

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 28th September 2017 at Bowden Hall Hotel, Gloucester

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed members and guests to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to the Vice Presidents, Robin Stayt, Michael Baston, Joan Goldsmith and Frank Smith, the Girlguiding Commissioner, Karen McFarlane and to the Regional Commissioner, Hamish Stout. Mark Spiller, the newly appointed County Commissioner, was also welcomed to the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>President Charles Berkeley, Vice Presidents: Major John Berkeley, Tony Stocks, Geoffrey Stevens, Major Tom Wills, Lord Lieutenant: Dame Janet Trotter, Guiding Commissioner: Anne Anderson and 63 other members.</p> <p>Members who had “Gone Home” during the year were remembered with a period of reflection: County Vice President: The Lord Wigram, President of Cheltenham District: Alan Jackson, GSL Churchdown: Stuart Hall (posthumously awarded Bar to the Silver Acorn), long serving Scouters in Gloucester District Edith Faulkner, Jackie Thorne and Brian Rose.</p>
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th September 2016</p> <p>The minutes were approved unanimously and were then signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p>Changes to POR</p> <p>It was noted that the following changes to POR had occurred since the last AGM: POR Rule 5.16</p> <p><i>June 2016 POR: Amendment to Rule 5.16 (ii) to include District Youth Commissioners as members of the County Scout Council.</i></p> <p><i>March 2017 POR: Rule 5.16f (v) First bullet point has been amended to clarify that ex-officio, elected, nominated and co-opted members are Charity Trustees of the Scout County.</i></p>
5.	<p>Receive and consider the Trustee Annual Report</p> <p>The Annual Report and Annual Statement of Accounts had been distributed ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Growth</p> <p>It was hoped that growth targets could be achieved through working with the Pears Project. Three interns had been appointed to increase Scouting provision in Gloucestershire and this was already having a beneficial effect on membership. Further interns were due to be appointed following financial commitments made by the County.</p> <p>Cranham Scout Centre</p> <p>In October 2016, Andy and Mairead Bruce had been appointed joint managers of the Scout Centre but unfortunately, Andy had become ill and both managers had stepped down in September 2017. Replacements were being sought and initially, would be offered a six-month contract.</p> <p>The rising cost of running the Scout Centre was of concern. The Management Committee was working hard to increase its income and it was felt that opinions about Cranham should be sought. For this reason, a questionnaire was due to be sent to all members of the County.</p> <p>Tom Harding was thanked for his hard work in ensuring that Cranham was still operational. Liz Harding was also thanked for the support that she had given.</p>
6.	<p>Receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2016/17</p> <p>In January 2017, Chartered Accountants, Randall & Payne, were appointed to manage the County’s accounts. In February 2017, Roger Tovey was appointed County Treasurer following an 18 month period without a Treasurer. Together, they had placed the County’s finances on a firmer footing. Roger was thanked for the huge amount that he had achieved in the ensuing months.</p> <p>The Annual Accounts had been distributed ahead of the meeting. A summary sheet had been presented to the meeting and the Treasurer provided an explanation of some aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The surplus from Strategy and Evolution (£20,000) was due to be re-invested in the events. • County events and activities were planned to break even but often, they made a surplus. • Support Fund payments amounted to £1,600.

- £5,000 had been paid to support the Pears Development Project.
- Cranham Scout Centre had been valued at £500,000 and this had been incorporated into the financial statement. Improvements at Cranham had included the installation of a caving system at the cost of £12,000. HQ had provided a grant of £4,000 towards this.

The Annual Statement of Accounts was endorsed by the meeting.

Membership of the County Scout Council

- 7. Approval of County Commissioner's nominations for membership of the County Scout Council**
The County Commissioner received approval to make nominations at a later date.

Forming the County Executive Committee

- 8. a. Approval of County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman**
The County Commissioner nominated Stephen Lake as County Chairman for the forthcoming year. The nomination was approved by the meeting.
- b. Election of the County Treasurer**
The appointment of Roger Tovey as County Treasurer was proposed by Liz Hodge and seconded by Tom Harding. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

- 9. Election of members of the County Executive Committee**
- a. According to the Constitution adopted at the 2016 AGM, one County Executive member was due for election.
- b. Ann Haseler was proposed by Godfrey Tarling and seconded by Paddy Langham. As there were no other nominations, she was duly elected.
- c. The County Commissioner nominated Dave Hall to serve on the County Executive Committee. The meeting agreed that further nominations could be made at a later date.

Representing the County Scout Council

- 10. Election of representatives to the Council of the Scout Association**
The election of Colin Steward as the Nominated Member was proposed by Dave Hall, seconded by Lauren Greening and agreed by the members. A Nominated Youth Member of the Council of the Scout Association would be recruited at a later date.

External Examination of the County Accounts

- 11. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2017/2018**
It was agreed that Randall and Payne should be appointed as Independent Examiners.

Additional Matters

- 12. Regional Commissioner, Hamish Stout**
The Regional Commissioner welcomed Mark Spiller as County Commissioner. He thanked Lewis Dangerfield who had taken on the role of Acting County Commissioner between May 2016 and April 2017. Lewis was presented with the Award for Merit.
- The Regional Commissioner emphasised that the key role for all leaders in Scouting was to deliver an exciting and adventurous programme. This helped to shape the lives and experiences of young people. He commented that it was highly likely that those who had experienced Scouting would always remember one particular leader and at least one significant event from their Scouting life.

- 13. County Commissioner**
Mark Spiller, the newly appointed County Commissioner, introduced himself. Previously, he had been a Scout and a Venture Scout and he had volunteered in the Scout Section as part of his Queen's Scout Award. Subsequently, he had been appointed a Scout leader, a Group Scout Leader and most recently, County Training Manager in London. Since his move to the Forest of Dean, he and his family had been involved in Scouting locally. He felt that there were three key things about Scouting:
- That young people were amazing
 - That delivering an exciting and adventurous programme was essential
 - That adults needed to be given support and the skills to deliver an exciting and adventurous programme
- Mark then shared his "Vision 2020" (this was available on the website)
- It was noted that, to achieve this vision, it was essential to build a strong team. Some new appointments had been made and vacancies were due to be advertised in forthcoming weeks.

14.	<p>World Scout Jamboree Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five leaders had been selected to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree and they were introduced to the meeting. • A selection weekend was due to be held where 45 young people would be selected: 4 patrols of 36 young people would form a Gloucestershire Unit and 1 patrol of 9 young people would form a joint Unit with Shropshire. • Members were encouraged to offer help in a variety of capacities, both at the selection weekend and at future fundraising events. • The Jamboree leaders were presented with County neckers.
15.	<p>County Youth Commissioner</p> <p>Vision 2020 would only be achievable with assistance from across the County. Postcards were handed out by the County Youth Commissioner on which members were asked to make a pledge to help the County.</p>
16.	<p>Presentation of Awards</p> <p>Vice President, Michael Baston presented the Silver Wolf and 50 Years' Long Service to David Goldsmith and the Silver Acorn to Ron Shell</p> <p>Long Service certificates were awarded to:</p> <p>Dave Hawkins: 25 Years Chris Meadows: 15 Years Paul Gowen: 15 Years Andrew Ross: 10 Years</p>
17.	<p>Conclusion of AGM</p> <p>The County Chairman thanked the County Commissioner for his inspiring presentation and he asked members to give him their full support.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>

Signed:

Date: