



MALDON & EAST ESSEX SCOUT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 17th JUNE 2024

Present: Trevor Baker	District Chairman
Ann Dukes	Lead Volunteer
Bob Bye	County Lead Volunteer

With approximately 40 guests, members and supporters of M&EE Scouting.

1. The Chair Trevor Baker welcomed everyone to this years AGM pointing out the Health & Safety and domestic announcements. Trevor also thanked Bob Bye for taking the time to support us. The Chair then handed over to 3 of the District's Young People that attended Jamborees last year. James Green – Attended Jersey, John De'ath and William Green both when to North America. All gave very interesting talks and slide show on their experiences. Graham Bishop also gave a short presentation on the new section of Squirrels in the District.
2. **Apologies for absence:** The Secretary has received apologies from Barry Cousins, Clive Searle, Maddie Flowers, Carol Fischer-Hill, Nick Nicholas, Les Taylor & Dan Sutton.
3. **Governance**
We'll use this part of the meeting to make sure the charity's foundations are in good order
3a: Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on 19th June 2023 and approved by the District Executive on 22nd April 2024:
Copies were available to all members either as a hard copy picked up at the meeting, QR code displayed in Peter Church Lodge or they are available on the District website. Trevor Baker, Chairman hoped the meeting had all had the opportunity to read the minutes which accompanied the Annual Report. Seconded by Laurence Bundy and the meeting approved them by a show of hands.
3b: Adoption of model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)Copies of the Scouting Constitution were circulated a copy is also on the Maldon and East Essex Webpage with a show of hands it was agreed In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the District Trustee Board proposes we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. Seconded by Laurence Bundy approved by a show of hands

3c: District's financial year Can the District Scout Council members please note our charity's financial year is 1 January - 31 December

3d: Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council

Trevor notes the District Scout Council can admit other people to membership. The Chair advised that Andrew Goodwin, Tony Bugg, Paul Green, Simon Webber and Sara Goodwin are nominated as District Scout Council members. These are to be admitted as members of the District Scout Council as well as the ex officio list in POR Rule 5.5.4

Approval with a show of hands from the floor

3e: Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5 and no more than 12 Trustees in total. This includes ex officio and co-opted Trustees. The outgoing Trustee board recommends that 7 people are appointed. I propose the District Scout Council approves that recommendation.

Seconded by Tony Price approved also by a show of hands.

4. Review of the Previous Year

4a: Lead Volunteer Ann gave her report – no questions raised. Ann also awarded Jo Jarvis Cub Leader at Hatfield Peverel her 40 year service award.

4b: To receive and consider the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 and approved on 22nd April 2023.

The District Chairman, Trevor Baker, took the chair to present the Annual Report and invited the District Treasurer, Chris Burton to present the Annual Accounts. No further questions asked.

5. Appointments

We'll use this part of the meeting to organise the set up of the charity until the next AGM. We'll appoint a Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year.

5a: Appoint the District Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board.

Chair hands the chairmanship of this meeting over to the District Lead Volunteer.

District Lead Volunteer explains the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. Trevor has decided to stand down this year after 15 years of Chairman, all his hard work was thanked for and Derek Joyce agreed to take over the role.

5b: Appoint the District Treasurer following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Chris Burton should be appointed as District Treasurer. Hands of approval from the floor.

5c: Appoint members of the District Trustee Board following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board.

Chair explains the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Derek Joyce, Chris Burton, Ann Dukes, Nigel Hunter, Janet Richardson, Paul Goold and Graham Bishop should be appointed as members of the District Trustee Boards. Hands of approval from the floor.

Thank you to all Trustees for all their hard work and thanks to Sara Goodwin, Andrew Goodwin, who have stood down as Trustees.

5d: (Re)appoint District President and Vice Presidents. The names remain the same.

5e: To appoint an Independent Examiner (Rule 4.21e iv) it was proposed that Mrs Elizabeth Ironmonger is appointed the Independent Examiner for the coming year. This was agreed by show of hands.

5f: Nominate representative of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council – Andrew Goodwin volunteered for this.

County Representative – Bob Bye

Bob thanked the the District Chairman and District Lead Volunteer for their invitation to attend this years AGM. He was pleased to let us know that Scouting has increased by 2% in Essex. Transformation is on going and hopefully the new computer system replacing compass will be up and running by the end of the year.

He thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment to scouting and the young people.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm