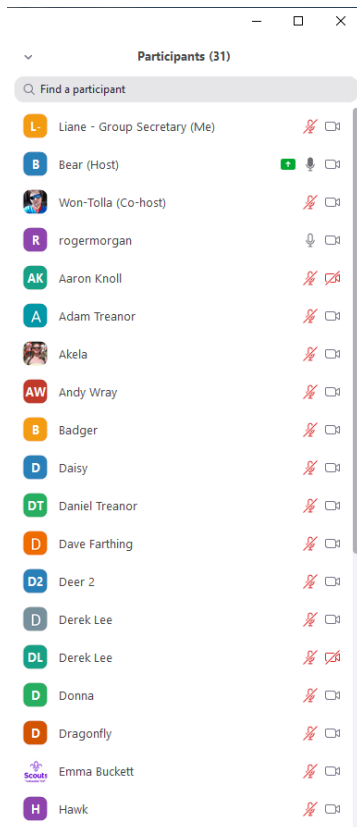


MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM ONLINE

5TH JULY 2020

Attendees:



There were also 12 other attendees – unfortunately the screen grab I took of the bottom of the list – didn't work, so I only have the top half.... Apologies!

1. **Welcome and introductions**

Tim Ford opened the meeting and went through the Zoom etiquette and the agenda of the meeting. Tim introduced the committee and leadership teams to the Group, as well as our District reps .

2. **Apologies**

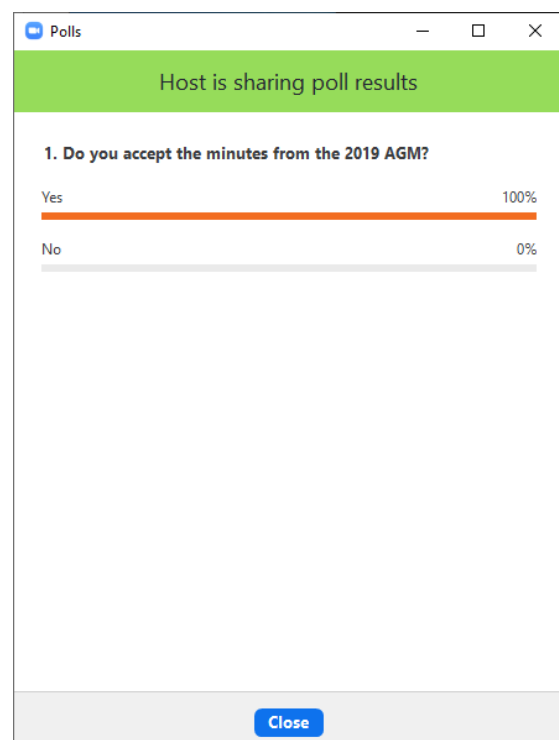
Emma Griffen

3. **Approval of previous minutes**

The AGM pack had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Proposer: Tim Ford, Secunder: Dave Farthing

The previous minutes were accepted without correction.



4. Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts:

Trustee's report – Dave Farthing (DF), Chairman

A statement is in the AGM pack as well, but DF went through his report:

Due to COVID-19 scouting this year has been difficult. Dave thanked all the volunteers and Scout Leaders for their work during this difficult time. Safety has been our priority, and we will not return to face-to-face scouting until such time as we can do it safely and Scouting HQ allow us to.

Fundraising has been hit this year, but even during lockdown we have raised some funds through a "Where your PJs to work" day by our secretary, and some grants.

There are a lovely group of people called the Monday Night Crew who are ex Scouts who have been working on the hut to put in storage and a new ceiling and lighting. Our outdoor garage is in dire need of replacing. District Scouts have given us £1,500 towards replacing it, and we now happy to report we have enough money to proceed with this project – which we'll do as soon as we are able to after lockdown.

Dave thanked Andy Wray who has kindly given us an extra year of his time in the Treasurer role. We now have a new Treasurer in the form of Ollie Nash. This is a key role and without them both we could not operate as a group.

We still need committee members to support our Leaders in any role that is small to large. We are looking for people to help out with maintaining the hut, and fundraising.

For those that want to help a little more, we also need Leaders – training and support is provided and you will gain your own experiences as well as helping children gain theirs.

Dave officially steps down as Chairman.

Highlights of the year

- Funding has been enough we can now start the replacement of the garage
- Scouting continues despite COVID-19
- £4,600 spent of refurbishment of the hut, and new camping equipment

Treasurer's report – Andy Wray, Treasurer

Please see AGM pack for full report.

Total income was £14,100 and we spent £14,700 – we're left with £12,800 in the bank. We do have some costs which are allocated but not yet spent – so we have around £10,000 in the accounts.

We need at least £8,000 in the accounts to keep us running. Accounts are therefore in a healthy state.

We raised around £2,000 through fundraising and donations last year. Which was good – but is a figure we need to raise each year if we can. Due to the COVID our fundraising has been hit a bit. We have however received some government grants which are helping to keep us afloat.

This year we paid all our suppliers via online banking. And most of the subs and payments into the group were paid electronically. This allows us to manage the finances on a daily basis down to the penny!

We were unable to claim giftaid due to lack of forms from parents. We need one form per child – so if you have two children – we need two forms.

Q: - If we are on benefits or under the tax threshold do we still need to do a gift aid form?

A: - No – in those circumstances we do not need one. TF asked for such people to let us know so we stop bothering you with requests for gift aid forms.

GSL and Section reports

Please see AGM pack for details.

Do people accept the accounts and reports from the group?



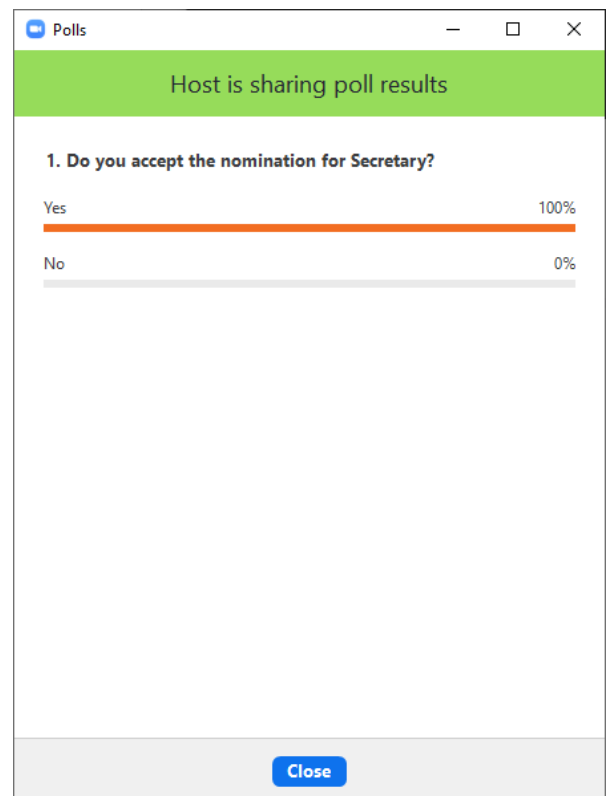
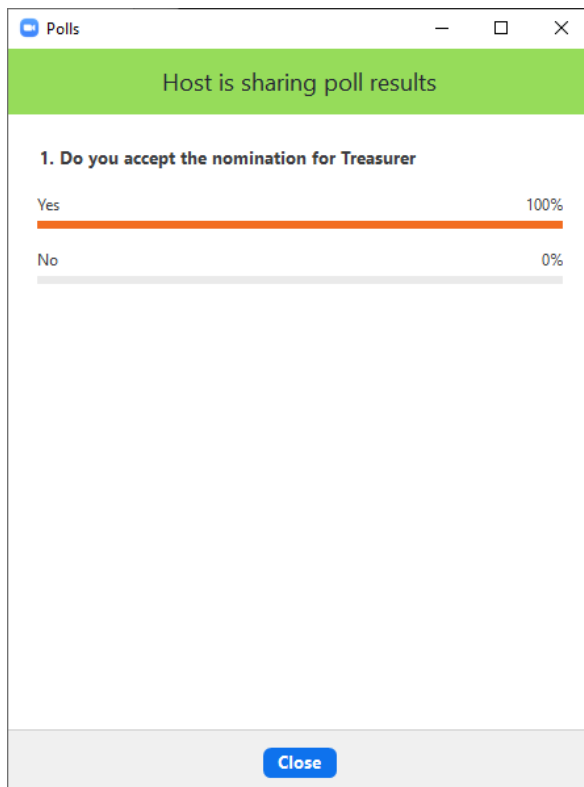
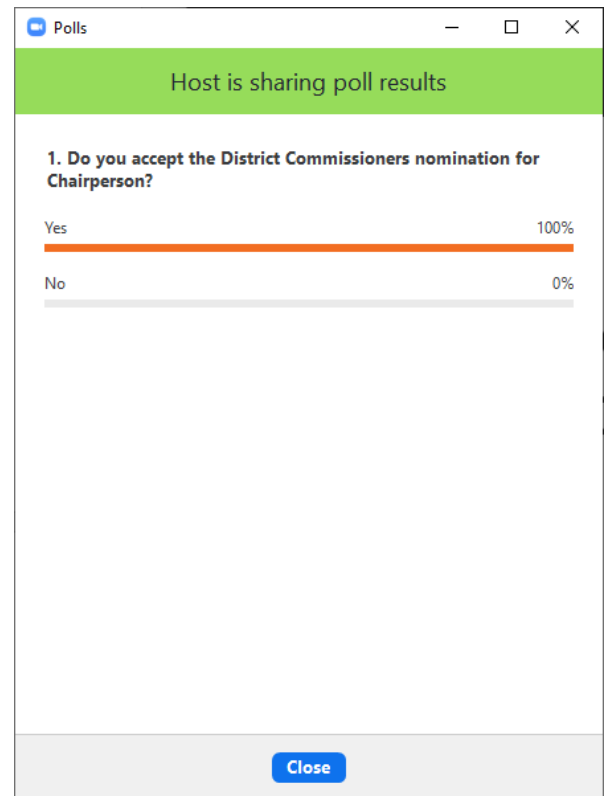
5. Approval of Chairperson:

Tim Ford Nominated Dave Farthing for the position as Chairman, seconded by Nichola Jones. All attending voted in favour. The meeting was handed back to DF.

6. Election of Officers and Committee:

- Treasurer: Ollie Nash was nominated by Tim Ford, and seconded by Nichola Jones.

- Secretary: Liane Frydland was nominated by Tim Ford, seconded by Badger.



7. Appointment of Scrutineer:

We have found a new scrutineer for the accounts. His name is Robert Frood.

Emma Buckett, from District, then addressed the group. Gave a big thanks to all the Leaders for their work during these difficult times. We will return to face-to-face scouting eventually.

Mike Hughes, also from District, said that five-years ago we were contemplating closing this group as we only had one Scout in the Scouts section and very he's impressed with how we've managed to come back from the brink and actually grow the group.

8. Presentations and awards:

Most improved Pond Beaver : Stanley

Best Pond Beaver ; Eleanor

Most improved River Beaver : Jamie

Best River Beaver : Elliot

Most improved Cub : Ben

Best Cub : Joseph

Most improved Cub : Eve

Best Scout Award : Adam

Trophies have been ordered for the above winners, but unfortunately they had not arrived in time for the AGM. These will be posted out to the winners as soon as we can after the AGM.

Chief Scout Bronze Award : Daisy

Chief Scout Silver Award : Martha, Joseph, and Jaylan

9. Celebrating our 50th anniversary

Tim Ford shared with the group two pieces of history we managed to get from the Scouting Archives – one showing that we went from a closed to an open group in 1932. We then closed for a bit, and we were re-constituted in 1970.

We held a design a badge competition for the children and we received 40 entries. The committee chose a winner which was Zoë F's design.

We also updated our Necker with a Purple border.



Parents then gave their children the badge and the new Necker which had been sent out to them prior to the meeting.

10. Investitures and moving on

Ericia Knoll was invested into Beavers by Raven.

Elliot T and Daisy were “swum up” to Cubs, and Won Tolla invested them into Cubs.

Sarah and Joseph were then “leapt-up” to Scouts and invested into Scouts by Skip. They both said their promises.

11. Update from The Scouts Association (TSA)

Tim Ford told the group that TSA are putting up their fees next year by at least £6 (maybe £7.50) per year, per youth member. County and District will also be putting up their fees, and once we know what their increase will be, we will work out what we will need to put up our fees by.

We have received guidance on returning to face-to-face Scouting. All Scout groups are currently on Red in a traffic light system. We will move from Red to Amber, to Yellow, to Green. We need to provide a written risk assessment per section to move from each colour in the traffic light system. This risk assessment has to be approved by District for each section for each move between the colours.

10 Q&A

Q: Can I wear my Explorer necker at Scouts?

A: Yes – and you can wear your new red/purple Necker if you want to!

Q: Can I wear my old red necker to meetings?

A: No – this is now defunct. It can be sewn onto your cub blanket as a memento if you wish, but from now on only the new Red/Purple Necker will be worn.

The meeting closed