

# MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## HELD VIA ZOOM ONLINE

5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

Attendees:

Nichola Jones; Liane Frydland; Naomi Treanor; Adam Frydland; Anthony Nash; Fiona Ward; Tim Ford; Clive Ayles; Dave Farthing; Olly Nash; Daniel Treanor; Helen Jordan; Karen Ford; Marie Banfield; Paul Thompson.

### Welcome and introductions

#### 1. Apologies

Karen McCormick; Liz Cranny; Martyn Jones; Tony Nash;

#### 2. Approval of previous minutes

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

Proposer: Dave Farthing,

Seconder: Tim Ford

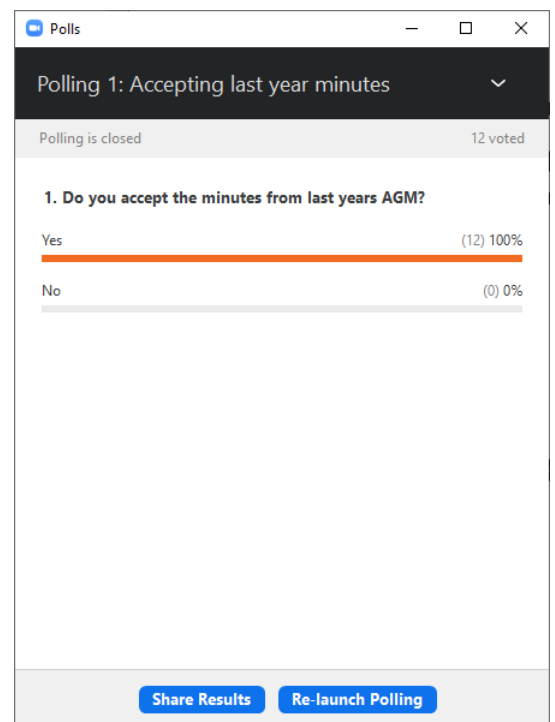
The previous minutes were accepted without correction.

#### 3. Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts:

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

Please see AGM pack for full report.

Dave went through his report as per the pack. He especially thanked the leaders for their sterling work through lockdown, and the phased return to face-to-face Scouting.



We have been unable to fundraise this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we have been fortunate with grants we've been able to apply for.

He thanked all the leaders for their work – especially with adapting programs to online formats when we haven't been able to meet in person. It's not easy to switch to online Scouting and keep it engaging for children, but they have preserved and found ways to do so.

Plans to replace the garage have been delayed, but certainly not forgotten! We have planning permission to replace the garage with some shipping containers, and will hopefully get this sorted over the summer, as we now have the funding to proceed!

He thanked the Committee for all their work over the last year and for sticking with it all during COVID-19.

Dave then put a plea out for volunteers to help with the committee, and to help keep the hut tidy. Even if it's only 10-minutes to help tidy up at the end of a meeting it all helps to keep the hut clean and safe for use.

#### Treasurer's report – Oliver Nash, Treasurer

Please see AGM pack for full report.

Olly gave a run down of the state of affairs of the accounts as per AGM pack. We have been fortunate with Borough grants this year. The money from the Council has really helped the group during COVID-19 and taken away a lot of the worry the committee had. We still have to pay capitation to HQ and District, which is around £2,500, and £1,000 for our insurance of the hut etc. We have been able to do this without having to dip into the money for the garage replacement.

We have replaced our old alarm system for the hut, and it is now a burglar alarm, and fire alarm system.

We have also removed the old BT phone line which wasn't being used – saving us some money!

While we are in a good position at the moment financially, we will need to return to some serious fundraising in the near future once we pay for the garage replacement. Olly mentioned the various online shopping fundraising links we have, and asked people to please use them. It won't cost you anything, and the group will get some money for qualifying items purchased via the links (see pack for link details)

#### GSL and Section reports

Please see AGM pack for full report.

Tim thanked all the leaders for their work over the last year despite the lockdown and limited face-to-face meetings. We have had virtual camp in the house and garden, and sat around a virtual camp fire singing camp songs. Leaders organised visits from organisations such as the Guide dogs to and "Shiny kitchen" give talks over Zoom

Due to lockdown – all district events were sadly cancelled, so there was no swimming gala or sports day this year. In addition both our own 50-year celebration and the District 20-year celebrations were put on hold again – meaning the children weren't given opportunities to meet other Colonies, Packs, and Troops from around the District..

Tim thanked all the committee, leaders, children who attend, and at District for the work they have done over the last year.

#### Beaver Section report

Our two Beaver Colonies have now merged into one colony meeting on Monday nights. There have been three new Leaders join the group – Liz, Dan and Louise. We also have a new young leader – Jakala..

Had a few camp at home sessions. Deer thanks her team for all their support over the last year.

#### Cubs section report

Akela thanked her team as she had stepped down and taken a sabbatical at the end of the last AGM due to studying for a qualification. And the rest of the leaders in Cubs have really stepped up and created a wonderful programme in person and online.

She also thanked the Cubs for their commitment during the zoom sessions as they had a lot of people turn up to each session which she was really pleased about. They had some amazing sessions such as talks from the Shiny Kitchen, a virtual tour of the Farnborough airport fire service, and a talk about space!

We had a pirate virtual camp! Which was great fun, and she thanked parents for helping make that a reality.

We have welcomed Chil (Adam) as a Young Leader who has been a great help, and coming from Scouts he's just fitted in nicely.

Akela commented that the Cubs have been very good with regard to social distancing – and automatically sitting a distance apart on the field when they went outside for an activity!

#### Scout section report

Like the other sections they have had to adapt their programme with a mixture of in-person and online meetings. They've had a talk from someone at the British

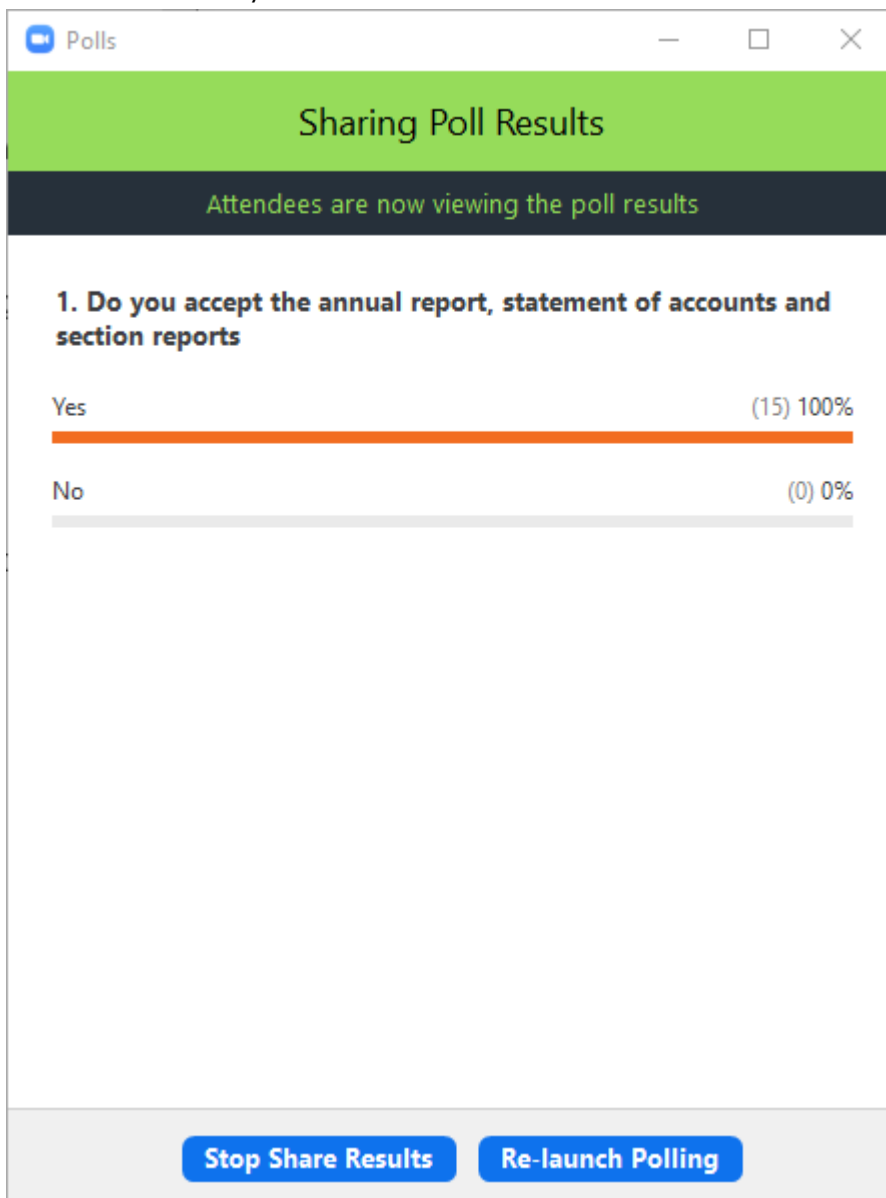
Observatory, scavenger hunts, a cook along with Bear and playing battle ships, and even an escape room!

He thanked all the leaders with helping put on their programme – even if he still doesn't understand Among Us or how to play it!

The question was asked : Do people accept the accounts and reports from the group?

Proposer: Dave Farthing,

Secunder: Liane Frydland



#### 4. Approval of Chairperson:

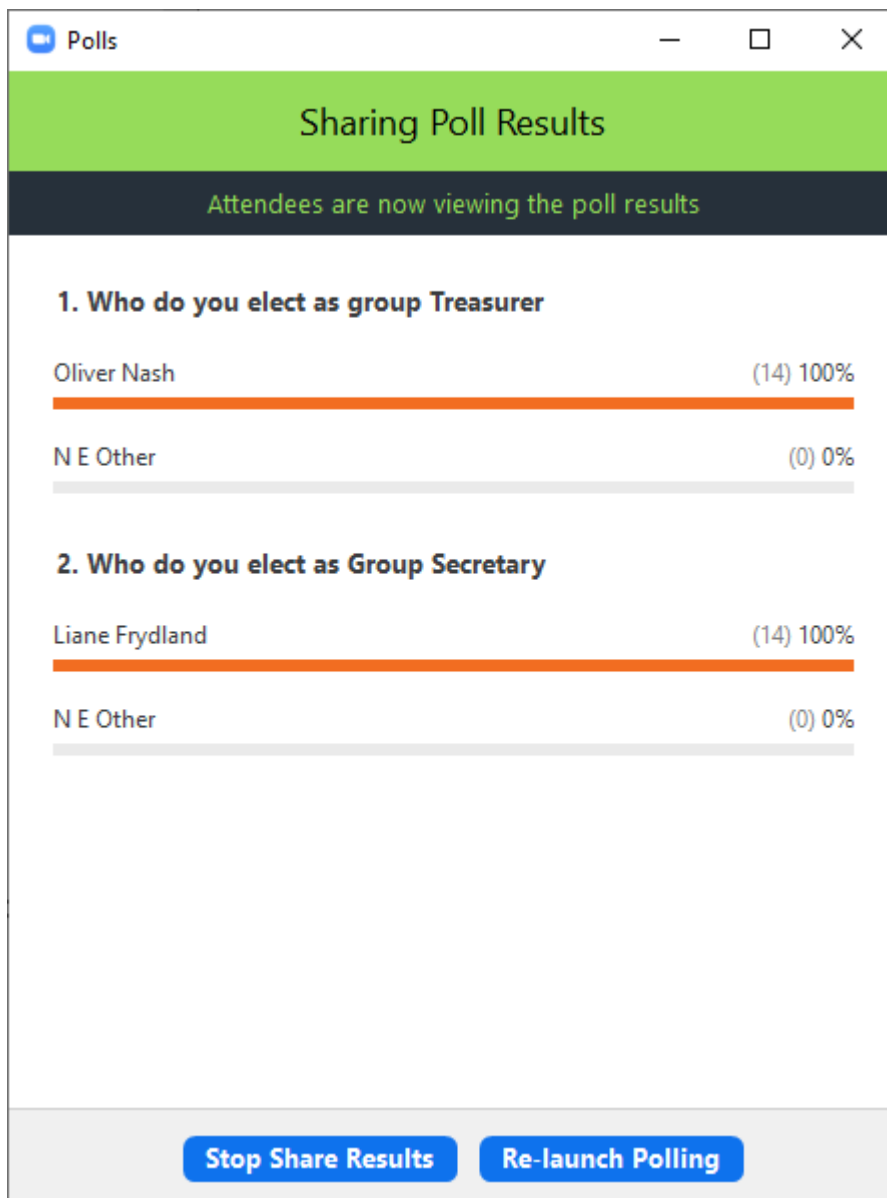
Tim Ford Nominated Dave Farthing for the position as Chairman, seconded Liane Frydland. All attending voted in favour.



The meeting was handed back to DF.

#### 5. Election of Officers and Committee:

- Treasurer: Oliver Nash was nominated by Dave Farthing, and seconded by Fiona Ward.
- Secretary: Liane Frydland was nominated by Tim Ford, seconded by Nichola Jones



**Appointment of Scrutineer:**

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

**6. Presentations and awards:**

The following awards were given out.

Most improved Beaver : Erica

Best Beaver : Dylan

Most improved Cub : Henry

Best Cub : Seth

Best Scout Award : Joseph

Also we celebrated the following Chief Scouts awards:

Bronze Award – Eleanor and Stanley

Silver Award – Viktor, Chris, and Jude

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.

## 7. Update from The Scouts Association (TSA)

It has been a difficult year for all groups in the district and trying to keep young people engaged with Scouting. 6<sup>th</sup> Farnborough were one of the first groups in the district to get their COVID-19 plans in and approved to enable a return to face-to-face scouting (albeit socially distanced)!

Mike announced that Scouting is launching a new Section called *Squirrels* for 4 to 5-year olds. This is an optional section designed to be run mainly by parents.

TSA have also launched the #GoodForYou campaign to try and help recruit adult volunteers. We are in desperate need of them across the district as there are large numbers of children on waiting lists to join groups.

Mike then announced that Bear (Tim Ford) had been awarded The Award of Merit by the District Awards Committee for all the work he does in Scouting, not just at the local, but at the district level too. The whole group congratulated Bear, and Kala (Karen Ford) presented him with the award, which had been sneakily dropped off at their house earlier!

## 8. Q&A

1 – Are there any dates for the garage clearance, it would be nice to put them into our diary?

We do not have any dates as of yet.

## 9. Final word from Bear...

Thanked everyone for volunteering their time and being engaged. All the children who come along each week and engage in the activities; all the young leaders who could be out with their friends and playing Among Us or chatting on WhatsApp – but instead choose to give up their time and volunteer in the group and give something back to the Group; All the parents helpers, and Committee who keep things ticking over behind the scenes; and finally to District who offer support to all Scout Groups.

Some other awards for adults!

- Kala and Badger have completed their training and got their Wood Badge!
- Won-Tolla – completed his training to get his second Wood Badge!
- Badger and Won-Tolla we also awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service for going that extra mile and for their contribution to Scouting.

Tim also mentioned the new Squirrels section and asked anyone who is interested in possibly running that section to get in touch.

The meeting closed