

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL HELD ON SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2019 OVERSTONE SCOUT CAMPSITE AND ACTIVITY CENTRE

01) **Recorded Attendees:** (recorded via these minutes or signing in sheets)
Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mrs Deirdre Newham MBE JP DL, The Mayor, Councillor Tony Ansell, County Commissioner Dean Smith, Carole Stephenson, County Chair Karen Tonks, Craig Kidd, Alistair Cochran, Penny Short, Caroline Lomas, Graham Tew, Doug Dillow, Graham Wiseman, Harry Whitting, David Shrewsbury, Karen Simpson, Neil Simpson, Chloe Simpson, Marie Mawby, Dolores Behan, Christine Martin, Daniel Martin, Kim Pearce, Alan March, Steve Tilley, Lou Ousely, Ben Ousley, Tim Walker, Audrey Pearce, Pam Banks, John Sharman, Ken Briars, Sarah Sheard.

02) **Welcome**

In the absence of our District President, Alistair welcomed all those attending. The attendees were welcomed by Alistair Cochran.

The AGM followed the Northampton District Scouts Leaders Weekend, and District Skills Competition, Alistair commented that he was delighted that so many had joined the weekend activities and the meeting.

Alistair highlighted that the purpose of AGM is to appoint trustees, approve and adopt members of District Executive committee and approve the annual accounts so can file with the Charity Commission. He also mentioned that AGMs are an opportunity to reflect on the work that has been done and also look forward.

Alistair thanked the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, The Mayor as well as The County Commissioner for attending.

Alistair also commented that Bunny Ingram, District President had sent his best wishes and his apologies, he was unable to attend due to a family christening.

03) **District Reflection**

The reflection was led by District Religious Advisor, Alan March. Alan talked about recent Thai cave divers rescue, its link to Scouting, and the international sharing of skills. The key message from Baden Powell, "try to leave the world a little better than we found it"

04) **Recorded apologies for Absence**

Bunny Ingram, Sheila Shrives, Simon Isaacs, Gill Walker, Andrew Pearce, Sara Phillips, Nick Tew, Adrian Kingdom, Garry Warr, Colin Edge, Bill Seager, Malcolm Dyer, Racheal Baker, Justine Coles

05) Approval minutes of the 2017 AGM

Alistair Cochran proposed the minutes of the 2017 AGM as being true and accurate. This was seconded by John Sharman and agreed with a show of hands.

06) Adoption of Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts

Alistair Cochran explained the annual report

John Sharman proposed the adoption of the 2017-18 Annual Report and Accounts. This was seconded by Caroline Lomas and agreed with a show of hands.

07) District Report

Craig Kidd, District Commissioner delivered the Annual District Report.

It was noted that this was a bumper year for Scouting in Northampton with more young people than ever involved. Our membership numbers had swelled by 12% and now exceeded 2000 members for the first time.

The message from the programme was about delivering and learning skills for life, which was a key theme of the leaders weekend.

Craig thanked everyone in the district for what they do in Scouting.

He highlighted the following:

- Appointments committee restructure – thanks to Elaine Farr who has transformed the process.
- Looking at ways of supporting groups better and look after assets etc.
- SASUs created, lots of work has been put in to start that and move it on
- New ADCs for beavers and scouts

Alistair wishes success to Craig and team and thanked them for the last 12 months

Craig Kidd asked for approval for Alistair Cochran as Chair for the forthcoming year. Agreed by a show of hands.

08) District Secretary

Penny Short had advised of her intention to step down at this AGM. Alistair Cochran thanked her for time as secretary. We were delighted that Sarah Sheard had agreed to take on the role of Secretary for the coming year. Alistair Cochran proposed and was seconded by Craig Kidd.

09) District Treasurer

Caroline Lomas has agreed to continue in her role of District Treasurer. This was proposed by Alistair Cochran and seconded by Steve Tilley.

- 10) Election of Members of the District Scout Council to the District Executive Committee**
Alistair asked that the elected members be John Sharman, Dave Watts, Karen Simpson and Ben Sheard. This was proposed by Elaine Farr and seconded by Tim Walker
- 11) Approval of the District commissioner's Nomination of Members of the District Executive Committee**
Introduced by Craig who was nominating, Malcolm Dyer, Elaine Farr, Michael Lomas, Gary Jackson this was agreed by a show of hands.
- 12) Approval of appointment of President and Vice Presidents:**
Craig would like the approval of Bunny Ingram as President and as Vice Presidents Ken Briers, Bill Reason, Brian Bodily, John Sharman, Sheila Shrives, Dave Watts, John Tilley, Wally Loweth, Bob Stubbs, Stuart Little and Derek Bampkin.

This was Seconded by Michael Lomas and agreed by a show of hands.
- 13 Election of Group Scouters to the County Council**
Alistair asked that Karen Simpson be elected, This was Proposed by Ben Sheard and seconded by Dave Watts and agreed by a show of hands.
- 14 Nomination of Group Scout for County Executive**
Alistair asked that Karen Simpson be elected, This was Proposed by Ben Sheard and seconded by Dave Watts and agreed by a show of hands.
- 15. Examination of accounts examiner**
Alistair proposed that 'R Watson & Co,' be appointed. This was proposed by Caroline Lomas, seconded by John Sharman and agreed by a show of hands.
- 16. Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire**
Craig introduced the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mrs Deirdre Newham MBE JP DL. She thanked the Northampton Scouts for the invite and said had had a very interesting visit. It was her first visit to Overstone and enjoyed it was very much enjoyed.
Craig then mentioned plaque for 90 years of camping at overstone
- 17. County Commissioner**
Craig introduced Dean Smith, County Commissioner. Dean was delighted to be at the AGM, he spoke about no adult should ever leave scouting, and we should always be able to find another role or group from them. Dean also spoke about Senior awards now happening and very successful with several Gold D of E and Queen Scouts presented and in progress. Dean then thanked everyone.
- 18 Close**

Alistair thanked Dean and said it was nice to have him back. He thanked everyone for coming. Wished every success in the year ahead in scouting
Thanked Craig and team, he thanked special guests who we appreciate have busy diaries