



# Annual General Meeting 2020 - 21

## Minutes

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 19:00 via Zoom

### Attendees

Ruth Kentigern-Fox (RKF), Will Hazell (WH), Tyler Jeffs (TJ), Rosemary Shaw (RS), Denise Gibson (DG), Ken Underwood (KU), Norman Pope (NP), Ken Hancock (KH), Thomas Newman (TN), Sue Pearson (SP), Chris Van Schaijik (CVS), Dean Smith, Debbie Adams, Davina Bowmer, Geoff Brand, Peter Brothers, Jen Bucklow, Dave Deane, Bob Gibson, Cindy Hancock, Natasha Henson, Harry Huckin, Holly Loader, Keith Loader, Sandra O'Connor, Anne Oram, Barabara Parkinson, Bim Prentice, Sandy Prentice, Steve Smith, Tabi Sweeney, Sarah Watton, Dory Wright

- 1. Welcome** - DC  
Ruth (DC) welcomed everyone to another virtual AGM but hoped that we would be able to have a face to face event next year.
- 2. Welcome from Chair and Apologies for Absence** – Chair & Secretary  
Rosemary (Chair) welcomed Dean Smith (County Commissioner and Karen Tonks (County Chair) to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from: Mike O'Connor (MOC), Robert Skears (RWS), Roy Cooper, Carol Fraser, Andrew Elder, Michelle Dowling, Judith, Hazell & Jonathan Hazell.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 19.11.2020** - Chair  
**Proposer:** Tyler Jeffs  
**Seconder:** Will Hazell  
In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (85% in favour 0% against, 15% abstained).
- 4. District Chair's report** - Chair  
This was sent to the Scout Council prior to the meeting in the Annual Reports 2021. Rosemary added her thanks to all the District young people and volunteers for their efforts in a very difficult year.
- 5. District Treasurer's report and Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts**  
**- Treasurer**  
Ken added to his report there has been a shortfall in income, including reduced subs, the closure of the District campsite (Spotley) and the District Band had been unable to meet. The pandemic also brought additional expenditure for



cleaning materials and Zoom licences. The District have changed banks during the year to an account with no fee and some monies were placed in an interest bearing account with low risks and easy access. However the council grants from South Northants / West Northamptonshire Councils have made up the deficit so overall the district ended the year in a good financial position.

**Proposer:** Will Hazell

**Secunder:** Chris van Schaijik

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (85% in favour 0% against, 15% abstained).

## **6. Approval of the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chair - DC**

**Nominee:** Rosemary Shaw

Ruth said she was delighted that Rosemary has agreed to remain as District Chair for another year.

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (92% in favour, 0% against, 8% abstained).

## **7. Approval of the nomination for District President - Chair**

**Nominee:** Norman Pope

Rosemary said it was a great honour to nominate Norman Pope as District President.

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (88% in favour, 0% against, 12% abstained).

## **8. Election of Officers: - Chair**

### **8a. District Secretary**

**Nominee:** Denise Gibson

**Proposer:** Sue Pearson

**Secunder:** Ruth Kentigern-Fox

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (88% in favour, 0% against, 12% abstained).

### **8b. District Treasurer**

**Nominee:** Ken Underwood

**Proposer:** Ken Hancock

**Secunder:** Mike O'Connor

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (81% in favour, 0% against, 12% abstained).



**9. Election of members to the District Executive Committee: - Chair**

**Nominees:** Ken Hancock, Mike O'Connor, Sue Pearson, Robert Skears & Chris Van Schaijik

**Proposer:** Rosemary Shaw

**Secunder:** Denise Gibson

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (85% in favour, 4% against, 12% abstained).

**10. Approval of DC's Nominations to the District Executive Committee - Chair**

**Nominees:** Will Hazell & Tyler Jeffs

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (85% in favour, 4% against, 12% abstained).

**11. Confirm Thomas Newman (District Explorer Scout Commissioner) as an Ex-Officio member - Chair**

Thomas Newman: Accepted

**12. Nomination of Representatives to the County Scout Council - Chair**

**Nominees:** Roy Cooper, Mike O'Connor, Anne Oram & Steve Smith

**Proposer:** Thomas Newman

**Secunder:** Sue Pearson

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (88% in favour, 0% against, 12% abstained).

**13. Nomination of representative to the County Executive Committee - Chair**

**Nominee:** Mike O'Connor

**Proposer:** Ruth Kentigern-Fox

**Secunder:** Rosemary Shaw

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (85% in favour, 0% against, 15% abstained).

**14. Approval of Independent Examiner for 2021/2022 Accounts - Treasurer**

**Nominee:** Linda Browett

**Proposer:** Ken Underwood

**Secunder:** Tyler Jeffs

In the on-screen poll, the majority of the Council voted their approval (88% in favour, 0% against, 12% abstained).

**Note about on-screen Poll Results**

Despite 33 attendees, there were only 26 eligible votes. Ruth, Will & Rosemary were unable to take part in the polls as meeting co-hosts and 8 attendees shared a login so only 4 accounts could take part. The percentages noted above are taken from the 26 eligible.



### **15.Date of 2021-22 Annual General Meeting**

- Chair

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Time and venue to be arranged

### **16.Various Section / Area Reports**

- DC

Ruth concluded the main business of the AGM and added she had expected to be back to face to face meetings far sooner, but the virtual world had provided some positive qualities. The District had pulled together and there had been some incredible work done behind the scenes. The District team had also worked well together and to good effect. Ruth thanked Will and Tyler for their support and efforts to make the District virtual camp and e.badge days a success. Feedback from Group Scout Leaders had been good, it had resulted in more Groups being brought in and they had felt more involved and part of the district. Fingers crossed for a proper face to face celebration next year.

#### **Ruth invited Dean Smith to speak:**

He echoed Ruth's comments, adding this had been a really tough time, but this District had demonstrated vibrancy and a determination to get things done. He said Grafton District had retained young people and adult volunteers better than the rest of the County. He attributed this to the interaction of the District personnel and that they had done a fantastic job. Congratulations to Ruth and the whole District.

#### **Awards - Presented by Ruth Kentigern Fox (DC) & Dean Smith (CC)**

Congratulations to Sue Pearson for a very special 40-year service award. Sue has held many roles over this time and inspired so many young people and adult volunteers

Congratulations and thank you to Sandra O'Connor for an outstanding 30-year service award.

Congratulations and thank you to Ken Hancock for his 25-year service award and he is a valued part of the District Executive Committee.

Congratulations to Denise Gibson on her 5-year service award.

Congratulations to Anne Oram ADC Cubs on achieving her Wood Badge, who was invited to return to Scouting by Ruth after a period away.

**Meeting closed at 7:35pm**