



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 MAY 2022

Present: Annie Bennett, Jan Moor, Dave Thorne, Andy Elliott, Ash Elliott, Tara Stephenson, Max Butler, Mike Hewitt, Wendy Hewitt, Katie Harvey, Martin Eason, Justin Moss, Sarah Selby, Dagmara Blachut, Catherine Bell, Andrew White, Dave Garrity, Graham Stirk, Frankie Delamere, Olga Iwaszkiewicz-Bogdanska, Anne Fry, James Kitchen, Mike Laing, Susan Rundle, Kate Stirk, Becky Laing, Gavin Smith, Watson family, Auckland family, O'Brien family, Fearn family, Selby family, Caroline Moss & family, Phillips family, Jessica Stone & family, Laura Hay & family, Bower family & many of our young people.

1. Welcome by Graham Stirk (Group Vice President): A warm welcome to our Young People, parents, leaders and volunteers to our AGM. Good to see you all here.

2. Review of the agenda (Chair): Before we start, I just wanted to say a few words about Anne Iveson who has sadly passed away. She was secretary of the group and managed the paper collection for many years. Our thoughts are with her family and we will publicise the details of her funeral.

The agenda was shown and questions asked for in person and via the AGM email to be answered later in the agenda. Votes had already been cast through online elections and adoptions prior to the meeting, and any slips which have been filled in in person. There were a total of 66 votes - 57 online and 11 in meeting - see excel results in meeting folder.

3. Conflicts of Interest: Any conflicts of interest were requested and none were highlighted.

4. Apologies for Absence: Tina Brill, Ken Brill, John Lucas, Phil Bennett, Rachel Furby, Freya Sellers, Aimee Harrison, Pippa Hammond-Trew, Leigh Cooke Bennett, Thomas Lumley, Chris Rundle, Jonny Fry, Jane Wilson, Alan Furby, Lindsey Potts, Jen Kennelly, Katie Matthews, Dan Robinson, Julie Berridge, Amy Stones, James Cooper, Naomi Saunders, Lesley Charlson, Ros Roberts, Helen Fletcher, Gareth Mines, Gail Doughty, Emma Hunter, Simon Thompson, David Garbett, Jason Davies, Val Roddis, Rebecca van der Arend, Anita Bray, Emma Hammer, Kathryn Johnson.

5. Minutes of the Previous AGM: The minutes of the previous AGM were distributed and were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Andy Elliott, seconded by Martin Eason, and were approved without opposition.

6. Reports from the Chair, GSL and Treasurer: All reports had been circulated and formed part of the Annual report and Accounts, which were reviewed later in the meeting. Any questions on these were requested via the AGM email.

7. Appointment of Nominated Positions on Executive Committee:

Chairperson – Annie Bennett was nominated by Dave Thorne as acting GSL, and was approved unopposed in the online and in meeting vote (2 abstentions were nominee and nominator).

The appointment of the following positions on the Executive Committee were also nominated by the GSL and were approved unanimously in the online and in meeting vote.

Safety Officer	Mike Hewitt
Training Manager	Tina Brill

8. Election of Officers and Members of the Group Executive Committee:

The following officers were willing to stand again and were unopposed and were approved unanimously in the online and in meeting vote, and were duly elected.

Group Secretary	Jan Moor
Group Treasurer	John Lucas
Treasury Assistant	Wendy Hewitt

The following people volunteered to be Parent Section Representatives in the online and in meeting vote were approved unanimously. Kerry Thompson has stepped down and we thank her for her contribution over the last few years.

Squirrels	Vacant
Beavers	Susan Rundle
Cubs	Vacant
Scouts	Justin Moss
Explorers	Vacant

If anyone is interested in being a Parent Representative, please contact either Annie, Jan or Dave at any time. It's an important role to help liaise with other parents and give us feedback. Susan Rundle volunteered to cover Squirrels as well as Beavers, should no-one else volunteer for that post.

9. Confirmation of Ex-Officio Members on Executive Committee:

These members, who have a right to be on the Executive because of their posts, have full voting rights:

a. Sponsoring authority Representative	Vacant
b. AGSLs	Beavers Katie Harvey
c.	Cubs Sarah Selby
d.	Scouts Vacant
e.	Explorers Andy Elliott
f.	Scout Active Support Manager Martin Eason
g.	District Commissioner Nigel White
h.	District Chair Lars Kramm

All section leaders have the right to be on the Executive Committee and act as trustees though this is not compulsory. The following leaders decided to exercise that right:

i. Section Leaders:

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

Nicola Silke

Jane Wilson

Tara Stephenson

Andrew White

10. Acceptance of Annual Report and Accounts:

The Annual Report and Accounts were considered. There were no questions submitted in advance, but Annie asked if there were any questions, that they should be submitted by email or in the meeting. This was approved by a majority - 60 votes (online and in meeting, with 3 Nos and 3 not reviewing), so the Report and Accounts were entered into the record.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It is a statutory requirement that the Group Accounts are independently examined. Nigel Everard kindly agreed to do this for us. His appointment was supported by unanimous agreement by the online and in meeting vote.

12. Approval and Adoption of Key Documents:

The Group adopted its own constitution based on the Policy Organisation and Rules. This constitution was reviewed as required annually and some minor adjustments had been made (in line with POR and to include Squirrels) and these have been approved unopposed in the online and in meeting voting. There were no other documents due for review at this time.

13. Questions and Answers:

Final questions were requested and none were submitted. The meeting moved on to the fun bit.

14. Presentation of Awards

Section Awards:

So, next the meeting moved on to the awards for young people. Andy presented the Explorer and young leader awards:

Jorvik Explorers – Floella Phillips

Nordic Explorers - James Cook

Young Leader – Lucy Fearn

Dave/Tara presented the awards for Scouts:

Tuesday Dringhouses PC Scout Troop - Millie Eastman (presented after meeting)

Thursday St Edward's Scout Troop – Kalina O'Brien

Friday St Helen's Scout Troop – Jake Auckland

Dave/Sarah presented the awards for Cubs:

Tuesday Roman Cubs – Amelia Auckland

Thursday Saxon Cubs - Megan Roberts (presented after meeting)

Friday Viking Cubs – Henry Smith

Katie/Olga presented the awards for Beavers:

Tuesday Beavers – Lyla Birch-Moyse (presented after meeting)

Wednesday Beavers – Jackson Bower

Friday Beavers – Max Hay

Chairman's Cup – created in 1976

Presented by Annie Bennett for outstanding contribution to the Group - firstly the youth section and secondly the adult supporter for outstanding service to the Group, with the following speeches:

Dave: "This young person has given me and all of us a lot of support and always got involved in everything. Well done to Gabriel Watson."

"The Chairman's Cup for the Outstanding Adult Supporter for the Group goes to Tara Stephenson, who I think has demonstrated a lot of resilience throughout recent years. She has got involved in many parts of Scouting attending several Jamborees, she has also been part of the group during several milestone events, such as the first girls being admitted to Cubs. Thank you for your continued significant contribution to the Group."

This concluded the presentation of awards and Annie thought that everyone would agree the achievements highlight the outstanding work being done in all parts of the Group, specifically this year with bringing us back to full face to face Scouting.

The District Commissioner, Nigel White, sent his apologies, but sent a message, which Annie read out:

"Please log my apologies for not attending your Group AGM this evening. I will be away on camp. It is important to take these moments to reflect on the astonishing range of activities and achievements undertaken by our young people and volunteers over the past year.

I was privileged to visit your Group Camp and witness the team effort involved in providing such amazing fun and adventure on mass scale. Your Active Support Team was in full swing catering for 250 people, so that leaders could focus on running activities for the young people.

In the background your Executive team will have arranged the finances and other support. Your District, County and national Scouting teams will have helped to provide guidance, insurance and training. This is how Scouting should be, with our wider family all contributing in their own way to make a big difference together. Your Scouting parents and young people are also part of this support network, and hopefully they feel that too.

Although Dringhouses have a strong team and an excellent Scout Group, there will always be ways for more volunteers to help out, so please do what you can to build on what we have to Do More, Share More, and Be More. Great job, well done!"

Annie thanked Nigel and stated that we have appreciated the support from District over the past year.

Dave added a few more comments about leaders:

“I wanted to say thank you to some leaders who have left: Niamh Clark who has been leader at Tuesday Cubs while at university here and has left to go home; Dan Edwards – leaving as on assignment in army (he will be welcome to return if he finds himself back in York); welcome back to Jonny Fry to Thursday Scouts; welcome to Justin too, who has joined as active support coordinator.

Thanks to all the volunteers that have enabled us to start our two new Squirrels section - 7 new leaders – it is great to have one of our Squirrels here tonight.

Thanks to all the leaders for everything they do.”

16. Next Executive Meeting: Monday 18th July 2022

17. Closure of Annual General Meeting

Annie closed with the following: *“Thank you for attending the AGM and for your part in the Group. We hope you will join us in the challenges to come in the next 12 months.”*