



Grafton District Scout Council Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes

Meeting held on Saturday 11.06.2022 at 2pm

Blisworth Scout and Community Hall

Attendees

Ruth Kentigern-Fox (RKF), Will Hazell (WH), Tyler Jeffs (TJ), Rosemary Shaw (RS), Denise Gibson (DG), Ken Underwood (KU), Ken Hancock (KH), Thomas Newman (TN), Sue Pearson (SP), Chris Van Schaijik (CVS), Robert Skears (RWS), Dean Smith -County Commissioner, Carole Stephenson - County Local Training Manager, Dave Deane, Bob Gibson, Cindy Hancock, Harry Huckin, Anne Oram, Bim Prentice, Sandy Prentice, Steve Smith, Carol Fraser, Hannah Fraser, Katy Robinson, Annie Skippen, and Mike Ladd,

1. Welcome from District Commissioner - DC

Ruth (DC) welcomed everyone to the Grafton District Scout Council AGM, "how lovely it was to be holding the meeting face to face". She welcomed Dean Smith - County Commissioner and Carole Stephenson from the County Team to the meeting. Thank you to Harry's dad's company (Bidfood) for their kind donation of the food and to Tom for cooking it today.

2. Apologies for absence - Chair

Apologies were received from: Mike & Sandra O'Connor (MOC), Matt & Fliss Law, Davina Bowmer, Tony Russell, Anna Mezciems, Norman Pope, Jane Francis, Karen Tonks (County Chair), Michelle Dowling, Judith, Hazell & Jonathan Hazell, Debbie Adams, Geoff Brand, Toni Ball, Kate Gibson, Pete Rock, Jon Aeschlimann, Andy Tyrer, Kate Anderson, John Anderson, Tabitha Sweeney, Tracey Alex, Chris Floyd, Lynne Whitlock, and Dory Wright,

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 17:06:2021 - Chair

Proposer: Ken Hancock
Seconder: Katy Robinson

4. District Chair's Report - Chair

Rosemary referred to her written report in the booklet Scouts Grafton Annual Report 2022.

5. District Treasurers Report and Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts - Treasurer

Ken Underwood presented his Treasurer's Report, he commented that it had been an odd time so he had looked back over the previous two years, but concluded that the accounts were in a secure position, after benefiting from covid grants. Details are included in the full Annual Report and Financial Statements. Ken U added his thanks to Bob Gibson, Matt Law, Fliss Law, Tyler Jeffs and Roy Cooper, for their help and support, as this assisted to produce the accounts. He concluded by proposing the Annual Report and Accounts are adopted.

Proposer: Ken Underwood & Robert Skears
Seconder : Sue Pearson

6. Approval of the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chair - DC
Nominee: Rosemary Shaw
Ruth was pleased to say that Rosemary has agreed to remain as District Chair for another year.
This was approved by a show of hands.
7. Approval of the nomination for District President - Chair
Nominee: Norman Pope
Rosemary was pleased to say that Norman Pope had agreed to remain as District President.
This was approved by a show of hands.
8. Election of Officers: - Chair
8a. District Secretary Nominee: Denise Gibson
Proposer: Hannah Fraser
Secunder : Harry Huckin
- 8b. District Treasurer Nominee: Ken Underwood
Proposer: Mike Ladd
Secunder : Dave Deane
9. Election of Members to the District Executive Committee -Chair
Nominees: Ken Hancock, Mike O'Connor, Sue Pearson, Robert Skears, and Chris Van Schaijik
Proposer: Bim Prentice
Secunder : Bob Gibson
10. Approval of the DC's Nominations to the District Executive Committee - Chair
Nominees: Will Hazell and Tyler Jeffs
This was approved by a show of hands.
11. Confirm Thomas Newman (District Explorer Scout Commissioner) as an Ex-Officio member -Chair
12. Nomination of representative to the County Executive Committee - Chair
Nominee: Mike O'Connor
Proposer : Anne Oram
Secunder: Cindy Hancock
13. Approval of the Independent Examiner for 2022 - 2023 Accounts - Treasurer
Nominee Linda Browett
Proposer: Ken Underwood
This was approved by a show of hands.
14. Date of 2022 - 2023 Annual General Meeting - Chair
Saturday 10.06.2023 - Time and venue to be arranged.

15. Various Section / Area reports

-DC

DC concluded the main business of the AGM, and thanked Rosemary and the district executive for their work, in particular Ken Underwood, Will Hazell and Tyler Jeffs for their help and support. For the ADC's she added it had not been the easiest of times but it was lovely to see the young people return to face to face meetings and to receive so many 'nights away' requests.

Ruth invited Dean Smith to speak:

Dean began by saying well done and thank you to everyone. He acknowledged it's been tough but families are coming back Scouting. Though more adult volunteers are needed, please keep going and the young people will come back in numbers.

Photo's and the Awards - Presented in person by Dean Smith - County Commissioner

- ❖ Congratulations to **Tom Newman**, presented with his Wood Badge and certificate.

Long Service Awards

- ❖ Congratulations and Thank you to **Steve Smith** for 15 years service.
- ❖ Congratulations and Thank you to **Sandra Prentice** for an outstanding 30 years service.
- ❖ Congratulations and Thank you for another outstanding 30 years service by **Dave Deane**.

Merits – These are given on behalf of the Chief Scout when the District feels this is appropriate,

- ❖ Congratulations to **Steve Smith**
- ❖ Congratulations to **Hannah Fraser**
- ❖ Congratulations to **Ken Underwood**

Chief Scout Commendations for Good Service

- ❖ Congratulations to **Rosemary Shaw**
- ❖ Congratulations to **Chris Van Schaijik**
- ❖ Congratulations to **Ruth Kentigern Fox** who receives her certificate in respect of her Wood Badge.

Ruth thanked everyone for coming to the AGM.

Meeting closed at 2:30pm