



District Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 6th October 2021 (20:00) – Online (Zoom)

Attendees

Jamie Andrews (District Commissioner), Matthew Scott (District Chair), Carol Mann (District Treasurer), Jack Tracy (DDC – Programme), Paul Hogan-Williams (DDC – Perception), Paul Bell (County Chair), Paul Hedges (ACC) and 2 other members of the District.

Apologies

Hugh Oliver-Bellasis

Note – All voting was done via Zoom polls live on the call.

Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Matthew Scott opened the meeting and welcomed Paul Bell and Paul Hedges from County.

Election of Chair

Jamie Andrews nominated Matthew Scott to stand as District Chair again, and this was unanimously accepted.

Approval of previous minutes

Matthew Scott reported that the previous meeting minutes were not able to be found, and therefore we wouldn't be able to approve them on this occasion. This was proposed by Matthew Scott, and seconded by Jamie Andrews.

District Chair Report

A fully copy of the District Chairs report can be found in the annual review, and Matthew bought up the key successes of the last year which included:

- A strong focus on COVID-19, and he was impressed with how Basingstoke East moved and continued to operate during this period.
- Working on a new constitution which would bring stronger compliance to the District
- A re-work of the Appointments Committee which included how they were working
- And finally ensuring the Scout District started focusing on strategic goals

District Commissioner Report

A fully copy of the District Commissioners report can be found in the annual review, and Jamie mentioned the following:

- As per Matthews comments, 2021 was a year like no other and he' proud of the work that the District done with groups.
- A thanks to Keith Hawkins (Previous DC) for all the work that he's done in post, but also for giving him the support in order to be prepared to take on this new role.
- A thanks to Paul Hogan-Williams and Jack Tracy for the work they've already done in helping to transform the District.



- A steady increase in youth and adult members (but not at pre-covid levels) but our amazing volunteers have been stretched in the past and time to be dynamic on our appointments, and not holding multiple roles with a better approach to growth and development.
- A tribute to Beryl Mullender who's experience, knowledge and understanding of Scouting will be sorely missed across the District, and we'll be forever grateful to her and Mike for their service.
- Jamie is looking forward to the first year of being DC, and continuing the work of amazing Scouting with adults and young people in the District.

Treasurers Report

Carol Mann presented this years accounts with it being a very good year with few ins and outs.

Proposed Constitution

Matthew Scott introduced the proposed constitution which reduces the size of the District Exec, to a smaller board of trustees and gives key skills/portfolios to individuals to ensure the District can be run effectively. Alongside this, there would be smaller forums with DCS/DDCS, Chairs and the wider District Team. There's previously been issues with confidentiality, and conflict of interests, and this smaller board reduces that and doesn't stretch the GSLs.

Matthew asked for a vote, and Paul Bell commented that this constitution isn't in line with the POR and therefore this item should be held, and voted on after changes have been made.

Election of Officers for 2021/22

District Secretary – This role is still vacant.

District Treasurer – Carol Mann has stepped down to Deputy District Treasurer and will focus on the day-to-day accounts, and Paul Carcone has been nominated by Matthew Scott as the new District Treasurer, and this was seconded by Jamie Andrews, and agreed unanimously.

Nomination of Trustees for 2021/22

The following nominations were received and agreed unanimously:

- Harrison Gorst
- Jack Dilly
- Jack Tracy
- Paul Hogan-Williams
- Georgina Charlton
- John Handford

Appointment of Auditor

Carol Mann proposed Ian Scott, and this was seconded by Jamie Andrews.

County Representative

Paul Hedges thanked the whole team in Basingstoke East, for continuing Scouting in the District, and gave thanks to Keith Hawkins for this time as DC.

Date of 2022 AGM

It was agreed that this would be set after the constitution change.