

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held as a tele-conference via Zoom
on Tuesday 14 July 2020

1. WELCOME by the CHAIRMAN

The meeting was opened promptly at 7.30 pm by Russ Dyble (DC), deputising for the District Chairman Keith Gower who was unable to be present owing to work commitments. Russ welcomed everyone to this AGM, and read a message of welcome from Keith.

The attendance was rather low (perhaps owing to the novel arrangements), namely: Pete & Sue West, Andy & Lorna Glass, Chris Loake, Robert Rivers, Mark Knapton, Richard Haynes, Russ Dyble, Frank Monnington, Dave Fleming, Mike Watson.

Russ noted that during the year Mick Reeve had "Gone home". Mick had given very significant service to the District, 3rd Adeyfield, and 1st Hemel Hempstead Scout Groups over a great many years.

Finally, Russ explained that the lateness of this year's AGM (normally in May) was due to delays arising from the current covid pandemic.

2. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Keith Gower and Colin Rivett, and from the County Commissioner Liz Walker and County Secretary Claire Stevens.

3. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM (23 May 2019), previously circulated by email, were taken as read and adopted on a general Aye. There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT for 2019-2020

The District Annual Report was again published as an online document. The customary audio-visual presentation was shown to the meeting, and was also put on the District website and Facebook page.

The DC Russ Dyble said the Group and District activities reported were just the highlights of a very busy year with membership holding steady, and increased participation in events. Many had been to the Haarlem Jamborette, and seven to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in America. There had also been developments in the District's administrative arrangements.

Russ said "Of course, although this report relates to our 2019 activities, we cannot ignore the fact that it and the AGM are presented halfway through 2020 and after nearly four months of "lockdown" where no face-to-face Scouting has been

permitted. This will no doubt have an effect on the way we conduct the support function going forward – but for now adds particular weight to the thanks I would like to offer every single hardworking volunteer in this district for the dedication, commitment and generosity with which they offer their time – in “normal” times and in the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in today”.

It was for this latter reason that the video presentation chose to feature scenes from the summer’s online “Lockdown Camp at Home” event.

On being asked to approve the Report, the meeting **responded with a general Aye.**

5. TREASURER’S REPORT and ACCOUNTS

Copies of the accounts were available online. Dave Fleming explained that they were a brief overview of the year giving a Summary, a list of the year’s Receipts and Payments, and a statement of year-end Assets. Dave said that they once again presented a good financial position for the District. The Accounts had been passed by a Charity Independent Examiner, and approved by the Executive Cttee. Dave thanked the Examiner Mr Robert Salt for his work.

No questions were asked.

The Accounts were **accepted on a general Aye.**

6. APPOINTMENT of an INDEPENDENT EXAMINER for the current year 2020

Treasurer explained that District would like to reappoint the current Examiner Mr Robert Salt for a further year, subject to his agreement. This was **Agreed** by the meeting.

7. NOMINATION of DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

The DC Russ Dyble thanked in his absence the current Chairman **Keith Gower** for his support throughout the past year, and said Keith had agreed to be nominated for a further year. This nomination was **approved on a general Aye.** There was no nomination for vice-Chairman.

8. ELECTION of DISTRICT SECRETARY

There were again no candidates for the role of Secretary. The Executive Committee is being supported administratively by the County Support Centre at Phasels Wood Office, and Mike Watson of District Active Support. Since these are not Trustee roles, there is still an unfilled vacancy for Secretary.

9. ELECTION of DISTRICT TREASURER

Dave Fleming kindly agreed to stand again and was elected unopposed for a further year.

10. ELECTION of FOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were elected unopposed:

Lorna Glass, Richard Haynes, Mark Knapton, Frank Monnington

11. DC's NOMINATION OF FURTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were nominated by Russ Dyble:

Simon Fancourt, Colin Rivett, Geoff Angell

These nominations were approved on a general Aye.

Note:- The two *ex-officio* places on the committee, for the DESC and DSNL, were not taken up.

12. NOMINATION of DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Russ reminded the meeting that the power to nominate three Scouters as District Representatives to the County Scout Council was delegated by the District Scout Council to the District Executive Committee by a Resolution passed at the AGM of 17 May 2012. These nominations would therefore be made at the next Executive Cttee meeting.

13. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Awards for presentation at the meeting.

14. CLOSE of BUSINESS

In closing the meeting, Russ thanked everyone in the District for volunteering their time and energy. It is, he said, thanks to your efforts that so much happens!

Finally, Russ invited everyone to take the refreshments of their choice, in the socially distant convenience of their own home !