

## **Minutes of the Salisbury and South Wiltshire District Scout AGM meeting held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Dennis Marsh House**

This year's AGM was opened at 19:30hrs by Roger Demain-Griffiths Chairman.

### **1) Welcome**

Roger Demain-Griffiths Chairman welcomed everyone to this year's AGM including Sqn. Leader Douglas St John, Steve Barley CC, Keith Bennet DCC, Chris Pope County Treasurer, June Putman ACC Cubs, and Gerald Russell County Appointments Secretary.  
The AGM will be punctuated with a Beetle Drive organized and run by the Scout section.

### **2) Apologies**

Mike Chalke, Sue Knight, Elaine Murrell, Terry & Jill Lodge, Jane Waspe, Rachel Squire, Graham Dredge & Reg Haydon.

### **3) Minutes of the previous AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Chairman asked the meeting to accept the Minutes of the previous AGM held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 20145. This was proposed by Dee Prince & seconded by Owena Archer. The meeting being in favor, these were accepted as a true record.

### **4) Presentation and adoption of the District Annual Report (less accounts)**

David Waspe District Commissioner thanked the District Secretary for compiling this District Annual Report (less accounts) then proposed its presentation and adoption, this was seconded by Douglas Chapman District President and carried by those present.

### **5) Presentation and adoption of the District Accounts**

Ivor Davies (Treasurer) proposed the adoption of the District Accounts as seen in the Annual Review. The proposal was seconded by Dee Prince and carried by those present.

### **6) Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman**

The District Commissioner thanked the current Chairman Roger Demain-Griffiths for his support during the past year and nominated Roger for re-election. The meeting being in favor, Roger will continue as Chairman.

### **7) Approval of the Nominations by the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee of elected members of the District Scout Council**

The District Commissioner nominated Ludo MaCaulay (Ex-Station Office Salisbury Fire Brigade). This was approved by those present.

### **8) Election of Officers of the District Scout Council**

#### **District Secretary**

There being no nominations received Paul Prince agreed to remain in the post and this was carried by those present.

#### **District Treasurer**

There being no nominations received Ivor Davies agreed to remain in the post and this was carried by those present.

### **9) Election of members of the District Scout Council and Executive Committee**

The Chairman asked the Secretary for nominations: Robert Jones (District Leader representative) and Richard Waters (Scout Shop Manager). These were approved by those present.

### **10) Approval of the District Commissioner's nominations of members of the District Executive Committee**

The Chairman asked the DC for his nominations: Mrs. Dee Prince (Recruitment) – Mrs Deana Dyde – Peter Handford (DMH Manager) – Spencer Mulholland (Media & PR Manager). These were approved by those present.

### **11) Election of a Group Scouter to serve on the County Scout Council**

The Chairman asked the DC for his nomination of Mrs. Rachel Squires, this was approved by those present.

### **12) Appointment of Auditor**

The Treasurer nominated Clifford Fry of Netherhampton, this was approved by those present.

### **13) Notices**

The DC addressed the meeting and thanked all the District leaders for their time and effort in providing another year of quality scouting here in the District.

Dave then outline why we were unveiling a Memorial Plaque remembering those Scouts and Scouters who lost their lives, were injured or missing in the Great War of 1914-18. The original idea was John Wyeth's and has taken two years to research, this included reading very newspaper printed in Salisbury between 1914 & 1918. We discovered in 1918 it was proposed the District (as it existed in those days) was to erect a Memorial in honour for those Scouts and Scouters who lost their lives in the war. A list was presented to the then District Commissioner. What happened to this list is unknown and so no Memorial was ever erected. Part of doing this today was to complete the promise that was made at that time. The book has taken two years to compile and is a comprehensive record of what Scouting achieved here in the District during the Great War.

An A5 paperback book has been produced for sale and the small profit will go toward the purchase of a District Camp Site in the future.

John Wyeth addressed the meeting with the history behind the unveiling of the 1914-18 Memorial.

World War1, the Great War, started on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914 and was supposed to be over by Christmas. This was not the case and even 100 years ago today the war is still raging.

Yesterday, 100 years ago, CZERNOWITZ, [*Chu na vits*] BUKOVINA [part of the Austrian empire and now Ukraine] was occupied by Russian forces. Tomorrow HAMDENI, German East Africa, now Tanzania was occupied by British Forces. The battle of the Somme will start next month a century ago, during which over 1 million men died or were injured.

Many groups and units in the district took part in our We Remember Lest We Forget project which culminated in a large window display in Waterstones, New Canal Salisbury during the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday 2015. We lit candles for the Lights Out on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at our Groups meeting places or at camp. We found out about persons living locally during that period and of those commemorated on war memorial plaques around the district. We found out about Boy Seaman Jack Cornwall, the scout VC. We visited many of the commonwealth war graves in the District and placed flowers. We took part in the Royal British Legions Everyman Remembered Project - which is still going on. We made trench cakes, read war poetry, planted poppies and visited military museums. We have also commissioned a plaque which you can see on the wall to Remember and Honour all members of The Scout Association who have served and sacrificed...

Inside is the book 'Salisbury and South Wiltshire Scouts and Scouters 1914 – 1918'. It is in memory of those scouts and scouters who died, those who survived and those for which we have no record. Perhaps we could have a moment of silence.

Baden-Powell said at the end of the 1st World Scout Jamboree in 1920 at Kensington Olympia:  
"Brother Scouts, I ask you to make a choice. Differences exist between the people of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The War has taught us that if one nation tries to impose its particular will upon others, cruel reaction is bound to follow. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give-and-take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth from here fully determined that we will develop among ourselves and our Scouts that comradeship, through the world-wide spirit of the Scout family, that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among all Scouts.

Steve Barley County Commissioner presented Dave Waspe DC with his 25 years in Scouting Award and Certificate.

The Chairman thanked the Scout section for providing the theme for this year's AGM and announced the 2017 AGM would be arranged by the Cub section on June 10<sup>th</sup> 19:00 for 19:30.

The AGM finished at 20:06 and the Beetle Drive continued.

**The next AGM will be on Saturday June 10th 2017 19:00 for 19:30**



Paul Prince  
District Secretary