ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3RD SUDBURY SCOUT GROUP

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2020

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this AGM was held via Zoom and Graham started the meeting by welcoming Charmain Southgate the District Commissioner and District Representative Brian Clampin to the meeting. Parents had been invited to join the meeting and the AGM Agenda, Minutes and Accounts were made accessible on the Group website but sadly no parents attended the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Yvonne Pearce and Andy Hawkes (Beaver Leaders).

Minutes of the Last AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes so they were proposed by Guy Hume and seconded by John Wiseman as a true record.

Section Reports

The Section reports had been circulated via the Group website and were taken as read.

Treasurer’s Report

Giles talked everyone through the accounts which show a surplus this year of just over £6,800. The income of £17,000 which we received is made up of subs and gift aid but this will be a lot lower this year as subs where not taken for the summer term due to Sections not being able to meet because of Covid-19 restrictions and are only being charged at half the usual subs rate for the autumn term.

We are unable to fundraise at the moment but we did receive £10,000 from the government to help with our expenses. Some costs, such as cleaning and electricity have been reduced whilst Sections have not been meeting at the HQ but other costs have remained.

Our Building Reserve account has just over £9,000 in it and our Current Accounts have a total of £18,000 in them so we have kept good reserves for emergencies but if we are not careful over the next few months this money can quickly be eaten away.

Giles thanked Nick Farr for auditing the accounts and Sally Wiseman proposed and Brian Clampin seconded, that he continue.

Graham said that we do not need to be embarrassed by our healthy bank accounts and that it is good to be sitting on a bit of cash for these emergency times and he thanked Giles for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Cathy thanked all the Committee members for pulling together to help the Group through these uncertain times and asked Graham if he would stand as Chairman for another year, to which Graham replied that he would. Kate and Giles were asked by Graham if they would stand in their roles of Secretary and Treasurer for another year and both agreed.

Nomination of Officers

The following members agreed to stand for another year:-

Chairman Graham Toy Proposed by Cathy Challis and seconded by Charmain Southgate

Secretary Kate Stiff Proposed by Graham Toy and seconded by Sue Lowe

Treasurer Giles Hume Proposed by Graham Toy and seconded by Steve Challis

Accountant Nick Farr - Moore Green

Graham asked the other members of the Committee if they would like to remain on the Exec and were elected en bloc.

Elect and Co-opt members were nominated en bloc:-

Beavers Vacant

C Pack Vacant

D Pack Vacant

Scouts Lindsey Harding Payne

Sea Scouts Andrew Brown

Explorers Vacant

Friends Chairman Sue Lowe

Quartermaster Anthony Wheadon (Geordie)

Co-opted Members Brian Clampin

Helen Double

Guy Hume

Leaders wishing to stand: Ross Holmes

John Wiseman

It was noted that we need more parents on the Committee and Cathy said she would speak to Leaders at the next Leaders meeting to see if they could recruit a parent to represent their Section.

Graham invited Charmain to say a few words. She said that she was in awe of the Zoom meetings that have been taking place and thanked all the Leaders, Steve and Cathy for all they have done for the Group. It has been a very difficult and frustrating time but we are all doing extraordinary things in extraordinary times.

Brian said that everyone was doing a wonderful job on Zoom and Scouting had continued just as it did in the First and Second World Wars and hopefully we would all be back to face to face Scouting soon.

Graham added that we were lucky to have a great Exec Committee that had raised the bar. It is down to the Exec to facilitate assets so that Steve and Cathy can do what they need to for the Leaders. He hoped that by this time next year we would be in a much better place.

Graham asked if anyone else had anything they wished to say but no one had anything to add.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.