

Salisbury & South Wilts District Scout Council Annual General Meeting



Date & time: 8th July 2023, 19.30 hours

Venue: Dennis Marsh House

Minutes

1	Welcome & Introductions The Chair welcomed members of the District Scout Council attending in person and virtually, and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, the County Commissioner of Wiltshire, and also the Mayor of Wilton.
2	Housekeeping Brief housekeeping matters were explained. Those joining virtually were asked to make sure that they're identifiable, either by video or by ensuring that full names were displayed.
3	Apologies for absence were received from: David Miles, Alex Bell, Kim Banting, Philippa Thorne, Samantha Jack, Ian Jack, Kevin Hill, Jon Moores, Shirley Moores, Carolyn Thomson Easter, Rachel Squire, Rachel Clarke, Terry Lodge Martin Smith, Nick Baker, Mrs SR Troughton, John Duffy, Peter Handford, Deana Dyde, Abi Fry, Nick Brown, Vanessa Mather, Jon Davidson, Helen Hollands
4	Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting held on 11th July 2022 These have been previously reviewed by the District Trustee Board at their first meeting after the previous AGM and so the Chair proposed that the minutes are taken as read and ask the District Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting. Seconded by Mike Hiley and agreed by the council.
5	Governance The Chair notes to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting, governance, is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.
5a	In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the Chair proposed that the Trustee Board adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to the meeting, and copies were also available at the meeting. Seconded by John Fry and agreed by the council
5b	Members of the District Scout Council are asked to note from the Chair that the charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.

5c	<p>The Chair explained that the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 4 people can be elected. The Chair therefore proposed that the District Scout Council approves that recommendation.</p> <p>Seconded by Mike Hiley and agreed by the council</p>
5d	<p>The Chair explained that the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 15 persons. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.</p> <p>Seconded by Pete Anscomb and agreed by the council.</p> <p>The Chair explained that the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set the Charity Commission good practice statement. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.</p> <p>Seconded by Mike Hiley and agreed by the council.</p>
6	<p><u>Reviews</u></p>
6a	<p><u>District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the District 2022/23</u></p> <p>Review paraphrased:</p> <p><i>'So, if you look in the Trustee report you can see some photographs that just shows the magnitude of things that go on across the District in the past year.</i></p> <p><i>We really had a whole range of activities ranging from St George's Day through to the Queen's Jubilee, and more latterly the proclamation of the King coming to the throne.</i></p> <p><i>But aside from all that, we've had some really good quality scouting going on in the District, that ranges from an expedition of over 80 peoples out to Kandersteg, to the international Scout Centre there in summer of last year, right the way through to activity days, fun days for the Beaver Scouts and the District Cub camp.</i></p> <p><i>There is a District Cub camp photograph of the Red Arrows where we were fortunate for them to pass by our campsite.</i></p> <p><i>Aside from all that, the numbers of Scouts in Salisbury & South Wilts is back on track, we had a couple of sticky years with Covid, but I'm really pleased of the numbers of young people (1062) in the District, and that is a real testament to the quality of programs on offer across the 17 Groups in the District.</i></p> <p><i>What we've also seen, which is another good indicator of the quality of program and the quality scouting experience that we are providing, is the number of top awards that are being awarded</i></p>

across the sections, this a real testament to all the efforts of all of the volunteers and other volunteers that are not here this evening, who are putting the time, effort and dedication to the areas to deliver that program.

So, in closing you know that our volunteers, are really the true backbone of Scouting, and whether they're Leaders, Training Advisors, Trustees, supporters or parents, without whom we would not have Scouting as we know it, and so the Board of Trustees would like to formally place on record their gratitude of all the services and volunteers in our District.'

6b The Annual Report and Accounts of the District Trustee Board review

The Chair said the District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from Clifford & Fry. Chair asked the District Treasurer, to give an explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

Review paraphrased:

'The accounts are at the back of the Trustee's report.

They are done as Receipt and Payment account, and in the Charity Commission format.

A few major things happened through the year (in Page 8 of the report), extension to DMH for additional storage which now gives the hall more usable space and therefore better for renting out. Funded from profits from previous years from the Scout Shop, and this continues to be the income generation for the District.

The Shop does very well, but is run by a small band of volunteers who are always looking for more volunteers (help was offered).

The major sources of income for the District continue to be the Campsite Quest, which is written up in the report however the current figure is just under £128,000 raised in about three years, Dave Waspe is point of contact. Additional income is the Christmas Post making money for the District and the local Groups and John Wyeth is point of contact, the Scout & Guide Panto where the profits are reinvested in the next performance, point of contact Roger Demain-Griffiths, and finally donations from the District Minibus used by groups and outside organisations for a donation towards its running costs, point of contact John Wyeth.'

No questions

7 Appointments

7a District President and Vice-Presidents

Chair noted no change, with Doug Chapman as President and Terry Lodge as Vice-President.

7b Any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the District Scout Council, by the District Commissioner, the District Trustee Board or the District Scout Council.

Chair said that currently not looking to admit any further supporters currently to the Trustee board.

7c	<p>DC's nomination of District Chair DC was pleased to nominate Roger Demain Griffiths.</p> <p>Election approved from the Scout Council.</p>
7d	<p>Election of Officers of the District Scout Council, District Secretary No nominations have been received for the role of District Secretary, which remains vacant. Chair asked if anyone would like to step forward please see him afterwards.</p>
7e	<p>Election of Officers of the District Scout Council, District Treasurer No further nominations have been received for the role of District Treasurer and Ivor Davies agreed to continue in the role of District Treasurer.</p> <p>Re-election approved from the Scout Council.</p>
7f	<p>Election of Members of the Trustee Board of the District Scout Council. Deana Cook (Dyde), Peter Handford, Mick Chalke and Dan Banister were nominated for election en-bloc.</p> <p>Election approved from the Scout Council.</p>
7g	<p>Approval of DC's nominations of Members to serve on the Trustee Board of the District Scout Council The DC proposed that Michael Hiley and David Waspé are appointed to serve on the Trustee Board of the District Scout Council.</p> <p>Election approved from the Scout Council.</p> <p>Chair said that there were no co-opted members to declare, however the District Trustee Board reserve the right to co-opt members at any point during the coming year, so would be appointed outside the AGM.</p>
7h	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 Clifford Fry & Co was proposed by Ivor Davies (District Treasurer).</p> <p>Appointment approved from the Scout Council.</p>
7i	<p>Election of Representative to the County Scout Council Mark Warner was proposed by Ian Porter (DC)</p> <p>Election approved from the Scout Council.</p>
8	<p>Address Steve Barley, County Commissioner</p> <p>After the address Steve Barley announced the new DC.</p>

	<p>Announcement paraphrased:</p> <p><i>'Ilan has decided to step down from his District Commissioner role in August, to go back to Group or Section level and be more involved in the regular work there, plus be involved in the trip to Kandersteg amongst other things, which is absolutely fantastic. The good news that we are going to lose him entirely.</i></p> <p><i>I'm sure that his skills and experience gained during his tenure, will be very handy indeed, whatever group he joins, which I believe is Downton.</i></p> <p><i>I'd like to say a huge thank you for leading the District since August 2018.</i></p> <p><i>I appreciate that it's not been easy, especially during the pandemic, where your service has been of greater need by the community, but you did it, you got through it, continued growth, and ensured the quarterly programs were delivered.</i></p> <p><i>It is thanks to you and the way that you manage the District through hard times that you will be remembered for and I will always be thankful.</i></p> <p><i>Now, who will be the successor.</i></p> <p><i>Well, with the help of my trusted research team to find a suitable successor who will ably support you all through the Transformation and beyond and continue to keep strong Salisbury & South Wilts District, I am pleased to announce that the new DC from August will be Ian Jack.'</i></p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The team for the Korean Scout Jamboree in 2023 gave a presentation.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Date of next meeting – the 2024 AGM will be confirmed closer to the time. The meeting was closed and thanks were given by the Trustee Board to all in attendance.</p> <p>Following the closure of the meeting, presentation of Awards and Certificates with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire.</p>

Record of attendees

<u>Attendees in person and virtual</u>	
Ian Porter	Fiona Labdon
John Fry	Christopher Labdon
Ben Kinsey	Graham Murrell
Ann-Marie Kinsey	Elaine Murrell
Sophie Kinsey	Elaine Wood
Peter Ronald Fay	Mick Chalke
Olwen Brockway	Sue Knight
Mike Hiley	Kay Putnam
Dan Bavister	Steve Barclay
Ivor Davies	Tom Scott
Roger Demain-Griffiths	Shirley Scott
Cindy Demain-Griffiths	Ed Dunn
Barbara White	Bev Turner
Paul Hardiman	Pete Anscomb
Vic Peters	Sandy Yeates
John Wyeth	Paul Prince
Mark Warner	Dee Prince
Marcus Shanley	Ryan Warden
Tracy Waters	Gerald Russell
Sam Lewis	David Waspe
	Jane Waspe
	David Davidson
	Andy Chisholm