

DRAFT - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2.30pm on Sunday 26th June 2022

No.	Item	Description
1.	Welcome & Introduction	The Chair, Stephen Rapkin (SR), welcomed everyone to the 62 nd AGM and declared the meeting open. Stephen also explained that voting would be done by a show of hands.
2.	Apologies for absence	Apologies from Marion Hoare who sent her best wishes to all the young people of the Group, especially the winners of the Mark Hoare awards.
3.	Review and approval of minutes of 2021 AGM	2021 AGM minutes available for review and approved in Exec meeting (Jan 2022). Meeting approved minutes.
4.	Approval and Nomination of Chair	Chair: Stephen Rapkin Nominated by Dom Moloney (GSL). Meeting agreed.
5.	Election of officers	<p>Secretary: Lauren Moran Nominated by Ken Lowe, seconded by Dom Moloney. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>Treasurer: Jon Moore Nominated by Dom Moloney, seconded by Ken Lowe. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>GSL (Dom Moloney) & Assistant/Deputy GSLs (Ken Lowe & Tom McGonegal) sit as ex officio members as do church reps (John Ford (URC) & Avril Streater (Baptist Church))</p> <p>Section Leaders have opted not to take their ex officio roles this year.</p> <p><u>Elected Members (4):</u> Gary Thompson (Beavers) – Fundraising, Community Liaison Nominated by Stephen Rapkin, seconded by Tom McGonegal. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>James Wright (Cubs) – Website, Data Control Nominated by Alison Jiggins, seconded by Lauren Moran. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>Jenny Simms (Cubs/Scouts) – Communications, Branding Nominated by Ken Lowe, seconded by Dom Moloney. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>Mayank Seth (Cubs) – Buildings, H&S, Strategy Nominated by Bernice Benfold, seconded by Nicky Nisbett. Meeting agreed.</p> <p><u>Nominated Members (1/4):</u> Archie Lowe: Young Persons' Rep Nominated by GSL in partnership with Chair Meeting agreed.</p>

		<p>Chair thanked all those who have volunteered for taking on these roles and highlighted how there are currently vacancies on the Exec Committee in the following roles: Parent Outreach, Social Media, Volunteer Manager.</p> <p>Scrutineer appointed: Helen Cantoni Meeting agreed.</p> <p>All votes were passed with a large majority with no votes against in any case.</p>
6.	Resolutions	<p>Definition of quorum for meetings Group Executive Committee: One of Chair or GSL to attend, plus 4 other members of the Group Exec Committee. AGM: One of Chair or GSL to attend, plus 10 other members of the Group Scout Council. Group Scouters Meeting: GSL and 3 other Group Scouters. Churches Liaison Committee: One of Chair or GSL, one church rep and one other Churches Liaison Committee member.</p> <p>Target membership of Executive Committee: Ex officio roles plus 4 elected members and 4 nominated members.</p> <p>Meeting passed all Resolutions.</p>
7.	Financial Review and presentation of the annual report and accounts, reappointment of scrutineer	<p>Treasurer Jon Moore (JM) presented a summary of the Finance report (available for review within Annual Report):</p> <p>Over the last six years there has been a steady increase in members so consequently more reserves are needed. After paying the membership fee to HQ, County & District we currently enjoy just 35% of subscriptions income to cover all costs.</p> <p>After reviewing subscription levels there is to be an increase of £5 per term from September. Subs will increase from £24 to £29 for Beavers and from £29 to £34 for Cubs and Scouts. Please Gift Aid where possible as this maximises subscriptions.</p>
8.	Group Scout Leaders Report	<p>GSL gave a review of the year, with the help of some young people (Bramwell (Beavers), Luke & Jonathan (Cubs), Archie & Charlie (Scouts)). The young people made a point of stating how they have enjoyed many & varied activities that they would not have got to try if not for Scouting..</p> <p>GSL thanked the following: Leaders, Exec Committee (in particular Treasurer Jon Moore), District Exec, Fellow leaders in other groups, local businesses and not least the long-suffering partners and families of Leaders.</p> <p>A drey of Squirrels (ages 4-6) will be opening in September for which Leaders are required and the group is looking for volunteers.</p> <p>Fundraising for the forthcoming trip to Normandy also requires volunteers to brainstorm ideas and help action.</p>
9.	Mark Hoare Award – presentations	<p>SR introduced the Mark Hoare Awards; awarded to the beaver, cub and scout judged by the leaders to best reflect scouting values. The awards were presented by our Honorary President, Neville Wilson. The young people each received a trophy, book token and special blanket badge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beavers: Friday Ferrets – Stanley Bigwood Wednesday Weasels – Ruth Cockburn - Cubs: Aztecs – Ollie Connell Incas – Ethan Allington - Scouts: Apollo/Orion – Poppy Leach Scorpius – Sophie Williamson
10.	Close	