



Hereford and Worcester Scout County Annual General Meeting 2021

Online meeting via Zoom

Wednesday 30th June 2021

MINUTES

Present: See Attendance Report

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 45 (recorded via Zoom meeting attendance statistics)

Apologies: Martin Bradley, Pamela Owen, David Owen, Sarah Duffin, Caitlin Evans, Sylvia Summers, Tom Palmer, Mike Thompson, John Airey, Barbara O'Mahoney, Hannan Oliver, Kate Mead, John Day, Catherine Draper, Sue Revell, Rita Grimes, Dick Brocklehurst, Val Leddington, Adrian Ward, Siân Telfer, Tim Smeaton, Viv Ware, Mark Graham

The meeting was opened by Jamie Sandison, County Chairman

1. Welcome by County Chairman

Jamie welcomed members to the meeting and, in the absence of a County President, he thanked everyone for their hard work, dedication and never-ending commitment to their respective County roles.

This was the first virtual AGM held by the County, so Jamie clarified the format of the meeting and the voting process, which was to be done using MS Forms.

Then Jamie handed the meeting over to Robert Sidley, the County Commissioner (Sid), for his introduction

2. Introduction by County Commissioner

Sid presented a brief overview of the 2020-2021 period for the County.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received in advance and there were no further apologies from the floor.

Names listed above.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th September 2020

Jamie stated that the minutes of the 2021 meeting had been available on the County Website for 21 days prior to the meeting and that he hoped everyone had had the opportunity to read them.

He called for a proposer and a seconder (Proposer: Sid, Secunder: Alan Lane) and then asked all eligible Members to vote via a show of hands or a Zoom “hands up” icon. The minutes were unanimously approved and were signed by the Chair for the records.

5. Annual Report & Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

Jamie stated that the annual report and the statement of finances (accounts) had been available on the County website for 21 days prior to the AGM and an email advising this had been sent to all on the membership database (except occasional helpers) with an e-mail address for enquiries.

He explained that in accordance with The Scouts Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR) these documents are received by the meeting but not voted on, the documents having already been independently examined by the appointed independent examiner, The Richards Sandy Partnership (Robert Iestyn Richards), and then approved by the trustees (County Executive Committee) at the meeting on June 10th 2021.

The County Treasurer made the following explanatory comments (which should be read in conjunction with the financial report:

Just a few not too numeric comments to highlight key aspects of the annual accounts.

The year from April 2020 to March 2021 was like no other with little face to face Scouting, activities and events cancelled and replaced by virtual events and meetings.

All of these are reflected in the year's accounts...

- *Membership income held up as it was levied prior to the Coronavirus pandemic but expenditure changed with more on IT costs for communications/virtual events, Adult 1st Aid Training, supplying PPE Packs for 130 Groups/Units and providing a Growth and Development Officer to support re-start of Scouting as well as new Groups.*
- *Activity income and expenditure were both significantly lower mainly due to cancellation of Norway and European Jamboree events.*
- *With Kinver campsite closed, except for Compa Hall, income was a mere 10% of normal and with costs at nearly 50% of normal the government Covid-19 support grants have helped to make up the shortfall.*

So we've ended the year with overall funds – money, property & equipment down by just under £12k from 12 months ago.

If there are any specific questions I will do my best to answer them. Thank you

Ian Newman, Treasurer

Jamie invited questions from the floor on the financial statement. There were none.

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Jamie then handed over control of the meeting to Sid for item 6.

6. Appointment of County Chair

Sid thanked Jamie Sandison for his support throughout the year. He confirmed that Jamie was willing to continue as Chairman and nominated him for this role.

Members unanimously approved this nomination.

Further to his re-election, Sid handed over control of the meeting back to Jamie.

7. Election of County Secretary

Jamie confirmed Jo Turnbull was willing to continue as Secretary.

Members unanimously elected Jo Turnbull as County Secretary for the coming year.

8. Election of County Treasurer

Jamie confirmed Ian Newman was willing to continue as Treasurer.

Members unanimously elected Ian Newman as County Treasurer for the coming year.

9. Elections of Executive Committee Members

Jamie briefly explained the different categories of membership of the Executive Committee:

- Ex officio members (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, County Commissioner and County Youth Commissioner)
- Up to 4 (four) elected by the Scout Council at the AGM
- Nominations from the County Commissioner in consultation with the Chair – to be approved at the AGM
- Co-opted members appointed by the Executive Committee (not the Scout Council)

All the above have voting rights on the Committee and are Trustees.

Jamie thanked Nicola Hedley for her service and continued contribution to scouting in the County.

The following members of the Scout Council have been nominated to stand as elected trustees and are willing to stand:

- Abi McFarlane – County Scouter
- Alan Lane – Chair of the Appointments Committee

Members unanimously elected Abigail McFarlane and Alan Lane as Executive Committee members for the coming year.

10. Approval of County Commissioner's Nominations

Sid proposed the following members be approved as his nominations to the Executive Committee for the coming year:

- Rob Williams – Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)
- Hannah Oliver – Scout Leader

Members unanimously approved the CC's nominations.

11. Adult Representative to the Council of the Scout Association

Sid thanked Robert Williams, whose 3-year term commenced in June 2020.

12. Youth Representative to the Council of the Scout Association

Sid thanked Harry Bantham Jones, the current Youth Representative, whose term commenced in June 2019 and runs for a further year (until June 2022).

13. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The Richards Sandy Partnership has offered to be the Independent Examiners for the coming financial year. There being no other proposals members were asked to vote.

Members unanimously approved the appointment of the Richards Sandy Partnership.

14. Close by County Chair

Jamie closed the meeting, thanking everyone for attending the second virtual AGM held in the County and anticipated that in 2022 things might be back to normal.

The meeting closed at 20.10

Approved: _____
County Chair

Date: _____