



1st Clifton (York) Sea Scout Group



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 29th September 2020 – 7.30 pm

Present: Antony Hale, Deborah Watson, Phil Stead, Peter Ingham, Joy Turner, Simon Errington, Susan Sharman, Pete Dowling, Peter Swann, Andy Thirlwell, Jacqueline Chiplin, Barry Byatt, Simon Mills, Jonathan Chiplin, Sarah Norville

Apologies: Paul Mills, Richard Rowson, Jennifer Lawn

1. Welcome & Introductions

Deborah Watson as Chairman welcomed and thanked all those attending the meeting.

2. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting were received without further questions.

3. Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020

The accounts were accepted.

4. Group Scout Leaders Remarks

The Group Scout leader remarked that it was unfortunate that there were no new faces amongst those attending. His comments were focussed on the last financial year and not the 6 months since COVID had changed the world.

It had been a good year for the group and it was heartening to see people achieving so much. The Group had a solid leadership team and he thanked them for their continued support and the work they did for the group. He acknowledged that the Group were expensive to run and that without the support of the fundraising activities would not be able to function.

He thanked the Executive Committee for their work and emphasized the tasks ahead, not least the need to make a dent in the massive financial losses sustained due to the pandemic. The Committee would, if agreed by the AGM be changing and there would be a need to ensure that everyone is aware of these changes. The Group Scout Leader thanked the Chair and acknowledged the enormous contribution she had made to the Group and himself, enabling him to deliver the GSL role.

5. Elect Group Chair

It was noted that Deborah Watson had agreed to continue to serve and the Group Scout Leader's nomination was agreed.

6. Elect Group Secretary

The nomination of Sarah Norville was agreed.

7. Elect Group Treasurer

It was noted that Philip Stead had agreed to continue to serve for one year only and his nomination was agreed. The Group would need to nominate and appoint a successor for the next year, drawn from the parents/supporters, preferably as soon as possible to allow for the transition.

8. Proposed Revised Group Executive Structure

The Chair shared the proposed structure documents. It was noted that the new structure had been discussed by the Executive Committee over the last few meetings. Under the proposed changes the section leaders would step away from the Executive and concentrate on delivering the activities and meetings for their appropriate sections.

Other members of the Executive would move into the Active Support Unit to deliver all the activities required to facilitate the running of the Group. There would be a recruitment campaign to encourage parents to sign up for these roles and broaden the support system.

The Executive Committee would focus on the financial management of the Group and delivering the oversight required by the Group Scout Leader. This separation of responsibilities would streamline processes and ensure each could focus on their core activities. An additional benefit would be that those undertaking Active Support Unit roles would not be required to undertake all the mandatory training required for the Executive membership.

It was agreed that it was a more sensible co-ordinated structure that would give a refreshed look and feel for the management of the Group. It was agreed that the Active Support Unit Role Descriptions would be circulated to the Group to facilitate recruitment to each of the roles. It was agreed that the delivery of the new structure would be supported by the GSL and the Chair.

[AP] GSL and Chair to support the implementation of the new structure and also to find an Active Support Co-ordinator

9. Group Scout Leaders nominations to the Group Executive

Nominations to the Group Executive

No members to elect.

10. Elect members to the Group Executive

The following members were re-appointed at members of the Group Executive:

Peter Dowling
Ian Lee

Jennifer Lawn
Susan Sharman

Co-opted members including

Retirements

Caroline Saunston
Peter Swann
Joy Turner

Phil Bodmer
Lucy Hart
Liz Moreno

11. Appoint the Groups Independent Examiner

Tony Law was appointed as the Groups Independent Examiner

12. District Commissioners Remarks

The District Commissioner expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support over the last year. He noted that the Group had continued to offer an excellent selection of activities over the year. It was a testament to the success and popularity of the Group that each section had a waiting list. He noted that the present situation was challenging and would continue to be tough with the present uncertainties but that by sticking together the Group would ride out the storm.

He encouraged Group to continue to do what they were doing and thanked everyone for their contribution.

13. Any Other Business

Subscriptions – fees are currently set at £5 per month per member and clarification was asked for about a return to full price subs. It was noted that at the Leadership meeting it had been discussed that subscriptions should remain at £5 until the end of October and that subject to a partial return to activities, should increase in November to between £5 and £10 as agreed by the Group's Executive. It would be subject to a full review later in the year.

Section Leaders Appreciation – the sections leaders recorded their appreciation of the work undertaken by the Executive Committee. They noted that without their support they would not be able to deliver the Group activities and events in particular ensuring they had all the equipment they needed.

14. Date of next Group Executive meeting

Tuesday 13th October 2020 via Zoom

Closure of meeting. Everybody was thanked for attending and the date and time of the next committee meeting were noted.