

Hampshire Scouts County Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 25th June 2023, 2.00pm

Venue: Ferny Crofts, Beaulieu

Minutes

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1	<p>Chair's Welcome:</p> <p>County Chair Sarah Thomas welcomed guests, both Civic and Scouting, to Ferny Crofts for the 2023 Hampshire County Scouts Annual General Meeting.</p>
2	<p>Basingstoke Gang Show:</p> <p>Deputy County Commissioner Community Support Martin Rudd then introduced the Basingstoke Gang Show who performed an act from their 2023 show for the AGM guests.</p>
3	<p>Commander Bruce Awards:</p> <p>The Commander Bruce Award aims to celebrate the exceptional achievements of young people in Hampshire, particularly those who inspire and encourage their peers.</p> <p>This year the Group, led by the County Youth Commissioner Zara Seymour and her Deputy Tom Hughes, decided to change the format and have winners based on categories. This year there are 6 winners; 5 individual who will receive £150 split between them and their Scout Group £75 each, and a Team Section Group Award who will receive £200.</p> <p>Unfortunately, members of the Bruce Family were unable to make the presentation this time, so HM Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire & President of Hampshire Scouts Nigel Atkinson Esq agreed to make the presentations on their behalf, assisted by our County Commissioner Paul Bell.</p> <p>Award 1: Team Section Group Award: awarded to the group who have worked together to achieve something amazing and inspiring. This year's winning group has seen exceptional growth, opening a second Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony and Cub Pack and are leading the way in diversity and inclusion for all members in Youth Shaped Scouting. They raised over £100000 for a new building and earned their RAF recognition. The winners are the 6th Gosport Scout group.</p> <p>Award 2: Adventure Award: awarded to someone who has completed an inspiring adventure or challenge or has achieved something exceptional. The winner has attended many County events over the last year, winning the cubs chess competition. He has</p>

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	<p>completed his Chiefs Scout Silver Award and all 38 cub scout activity badges. The winner is Daniel Butler from 4th Eastleigh Scout Group.</p> <p>Award 3: The Local Hero Award: awarded to someone who has contributed significantly to their community within and outside scouting. The winner is an outstanding member of his community volunteering across a variety of community and scouting events. The winner is Ollie Ray from 4th Bramshill Scout Group.</p> <p>Awards 4 & 5: Leadership awards: awarded to a young person who has inspired and lead others to achieve incredible things. This year we are celebrating two people in this category.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- This young person has shown exceptional leadership at group level, has been instrumental in supporting leaders at Bramshill, and was a union flag bearer leading the group at some recent ceremonies. The winner is Tom Wallace from 4th Bramshill. 2- This young person is recognised for their brilliant leadership within in their World Scout Jamboree unit 63, at County level and in their ESU Explorer Unit. The Winner is Scarlett Bugler from Dora ESU. <p>Award 6: Scout of the Year: Chosen by the panel as what they think a Scout should be like, an inspiration to their peers and represents scout values in everything they do. This years Scout of the year works tirelessly volunteering to clear up Totton and surrounding areas, shows determination kindness and thoughtfulness in all he does. We are delighted to announce the Scout of the Year 2023 is awarded to Alfie Hanslip from 6th Netley Marsh.</p>
4	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>Apologies were received and recorded from 43 people for the meeting, these are listed at the end of these minutes.</p>
5	<p>Gone Home:</p> <p>Guests were asked to take a moment of silence to reflect and remember volunteers we've lost this year, who gave so much time, energy and passion to Scouts. The annual County Remembrance Service will be held on 10th September 2023.</p>
6	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2022:</p> <p>Council members were asked to vote to Approve last year's minutes by raising their hands. Vote against. Vote to abstain.</p> <p>Vote: Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd July 2023; Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Martin Rudd.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
7	<p>Acceptance of the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022:</p> <p>Copies of the 2022 Annual Report and Accounts are available in printed copies should anyone request to view them; The accounts have been independently audited by Martin &</p>

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	<p>Company Auditors in Winchester. County Treasurer John Natt was unable to make the AGM, however financial highlights slides were provided in summary.</p> <p>Vote: for the approval of the annual report and financial statement for 2022; Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Martin Mackey.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
8	<p>Approval of the County Commissioner's nomination for County Chair:</p> <p>County Commissioner Paul Bell thanked Sarah Thomas for her hard work over the last year and proposed that she be re-elected as County Chair for 2023.</p> <p>Vote: For Sarah Thomas to be elected as Hampshire County Chair for 2023; Proposed by Paul Bell and seconded by Martin Rudd.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
9	<p>Notification of County Secretary:</p> <p>Sarah Thomas notified the floor that we are continuing the appointment of James Redfearn as County Secretary. James is also appointed as a Trustee in an ex-officio role. There is no vote required for this but a need to let the Council know that James will be continuing in this role for the next year.</p>
10	<p>Nomination and Election of County Treasurer:</p> <p>John Natt has sent apologies for the AGM due to ill health, however he has agreed to stay on for another year. Therefor John Natt is nominated to remain in post as County Treasurer for 2023.</p> <p>Vote: For John Natt to be re-elected as Hampshire County Treasurer; Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by James Redfearn.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
11	<p>Appointment of Auditors:</p> <p>Sarah Thomas proposed that we continue to work with 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 2024; Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Paul Bell.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
12	<p>Membership of the Hampshire County Scout Council and Trustee Board:</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</p>

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e.g. Girl Guiding, religious bodies, other youth organisations and Local Education Authorities.)

- Guide Commissioners for the three Guide Counties of Hampshire
- Leaders (or their representative) of the Local Authorities of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.
- Hampshire Scouts Youth Council
- Ferny Crofts Staff Members

b. The Trustee Board:

- Approval to adopt the new updated (April 2023) Constitution for Hampshire Scouts Trustee Board:

This has been updated in alignment with the updated version of POR in April 2023. Thanks were given to Martin Mackey for going through the changes in POR and amending and updating the Hampshire Scouts Constitution.

Vote: for the approval of the new County Constitution as agreed by the CBoT.

Approval received and Motion carried.

- To elect Representatives from the East and West Cluster Groups;

To ensure we are fairly representing volunteers within the County, we elect representatives from each 'Cluster' – a group of Districts – onto our Board of Trustees Annually. The two people nominated to be elected as Cluster Reps are:

- Hampshire West Cluster: Jackie Noakes
- Hampshire East Cluster: Josh Hensman

Vote: for the approval of the Cluster Representatives as listed above.

Approval received and Motion carried.

- To approve the County Commissioner's nominations, including County Youth Commissioner:

The following people are proposed as the County Commissioners nominations:

- Zara Seymour (County Youth Commissioner)
- Paul Hedges (Deputy County Commissioner)

Vote: For the approval of the County Commissioners nominations to the Board of Trustees as named above. Proposed by Paul Bell, seconded by James Redfearn.

Approval received and Motion carried.

- Approval of the County Chair's nomination of Deputy County Chair:

The Council were asked to vote to approve the nomination of Harrison Gorst as the Deputy County Chair for 2023.

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	<p>Vote: For the approval of Harrison Gorst as Hampshire Deputy County Chair. Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Martin Rudd.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Quorum for our Trustee Board Meetings: The Council were asked to approve a minimum of 1/3 of the total number of Trustees plus one, to bring us into line with the Charity Commission alignment. <p>Vote: For the approval of the Quorum of Trustee Board meetings to be 1/3 of the total number of Trustees plus one. Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Jackie Noakes.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
13	<p>To confirm Elected Representatives to the Council of The Scout Association:</p> <p>We are entitled to one adult member per every 10,000 members and one Young Person for every 10,000 members. These people will represent and vote on behalf of Hampshire at the National AGM at Gilwell Park.</p> <p>In addition to the County Commissioner and County Youth Commissioner we are nominating the following as our Representatives:</p> <p>(Paul Bell, County Commissioner) Paul Hedges, Deputy County Commissioner Sarah Thomas, County Chair Keith Hawkins, DCC Growth & Development</p> <p>Young People: (Zara Seymour, County Youth Commissioner) Harrison Gorst, Deputy County Chair Michael Doncom Oscar Lodge</p> <p>Vote: To approve the nominations as above for the Trustee Board Elected Representatives to the Council of The Scout Association for 2023. Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Martin Rudd.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
14	<p>Notification of Elected Youth Representatives:</p> <p>A crucial part of our mission is to ensure our decisions are shaped by the very people at the heart of our movement: young people. As part of this, we elect three young people from Hampshire Scouts Youth Council to be invited to attend our Trustee Board meetings. We are pleased to notify you that for the next year our Elected Youth Reps are:</p> <p>Coby Fleetwood Arthur Hide Dee Wright</p>

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	<p>Vote: To approve the nominations as above for the Trustee Board Elected Youth Representatives for 2023. Proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Harrison Gorst.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
15	<p>Address by County Commissioner Paul Bell:</p> <p>The County Commissioner welcomed guests to the County AGM and thanked the Fareham Scout Band and The Basingstoke Gang Show for entertaining the guests. Thanks were also given to the adult Leaders, Trustees, Supporters and Young People for making Hampshire Scouts the success we are.</p> <p>Hampshire Scouts are the largest Scout County in the UK, both in numbers and geographical area. At the last Census we had 18941 young people, and 6717 adults which was an increase of more than 4.7% on the previous year which is amazing. We have 231 Groups in 21 Districts, and as a County we have 25% of all Squirrel Dreys in the UK. We will have 82 Squirrel Dreys by September 2023 lead by Amanda Wallace who has done an amazing job.</p> <p>Our basic needs as a County: We need managers to lead Districts and Groups across the County, we need additional feet on the street in Groups, Sections and Trustee Boards. Following Covid our young people numbers have recovered but the adults have not, so we need to think outside the box and attract volunteers by moving with the times and adapting. This is what we are trying to do at the moment, with projects on racial diversity and reaching young people in IMD and other communities across the County. We are here for the young people, and we need keep that at the heart of what we do.</p> <p>We have recognised the dramatic increase in youth mental health related issues and our ACC Inclusion is working hard to address some of the issues raised by this. We are sending a large contingent to World Scout Jamboree and Project23 and have sent leaders to a Youth Mental health First Aid Course.</p> <p>Thanks are given to Sarah Thomas for taking on the County Chair role. Also, thanks for the support of the Lord Lieutenant and Team, and Mayors and Councillors across the County who believe in what we do, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Trustees who support us, and the organising team who have put on the fantastic AGM event today.</p> <p>The year ahead is exciting. We have the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, Project23 and we look forward to hearing about these trips next year.</p> <p>The County Commissioner then made the following awards presentations: Robin Peddall, DC Gosport District – Silver Acorn Zara Seymour, County Youth Commissioner – Wood Badge Ian Rowney - 40 Years Length of Service Iain Greig – 50 Years Length of Service</p> <p>Thanks were given to Ian for organising the replacement ribbon for the prestigious Silver Elephant medal, of which we are custodians.</p>

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	<p>Vice President nomination: Tom Bell, previous Hampshire Deputy County Chair, County Chair and now Transformation Lead in Wales and IT for HQ. The Trustee Board nominate him to become a Vice President of Hampshire Scouts.</p> <p>Vote: To approve the nominations of Tom Bell as a Vice President of Hampshire Scouts.</p> <p>Approval received and Motion carried.</p>
16	<p>Address by HM Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire and County President of Hampshire Scouts Nigel Atkinson Esq:</p> <p>Thanked the Councils and Board and acknowledges the amazing work done on behalf of the young people of Hampshire. He is hugely proud to be President of the organisation.</p> <p>Thanks were given to the staff and leaders for their dedication, leadership and long hours given. He was thrilled at the contribution and lead role taken by the Scouts both locally and Nationally in the Coronation year. A huge celebration in Winchester Cathedral and The Big Help Out in the local communities were incredible, the Palace itself commenting on this event. Research showed that 10% of the public, 6.5M people, participated, with younger people more likely to participate in volunteering. 16%, 10M people, are more likely to volunteer in their local area following this event.</p> <p>HYPER (Hampshire Young Peoples Emergency Response) is a collaboration between The Scouts, The Police, The Fire Service and others have been deployed on various projects this year and this has been recognised. This is to be congratulated.</p> <p>Nigel Atkinson Esq looks forward to seeing what the next year will bring.</p>
17	<p>Address by UK Deputy Chief Commissioner, Volunteer Development Andrew Lloyd:</p> <p>Andrew thanked the Board for inviting him to the AGM, on his first visit to Ferny Crofts he was blown away, and found it thoroughly enjoyable to see what has been going on in Hampshire. As a County we should be proud of our successes and achievements.</p> <p>As part of the programme board that looks after our Early Years Project Nationally over the last few years, being able to see the benefit and impact that Squirrels is bringing to the young people, parents and carers has been truly amazing. It was great to see Squirrels on site taking part in activities and building confidence so a huge well done to the Team.</p> <p>Volunteering with the Scouts is a transforming experience. It nurtures character, instils values and empowers individuals to make a positive difference in the world. The Scouts is the UKs largest mixed coeducational youth organisation. It benefits hugely from our volunteers. On behalf of the England Leadership Team, we are indebted for the fantastic support. Volunteers develop and discover their own strengths and find purpose and fulfilment. There is a huge emphasis in Transformation plans to attract and retain more leaders and more volunteers, giving the ability to bring scouting to more young people.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone in Hampshire for doing such a phenomenal job, please carry on doing what you are doing.</p>
18	<p>Keynote Speaker: Talk by Hampshire Scouts Ambassador & Adventurer James Ketchell:</p>

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	Apologies given.
19	<p>Sum up and thanks by County Chair:</p> <p>Thanks were given to all in attendance for joining us to celebrate Hampshire Scouting in 2022. Now 12 months into the role Sarah is impressed and enthused by the positive impact of Scouting on so many young people and adult volunteers. The supportive and patient Team at Ferny Crofts have been invaluable in supporting the work undertaken by Sarah as Chair, the County Commissioner and the Board. The Trustee Board are thanked for challenging and supporting ensuring the best outcomes for Governance in Hampshire Scouting.</p> <p>Scouting has grown in Hampshire particularly in our newest Section, The Squirrels. The enthusiasm of the young people and their families is infectious. These children missed out on social interaction throughout the Covid lockdowns, and it is so important that they are given the chance now to develop personally and socially.</p> <p>The next year will see further changes to Trustee Boards and the Governance regime, bringing our Scouts Charities more into alignment with the operation of the Charity Commission. In the meantime, sincere thanks are offered to all who support Scouting in Hampshire.</p>
20	<p>Date of Next AGM:</p> <p>Sunday 30th June 2024.</p>

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Haydn	Allen
Michael	Baxter
Stella	Callow
Paul	Cluett
Simon	Colliss
Sonia	Crabb
Stephen	Edwards
Jay	Ferguson
David	Gray
Jeanne	Greenyer
Iain	Hands
Claire	Hawkins
Keith	Hawkins
Paul	Hedges
Andy	Hiscock
Georgina	Horwich
Michael	Hughes
Tom	Hughes

Ann	Humpleby	Jannette	McElarney
Daniel	Hunt	Richard	Mendelsohn
James	Ketchell	Richard	Merefield
Peter	Knott	David	Millen
Mark	Knowles	John	Natt
Martin	Lennon	Paul	O'Beirne
Julie	Mair	Phill	Pegg
Paul	Mant	Tony	Perrett
Louisa	Portal		
James	Rooke		
David	Shill		
Nick		Somerville	
Julian	Sore		
Ian		Stewart	
Kelly	Taylor		
Malcolm	Thornton		
Jon		Whitaker	