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GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 22nd June 2025 – 2.00 pm

Present:

Antony Hale, Deborah Watson, Claire Hutchinson, Beena Box, Stuart Box, Barry Byatt, Jon Chiplin, Peter Ingham, Paul Mills, Tom Moore, Richard Rowson, Matthew Sharman, Susan Sharman, Joy Turner, Mark Turner, Lily Yesayan, Tracie Steeley, Andy Thirwell

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting of the Group Scout Council. It was noted that the Group was still without a Trustee Chair so the GLV would chair this AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies: Max Butler (DLV), Peter Swann, Andy Copeland, Mathew Holmes Potter

3. Governance Topics

a. Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 26 June 2023

With the change in Group Secretaries, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd September 2024 were unfortunately not available for the Scout Council review. It was agreed that they would be obtained and added to the Group website. Any questions raised would be answered via email.

b. Adopt the Model Constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

The model constitution was adopted.

c. Note the Group's Financial Year

The Group's financial year was noted as 1st April - 31st March.

d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council

It was noted that the Group Scout Council consists of volunteers, parents, trustees and member of the scout group.

- e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

It was noted that 5 – 12 members are specified and that 7 would be appropriate with the opportunity to co-opt additional members during the year.

- f. Approve the Quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

The quorum was agreed at 15 attendees.

- g. Charity registration

1st Clifton Sea Scouts is in the process of setting up its own charity registration

4. Review of the Previous Year

- a. Group Lead Volunteer review of Scouting in 1st Clifton (York) Sea Scouts

THE GLV thanked everyone for attending. Rather than going over everything again, the Group Council was reminded that a full report on the Groups activities was available withing the Annual Report available on the groups AGM web site.

It was also noted that the Group Leadership Team and the Operations Team are not fully staffed and this required more volunteers to step forward (more detail below) and anyone present or anyone knowing of anyone who would be interested in volunteering in any capacity to speak to him outside of the meeting.

The Group Lead Volunteer thanked the Treasurer and all trustees for their work & assistance during the past year.

- b. Receive and Consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

The Annual Report and Annual Statement of Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council considered the report and questions were invited.

It was noted that the when the Explorers transferred over, £3,500 was also transferred to our funds.

It was noted that there has been an increase in subs across all sections from April 2025.

It was noted that the discussions regarding the new HQ lease is making progress. We are optimistic that an agreement will be reached in due course.

It was noted that a perimeter fence would be required in order to keep vehicles on site.

5. Making Appointments

- a. Appoint the Group Chair

It was noted that it had still not been possible to appoint a Group Chair. Despite being advertised on social media and CVS, no suitable chair has been forthcoming. It was agreed that GLV would continue to assist with this role in the meantime.

- b. Appoint the Group Treasurer

The nomination of Claire Hutchinson was agreed.

c. Appoint the Members of the Group Trustee Board

The nomination of Peter Swann, Tom Moore, Susan Sharman, Joy Turner and Lily Yesayan were agreed.

d. Appointment the Independent Examiner

The independent examiner would be agreed in due course.

e. Appointment of Operations Team

Roles to be filled include Statutory Obligations Coordinator, HQ maintenance coordinator, Volunteer coordinator, Fundraising coordinator, Publicity coordinator, Second hand shop coordinator.

6. Presentations

Deborah Watson and Sarah Norville - previous chair and secretary – were previously presented with a Betty's afternoon tea voucher. They wanted to offer their thanks for this gift.

Mathew Holmes Potter – recognition for his continued support of young people as a leader and explorer.

Harry Byatt – recognition of his bravery during the water heater fire. His calm and responsive attitude prevented a more serious incident. Damage to the property was limited and nobody was injured as a result of his prompt actions.

County Unsung Heros award – Tom Gabbittas was recognised for his teamwork and Tracie Steeley was recognised for her commitment in supporting young leaders and District Beaver camps.

County Unsung Heros Commendation - Andy Thirwell was recognised for his Larkin planning.

Mark Turner – received the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service.

7. Closing Remarks

The GLV thanked everyone for their attendance and the Trustees for their work over the last year.