



## **NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 7pm  
Online - Zoom**

### **PRESENT**

Bunny Ingram (Meeting Chair), Craig Kidd (District Commissioner), Caroline Lomas (District Treasurer), Tracey Bates (District Secretary), Malcolm Dyer, Elaine Farr, Gary Jackson, Charlie Mackenzie, John Sharman, Sue Robinson-Smith, Tim Walker (District Trustees)

Additional members of the District Scout Council: Harry Whiting, Henry Rivett, Ian Rivett, Sandra Rivett, James Collison, Pennie Crow, Esther Phillips, Alan March, Chris Robinson, Mandy Brooker, Karen Lae, Chris Gyles, Audrey Pearce, Graham Wiseman, David Shrewsbury, James Mahoney, Karen Boon, Stephen Humphrey, Sheila Shrives, Dean Smith (CC), Tim May, Gillian Dowling (DCC), Olivia, Stephen Tilley, Gill Walker, Kim Pearce, Brian Bodily, Andy Pearce, Philip Sydee, Alistair Cochran, Ian Claris, Debbie Bromley, Chris Wiseman

### **APOLOGIES**

See below

| Item |  |
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| 1    | <b>House Keeping</b>   |
| 2    | <b>Reflection</b><br>Alan March led this years' reflection. Those in Scouting that have passed away recently have been remembered: Mick Day, Ken Malpas, Brian Hall and John Bannister |
| 3    | <b>Welcome to the AGM</b><br>Bunny welcomed everyone to the unusual AGM and thanked everyone for coming including Dean Smith County Commissioner.                                      |
| 4    | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>Karen Tonks, Derek Bampkin, Chris Bayley   |
| 5    | <b>Review and approval of the minutes of AGM</b><br>The 2019 AGM minutes were made available prior to this meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Esther                 |



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|    | Phillips and seconded by Pennie Crow. Passed with show of hands and no objections.   |
| 6  | <p><b>Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts</b></p> <p>The 2020 Annual Report and Accounts were made available prior to this meeting. The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Chris Gyles and seconded by Harry Whiting. Passed with show of hands and no objections.</p>                   |
| 7  | <p><b>District Report</b></p> <p>Introduced by Craig Kidd</p>  |
| 8  | <p><b>Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chair</b></p> <p>Craig Kidd approval for Bunny Ingram to stay in the role as District Chair to provide continuity.<br/>*See appendix 1 for Chairmans' Report</p>  |
| 9  | <p><b>Election of the District Secretary</b></p> <p>Introduced by District Chair. Stephen Humphrey proposed Tracey Bates as District Secretary and seconded by Gary Jackson. Passed with show of hands and no objections.</p>  |
| 9  | <p><b>Election of the District Treasurer</b></p> <p>Introduced by District Chair. Craig Kidd proposed Caroline Lomas to continue as District Treasurer and seconded by Chris Robinson-Smith. Passed with show of hands and no objections.</p>  |
| 10 | <p><b>Election of Members of the District Scout Council to The District Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Introduced by District Chair. Tracey Alex proposed John Sharman, Ian Malcolmson, Gary Jackson and Michael Lomas these were seconded by Karen Boon. Passed with show of hands and no objections.</p> |
|    | <p><b>Approval of the District Commissioners' Nomination of Members of The District Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Introduced by District Commissioner. These are Sue Robinson-Smith, Elaine Farr, and Debbie Bromley. Passed with show of hands and no objections.</p>                                    |
| 12 | <p><b>Approval of the Appointment of President and Vice Presidents</b></p>   |



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|                          | <p>Introduced by District Chair. President: on hold due to Covid.<br/>         New Vice President: Alistair Cochran. Vice Presidents: Ken Briars, Bill Reason, Brian Bodily, John Sharman, Sheila Shrives, Dave Watts, Wally Loweth, Bob Stubbs, Stuart Little and Derek Bampkin. Agreed with show of hands and no objections.</p> |
| 13                       | <p><b>Election of Group Scouters to the County Executive</b><br/>         Introduced by District Commissioner. The following were put forward: Karen Simpson, Henry Rivett, Neil Simpson, Tim May proposed by Graham Wiseman, and seconded by Harry Whiting.</p>   |
| 14                       | <p><b>Nomination of the Group Scouter for the County Executive</b><br/>         Introduced by District Commissioner. Ian Malcolmson was nominated to stay in that role. Agreed with show of hands and no objections.</p>   |
| 15                       | <p><b>Election of Accounts Examiner</b><br/>         Introduced by District Chair. J R Watson &amp; Co to be used as previous years. Proposed by Tim May and seconded by Sheila Shrives. Agreed with show of hands and no objections.</p>  |
| <b>END OF FORMAL AGM</b> |  |
| 16                       | <p><b>Coronavirus and its impact on our Charity</b><br/>         Led by Craig Kidd</p>   |
| 17                       | <p><b>District County Commissioner</b><br/>         Dean Smith introduced by Craig Kidd</p>  |
| 18                       | <p><b>Meeting Closed</b><br/>         Bunny Ingram thanked Craig for his inspiring speech and to Dean Smith for his comments.<br/>         Any questions to District Secretary.</p>  |
| 19                       | <p><b>RECORDING can be found here:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.northamptonscouts.org.uk/news/article/2019-20-district-agm">https://www.northamptonscouts.org.uk/news/article/2019-20-district-agm</a></p>  |

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 <Name> – District Chair

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## Appendix 1

### **Annual Report and Accounts**

*To say that the last 12 months has an been eventful year is stating the obvious, taking over as Chairman of The District was always going to be a challenge especially as Alistair Cochran had done such a good job for many years ,my thanks go to him for his guidance and advice during the last 12 months.*

*Northampton District is fortunate to have several assess and my thanks and those of the District Executive go to everyone involved in the operation and management of those assets, but of course they also bring challenges.*

*When looking at our accounts it would appear that we are a wealthy district and in many ways we are, but much of our wealth is invested in our assets, which can become liabilities which have to be faced and managed.*

*During the early months of the new executive we took an in depth look at the Governance of the district and in particular how we managed our finances, this has led to changes which has made their administration easier, my thanks to our District Treasurer Caroline Lomas and Nick Tew who assisted her.*

*As a movement Scouting has to move forward to meet the needs of the young people and their leaders, as society changes we must always remember that scouting values do not change and provide a base on which our members can themselves grow and develop into valued citizens.*

*Finally I would like to thank our District Commissioner Craig Kidd and the members of the District Executive, and of course the Leaders of our scout groups who have given much of their valuable time to the young people in Northampton District Scouts.*

*As I write this report I must acknowledge the challenges that we now face as Covid 19 continues to be a threat to our movement.*

*Bunny Ingram  
Chairman.*