

MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE TRAILBLAZERS DEN

9TH JULY 2023

Attendees:

Trustee Board

Dave Farthing (Chairman), Olly Nash (Treasurer), Liane Frydland (Secretary), Naomi Treanor (Trustee Board member)

Leaders / Young Leaders

Tim Ford, Joseph Peterson, Antony Nash, Chris Taylor, Karen Ford, Clive Ayles, Helen Jordan, Fiona Ward, Daniel Treanor / James Frydland, Quinn Ford, Charlotte Ayles

Guardians / Others

Jeannie Chalmers, Adam Frydland, Laura Mace, Rob Mace, Jim Ennis, Louise Morris, Sally Lee, Debbie Newson

District Rep

Mike Hughes

Total 25.

Welcome and introductions

Dave Farthing welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained why we have an AGM. A video of Bear Grylls was played thanking those in attendance of the AGM.

Apologies

Matthew & Vanessa Cosby

Approval of previous minutes

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

Proposer: Tim Ford / Seconder: Karen Ford

The minutes were accepted without correction.

Adoption of Group constitution

The Scout Association (TSA) now requires all Groups to re-adopt their constitution at each AGM. The constitution was circulated prior to the AGM as part of the AGM pack.

Proposer: Liane Frydland / Seconder: Fiona Ward

The Constitution was adopted without opposition.

Note the dates of the charity's financial year

The group's financial year is from 1st April to 31st March each year.

Agreements

The Scout Association (TSA) now requires all Groups to confirm quorum numbers at each AGM for the various meetings of the Group.

The following numbers were proposed

- the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board = 3 (mandatory) + up to 3 more
- the quorum for meetings of the Scout Council = 16 or more
- the quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board = 3
- the quorum for meetings of any sub-Committees = 3

Proposed : Clive Aylen / Seconder: Daniel Treanor

Vote passed with no objections

Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts:

Chairman

Dave Farthing presented his report. Our Treasurer Olly Nash is stepping down at this AGM. Dave thanked Olly Nash for his work on behalf of the group, and a token of appreciation was presented to Olly.

In addition, Naomi Treanor is also stepping down from the Trustee Board. Again, Dave Farthing thanked Naomi for her many years of service and a token of appreciation was given to Naomi.

Please see attached AGM pack for details of Dave's report.

Treasurer

Olly Nash presented the statement of accounts for the last financial year. Please see AGM pack for details.

Fees will be going up to £50 a term due to increases in rent of the land, and rises in capitation fees from TSA and District, and general running costs.

Dates for subs for 2023/2024 will be as follows

- Winter term - 8th Sept 2023
- Spring term – 12th Jan 2024
- Summer term – 19th Apr 2024

GSL report

Tim gave a report as group Scout Leader. See AGM pack for full details:

- New Squirrels section started in Jan 2023
- Garage has finally been replaced with a new storage shed

Tim is particularly proud of the difference in the children as they progress through the section, from shy children to confident Leaders with life skills.

Both Dave and Tim asked guardians present to think about joining the Trustee Board to help with the running of the group and especially with fundraising.

Tim presented Liane Frydland with her five-year service award – re-iterating it's not just children that can earn badges!

District report

District are still looking for a District Commissioner, and Mike asked that if anyone was interested to let him know.

Mike thanked the Leaders for all their hard work, and especially Tim for organising the District gun run event.

There are now 1,089 young people in Scouting within the Blackwater Valley District!

Section reports

Please see AGM pack for details.

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

Proposer: Fiona Ward / Seconder: Karen Ford

Accounts were accepted by all present.

4. Approval of Chairperson:

Tim Ford proposed Dave Farthing for the position as Chairman,
Proposer: Tim Ford / Seconder: Joey Peterson

Vote result : Dave Farthing was elected chairman with no objections

The meeting was handed back to Dave Farthing.

5. Election of Officers and Committee:

Treasurer

Debbie Newson was the only candidate standing for the role of treasurer
Proposer: Dave Farthing / Seconder: Tim Ford

Vote result : Debbie was elected as Treasurer with no objections

Secretary

Liane Frydland was the only candidate standing for the role of secretary
Proposed : Karen Ford / Seconder : Fiona Ward

Vote result : Liane Frydland was elected as Secretary with no objections.

6. Appointment of Scrutineer:

Oliver Nash has kindly agreed to stay on as our Scrutineer.

7. Presentations and awards:

The following awards were given out.

Best Squirrel: Toby M

Best Beaver : Imogen

Best Cub : Grace C

Best Scout Award : Seth C

Also we celebrated the following Chief Scout's awards:

Silver Award – Grace W., Daisy G., Eleanor N., Elliott

8. Q&A

None.

9. Dave thanked everyone for coming. And wished everyone a safe trip home.

The meeting closed.