

## **NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Friday 19th July 2019 at 19:30 hours  
Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre**

- 1 Reflection
- 2 Welcome
- 3 Apologies for absence
- 4 2018 AGM Minutes
- 5 Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts
- 6 Approval of The District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman
- 7 Election of The District Secretary
- 8 Election of The District Treasurer
- 9 Election of Members of The District Scout Council to The District Executive Committee
- 10 Approval of The District Commissioner's Nomination of Members of The District Executive Committee
- 11 Approval of Appointment of President and Vice Presidents
- 12 Election of Group Scouters to the County Scout Council
- 13 Election of Accounts Examiner



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### PRESENT

Bunny Ingram (Meeting Chair), Craig Kidd (District Commissioner), Caroline Lomas (District Treasurer, Minutes), Malcolm Dyer, Elaine Farr, Gary Jackson, Ian Malcomson, Charlie Mackenzie, John Sharman, Sue Robinson-Smith, Tim Walker, Dave Watts (District Trustees)  
Additional members of the District Scout Council: 46 in attendance

### APOLOGIES

Alistair Cochran, Shelley Beddoe, Peter Banks, Sue Graystone, Michael Lomas, Jacob Lomas, Kate Bartaby, Paul Bartaby, Carole Chater, Hayley Humphrey, Emily Howard.

1	<b>Reflection:</b> The reflection was led by Alan March. We remembered those in scouting who have passed away recently including Delores Behan, Lorraine Russell and Kay Maybin.
2	<b>Welcome:</b> Bunny Ingram welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming including Dean Smith (County Commissioner) who joined us for the meeting.
4	<b>2018 AGM Minutes:</b> The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, having been made available prior to the meeting were taken as read. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Sheila Shrivess and seconded by Carol Tapping and passed with a show of hands. These were subsequently signed as a true and accurate record.
5	<b>Annual Report &amp; Accounts:</b>  In the absence of Alistair Cochran, District Chair, Bunny Ingram read the following statement:  <i>In the years since I took over the role of District Chair from Stuart Little we have seen lots of changes in the District — but underneath this is still the District where I grew up in my Scouting and the ethos within it still makes it a wonderful place to do your Scouting.</i>  <i>I have been really privileged to work with some lovely people on the District Executive and I would like to record my personal thanks to them all — for the dedication, concern and time they have devoted to supporting the District — I know we might not have all agreed on everything all of the time, but where there has been a divergence of views it has always been because we were searching for the best course to support the District and most importantly to provide the best Scouting that we can to the young people of Northampton.</i>



	<p>I must also record my thanks to all those who have served on the District Team over these years, the time and energy and commitment they have shown cannot be faulted and as a District we owe them all a huge debt of gratitude.</p> <p>Many will look at our accounts and conclude that we are a wealthy District —and in many ways we are — but much of that wealth is invested in our assets and particularly our property. I think we all recognise that opening the Knight Lodge has highlighted that some of our other buildings at Overstone are dated and in need of some " tlc" and to achieve the standards that we have set with Knight Lodge investment and fund raising will be needed — we must all accept that we cannot rely on the funds we are holding.</p> <p>It has often been said that Scouting is a movement, and this means it should and will change as a continual process. In our terms this means that we have to accept that needs and expectations change over time and just because we have always had a particular activity or asset does not mean that it is right that we protect and preserve that activity or asset for all time.</p> <p>There will be challenges and changes in the future — some we will find easy to accept and some may be more difficult but this District has shown that it can evolve and reinvent itself and I have every confidence that it will continue to do so — from the strong position we have today.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to say a particular thanks to two stalwarts of the District Executive. John Sharman and Dave Watts, they have both given so much to this District over many years and it has been a real pleasure to have worked with them both. They embody all that is good about Scouting – commitment, putting the good of our Young People first and giving their time freely and generously. Thank you both.</p> <p>In many ways I will be sad to leave the role of District Chair, it has been an interesting journey – but the time is right to hand the baton over and allow them to take the next stage.</p> <p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>The Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements, having been made available prior to the meeting were presented by the District Treasurer, Caroline Lomas, who gave a brief outline of the years Financial Statements.</p> <p>The election of Caroline Lomas as District Treasurer was proposed by Pam Banks, seconded by Val Jones and approved by a show of hands.</p> <p>Audrey Pearce proposed the adoption of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements and was seconded by Elaine Farr. This was approved by a show of hands.</p>
6	<p><b>Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman:</b>          Craig Kidd, The District Commissioner nomination of Bunny Ingram as District Chairman was approved by a show of hands.</p>
7	<p><b>Election of The District Treasurer:</b>          The election of Caroline Lomas as District Treasurer was proposed by Pam Banks, seconded by Val Jones and approved by a show of hands.</p>
8	<p><b>Election of The District Secretary:</b></p>



	At the point of the AGM there was no volunteers for the role of District Secretary and therefore no election could take place. The District Executive would reinvigorate the recruitment process and look to co-opt a new secretary at an appropriate time.
9	<p><b>Election of Members of the District Scout Council to The District Executive Committee:</b></p> <p>The election of John Sharman, Ian Malcomson, Gary Jackson and Michael Lomas to the District Executive Committee was proposed by Phil Sydee and seconded by Rachael Baker.</p>
10	<p><b>Approval of the District Commissioner's nomination of Members of the District Executive Committee:</b></p> <p>Craig Kidd asked for approval for his nominations for Gary Mawby, Malcolm Dyer, Sue Robinson-Smith and Elaine Farr and agreed by a show of hands.</p>
11	<p><b>Approval of Appointment of President and Vice Presidents:</b></p> <p>With Bunny Ingram moving from District President to District Chair it gives us the opportunity to review the role and purpose of District President, we are committed to appointing a president who can help us develop Scouting within the wider community will seek the approval of the District Executive to establish a search group to seek out potential suitable candidates.</p> <p>The role of District Vice Presidents remains unchanged, and therefore the following nominations are made to the role of District Vice President: Ken Briers, Bill Reason, Brian Bodily, John Sharman, Sheila Shrives, Dave Watts, Wally Loweth, Bob Stubbs, Stuart Little and Derek Bampkin. All nominations were approved by a show of hands.</p>
12 (a)	<p><b>Election of Group Scouters to the County Scout Council:</b></p> <p>The election of Karen Simpson, David Hamilton, Neil Simpson, Tim May and Ian Malcomson were nominated by Tracey Alex and Seconded by John Russell and approved by a show of hands.</p>
12 (b)	<p><b>Nomination of Group Scouter for the County Executive:</b></p> <p>Ian Malcomson was approved by a show of hands.</p>
13	<p><b>Election of Accounts Examiner:</b></p> <p>The election of J R Watson &amp; Co as independent Examiners was proposed by Jen Woollett and seconded by Dave Watts and approved by a show of hands.</p>
14	<p><b>County Commissioners Address:</b></p> <p>Dean Smith gave a brief address at which he thanked volunteers for all their hard work. He congratulated the District on how well Overstone looked and mentioned that out of the East Midlands region Northants was the only county to that grew.</p>
	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>The AGM finished at 8:15. It was followed by an awards ceremony and refreshments.</p>