

Hampshire Scouts County Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 01st July 2021, 7.00pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom and on live link

Minutes

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1	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Video introduction:</p> <p>2020 A year for Connections, Service, Learning, the Environment, Dialogue, Celebration and Resilience. 2020 A year to show what Scouting is all about.</p> <p>Welcome by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and President of Hampshire Scouts Nigel Atkinson:</p> <p>Nigel Atkinson thanked all in Hampshire Scouts, the County Leadership Team and District Leaders for their work in keeping scouting going in 2020.</p> <p>Chairs Welcome:</p> <p>County Chair Mr Paul Bell welcomed the Lord Lieutenant and guests to the 2021 County AGM and Annual Review 2021 and introduced the County Leadership Team.</p>
	<p>Ferny Crofts:</p> <p>A video followed showing the Ferny Crofts mud run event in March 2020 which saw 280 young people enjoy the event, and then an update from James Redfearn County Operations Manager on the Ferny Crofts year:</p> <p>Despite the pandemic FC has had a relatively successful year with leaders and families able to use the site for camping in the summer 2020 under restrictions. Small scale opening happened when allowed, and several hundred have attended for field games, pizza evenings and evening games sessions. The Cave Bus project worked on during lockdown will be launched in early 2022. The site is up and ready now for summer 2021 and is already hosting scout groups and schools. The FC team looks forward to welcoming you all back on site soon.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>Apologies were received and recorded from 59 people for the meeting.</p>

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3	<p>Approval for Zoom meeting and Digital Voting:</p> <p>Vote: for the approval of digital voting for the 2021 AGM:</p> <p>Motion carried and approval received.</p>
4	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2020:</p> <p>Vote: Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 18th October 2020:</p> <p>Motion carried with 89% voting yes.</p>
5	<p>Scouters Gone Home:</p> <p>A minute silence was taken to remember scouting members who passed away in 2020.</p>
	<p>Community:</p> <p>A million hands video was shown.</p> <p>David Bannister from 12th Winchester Green Jackets Scout Group reported on his groups' efforts during the pandemic. The group collected essential items and delivered these to Winchester hospital. The group then linked in to 507, 503 162 groups in Massachusetts & Virginia, USA and had group meetings with them sharing and learning what they are up to. A whole weekend of events was set up via zoom as a virtual camp, attended by the Mayor of Winchester. Their 100th anniversary was celebrated by replicating their groups war effort by supporting the NHS.</p>
6	<p>Acceptance of the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020:</p> <p>The Chair gave a report of the year and his thanks to all involved in keeping scouting going via zoom.</p> <p>County Treasurer Anthony Gosden gave an overview of 2020 from a financial perspective in 3 slides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income for 2020: obviously this was reduced due to severe restrictions. A savings on costs and expenditure was given back via subs. Grants such as the Government furlough scheme provided some help. • Expenditure: showed a similar pattern, savings were made by not replacing staff, travelling costs being reduced, and other expenditure reduced as events were cancelled. • Nett result: £123,500 deficit overall <p>This year budget anticipates some savings on budgeted costs, FC has the biggest impact, and the prospects are good for this summer with a predicted deficit substantially lower than last year.</p> <p>As FC has eaten into the reserves we hold, the Board of Trustees have approved that £100,000 of a previously unused reserve be transferred to the FC reserve to sustain activities (accounts note 13).</p>

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	<p>Fortunately, we have operated on a prudent basis historically and have therefore been able to withstand these losses and survive throughout this time. Our financial position is monitored by the Board, and we have the resources to continue to support Scouting across Hampshire.</p> <p>The full report and financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th May 2021, and the Auditors have completed and signed off their audit. The report is available on the AGM landing page</p> <p>Vote: for the approval of the annual report and financial statement for 2020, proposed by Anthony Gosden and seconded by Mike McHugh: Motion carried with 92% voting yes.</p>
	<p>Squirrels Provision:</p> <p>Donna Bennett, the County Lead for the Squirrels Section, reported that HQ have had 2 years of pilots testing this provision for 4–6-year-olds which has shown that it meets the learning requirements for young people and fits into scouting. In March 2020 Hampshire were asked to pilot it in our County and this was tested by Portsmouth District where 1 section with 5 groups and 70 young people was opened. This pilot has been a great success.</p> <p>From September 2021 the Scout Association are formally launching this new Section and Districts have been asked to show expressions of interest. Groups are now being asked to complete readiness checklists to ensure a smooth start up, and are allocated support cohorts to share good practice, remain inclusive and support one another.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Donna for her enthusiasm and looks forward to working with her.</p>
7	<p>Approval of the County Commissioner’s nomination for County Chair:</p> <p>County Commissioner Martin Mackey thanked Paul Bell for his excellent leadership throughout the pandemic, and his support for the County Commissioner and Leadership Team over the last year, and would like to nominate Paul Bell as Hampshire County Chair for the next year.</p> <p>Vote: For Paul Bell to be elected as Hampshire County Chair: Motion carried with 89% voting yes</p>
8	<p>Approval of the County Chair’s nomination of Deputy County Chairman:</p> <p>County Chair Paul Bell asked for approval of the County Commissioners nomination for the re election of Tom Bell as Deputy County Chair. He thanked Tom for all of his hard work.</p> <p>Vote: For Tom Bell to be elected as Hampshire Deputy County Chair: Motion carried.</p>
9	<p>Notification of County Secretary:</p> <p>Paul Bell thanked James Redfearn for his dedication and enthusiasm to this role which he has balanced with County Operations Manager and FC Operations Manager.</p> <p>No vote required.</p>

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10	<p>Nomination and Election of County Treasurer:</p> <p>Paul Bell thanked Anthony Gosden for his continued sound advice and asked that he be reappointed as County Treasurer, which he has kindly agreed to extend for an additional 6 months while we look for his replacement.</p> <p>Vote: For Anthony Gosden to be elected as Hampshire County Treasurer:</p> <p>Motion carried with 94% yes.</p>
11	<p>Appointment of Auditors:</p> <p>Treasurer Anthony Gosden proposed that we re-appoint Martin and Company Audit Limited of Winchester as Auditors for the next year.</p> <p>Vote: To confirm the re-appointment of Martin and Company Audit Limited of Winchester as Auditors to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting:</p> <p>Motion carried with 94% yes.</p>
12	<p>Membership of the Hampshire County Scout Council and Board of Trustees:</p> <p>a. The County Scout Council</p> <p>(The County Scout Council may co-opt members annually. Such co-opted members may include representatives of organisations with whom it is desired to maintain co-operation e.g. Girl Guiding, religious bodies, other youth organisations and Local Education Authorities.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide Commissioners for the three Guide Counties of Hampshire • Leaders (or their representative) of the Local Authorities of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. • Hampshire Youth Council • Ferny Crofts Staff Members <p>b. The Board of Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of new Constitution for Hampshire Scouts Board of Trustees • To elect representatives from the Cluster Groups • To approve the County Commissioner's nominations <p>This year the Board of Trustees would like to co-opt a member of Hampshire County Council to the Board. A name will be available at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Vote: for the approval of 4 Cluster Reps as follows:</p> <p>West - Jackie Noakes</p> <p>South - Les Farrington</p> <p>North – Harrison Gorst</p>

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	<p>East – Dick Whittington</p> <p>Motion carried with 90% yes.</p> <p>Vote: For the approval of the County Commissioners nominations to the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>Donna Bennett</p> <p>Martin Rudd</p> <p>Peter Knott</p> <p>Joseph Dawson</p> <p>Motion carried with 96% yes.</p>
13	<p>To confirm Elected Representatives to the Council of The Scout Association:</p> <p>One adult member per every 10,000 members and one Young Person for every 10,000 members.</p> <p>Current nominations for the Elected Representatives to the Council of the Scout Association are Paul Bell, Martin Rudd, Tom Bell and Harrison Gorst as the nominated Youth Rep. These need no votes as have been voted for at previous AGMs.</p> <p>This year we would like to nominate two additional youth members to the Scout Association.</p> <p>Vote: Nominations for two 18-24 young people to the Council of the Scout Association:</p> <p>Joseph Dawson</p> <p>Zara Seymour</p> <p>Motion carried with 93% yes.</p>
14	<p>Notification of Elected Youth Representatives:</p> <p>The Chair gave thanks to outgoing Youth representatives Daniel, Joseph and Hadyn for their input at Board meetings in the last year.</p> <p>The Youth Council have voted and elected the following Youth Representatives for the next year:</p> <p>Hadyn Allen</p> <p>Thomas Hughes</p> <p>Oscar Lodge</p>
	<p>WSJ2023:</p> <p>Jools Sore reported on plans for the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023.</p> <p>Hampshire has been offered 16 patrols, which is 144 scouts and 16 leaders, the largest number ever attending a jamboree from Hampshire.</p>

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	<p>To make WSJ2023 inclusive the County Leadership Team and Board of Trustees have been supportive of and approved the plans for a WSJ2023 Grants Fund, which will part fund places for those who would not have otherwise been able to go.</p> <p>The launch of the fund and applications went live today, and selection events will be taking place in September and October.</p>
15	<p>Address by County Commissioner:</p> <p>County Commissioner Martin Mackey thanked all of our leaders for the resilience ingenuity talent and drive in getting scouting up and running online during the pandemic, and their efforts to get our young people and adults back together safely.</p> <p>Thanks to ACC Media and Comms for putting together the Annual Review magazine which shows what we have been up to this year.</p> <p>It was an amazing year for Good Service Awards with a record number across the County, and a bumper number of people earning the highest awards; there were 6 Silver Wolfs, 7 Bar to the Silver Acorns and 8 Silver Acorns. Many congratulations to all.</p> <p>Thanks to our County Chair Paul Bell and the Board of Trustees who have supported in managing the County and navigating through these challenging times, always with young people at the heart of the decision making, in line with our Scouting values.</p> <p>On behalf of Hampshire Scouts our thanks to UK Chief Commissioner Tim Kidd who is stepping down in September after many years of unswerving service, both Nationally and on many occasions to our County. He has been an inspiration to us all. His successor Karl Hankinson takes over the role in September and will be our Guest of Honour at our County Conference on 9th October. We wish him the very best in his new role.</p> <p>Thanks to the County Leadership Team, and in particular our 4 Deputy County Commissioners Martin Rudd, Donna Kerrigan, Teresa Ginn and Keith Hawkins, as well as Peter Marcus our County Youth Commissioner for their tireless work with their teams.</p> <p>Thanks also to all of our Teams who support across the County and who put so much time into Scouts in Hampshire, all for the benefit of young people.</p> <p>Thanks to our Regional Commissioner Ian Newbery for the support he and the regional team give us.</p> <p>For 2021 the challenge we have set is to recover our numbers back to the 2020 level of just over 26,000 through our #Bounceback campaign. The focus will be on encouraging those who left to Re-join, Retain our current members, and using all tools available to us Recruit new adults and young people. We have every confidence that we have the ability to do that.</p>
16	<p>Address by County President:</p> <p>County President Nigel Atkinson reported that he is very impressed with the efforts over the last 12 months and the commitment shown to scouting.</p> <p>He congratulates all those appointed in new positions.</p>

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	<p>The content of the AGM has been brilliant, especially the video clips, and the mud run clip in particular is great. Congratulations to all FC staff on keeping going throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>The 12th Winchester Green Jackets story was fascinating, showing what has been done during Covid compared to what was done in the battle of Calais, and he would like to come and visit the group during their Centenary year. Very interested also in the Squirrels project and the WSJ23 planned jamboree trip and wishes them every success.</p> <p>Many thanks to the Commissioner for all of his work, to the leaders and to the Scouts themselves.</p>
	<p>Address by the Regional Commissioner:</p> <p>Regional commissioner Ian Newbury spoke about the pandemic and how success growth and resilience don't just happen by accident, they take good management and planning. This has seen Hampshire coming through the pandemic strongly with decisive action, a clear plan for recovery and strong governance all factors in this outcome.</p> <p>He would like to recognise the work of the County Team and District Teams for their help with groups, enabling hundreds of people to come through and recover from the effects of the pandemic.</p> <p>Thanks also to County Commissioner Martin Mackey whose strength of character and leadership has been valued by everyone in the County, and was rightly rewarded in the recent Queen's birthday honours.</p>
17	<p>Sum up and thanks by County Chair:</p> <p>County Chair Paul Bell thanked the Trustees right across the County for the time they give to young people. Scouting is run by volunteers many of whom have multiple roles. We need help in spreading the word that Scouting in Hampshire is truly alive and we need volunteers to step forward and take on a leader or executive role.</p> <p>As restrictions are eased we will slowly return to normal and the amazing activities that are the reason young people join us.</p> <p>We hoped to revise the format and invite you all to Ferny Crofts for this year's AGM and Annual Review, to be able to see the activities that the young people enjoy. We were not able to do that this next year, but next year we hope we can join in face to face to share in a fantastic experience and celebrate Hampshire Scouts. Many thanks to all for joining us this year.</p> <p>The meeting was Closed at 9.00pm</p>
18	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Sunday 3rd July 2022</p>