer was on holiday.

We continue to use two main Banks to avoid any possibility of having more than £85K in either. Currently £25K is held in the Gang Show Account at Barclays, with the rest of the district funds held at Lloyds.

There is currently £75,000 held in a restricted fund for the scouts corner development, and £5,000 in a fund for international travel.

David thanked both Pam and Sonya for running the district badges and uniform shop which had contributed money to the district.

Thanks also given to Audrey for all her hard work.

No questions were received relating to the accounts and therefore the audited accounts were adopted having been proposed by Tosh and seconded by Lee Fletcher.

6. **District Commissioners' nomination for District Chairman**  
On behalf of Team DC, Rich Frost, thanked David Owen for all his work over the past 12 months. Rich 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 Lee Fletcher seconded by Ty Symonds
  - b. District Secretary –Sonya Johnson had agreed to stand for a further 12 months. There were no further nominations  
Proposed by Rich Frost seconded by Matt Bayley  
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, Jo Burkin, Nick Mason expressed an interest to continue on the Executive Committee. 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 Ali Shaw
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 Neil Styles
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.With the ability to nominate a further person to represent the Leominster HQ,  
Proposed by Ellie Bridges seconded by Ty Symonds
11. **To appoint an independent examiner for the coming year**  
David Owen advised that Mike Cole, FCCA, of Cole and Co, who was the independent examiner last year, was happy to continue in this role. No other nominations came from the floor. So Mike Cole was proposed by Rich Frost seconded by Matt Bayley
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. The role was done by Jackie Mumford last year. Jackie was happy to continue with this role, proposed by Matt Bayley and seconded by Cathie Draper.
13. **Chairman's closing remarks**  
David thanked everyone for what they had done during this year. It was a relief to see scouting getting back to normal after Covid and a difficult 2 years.

A special thanks to Team DC for all that they do.

Rob Williams was asked to pass the thanks of the district on to the county for all they do.

Next year is going to be an exciting year, with the commencement of the Scouts Corner development on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. This has been a dream since 1986.

Thank you all once again

- 14 Deputy Lieutenant, Rear Admiral Philip Wilcock, asked to address the meeting. He thanked all the volunteers for the hard work they had put in. He was also a scout.

He looked forward to see the new premises in 2024 /2025, wishing everyone all the best.

Meeting closed at 19.38pm