

Annual General Meeting

3rd Sudbury Scout Group

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

This meeting was held via Zoom. Graham opened the meeting and welcomed Vince Quattrucci from District and all other attendees.

The minutes of the previous meeting and year end accounts had been made available on the Group website

Apologies

Apologies were received from Guy Hume, Lindsay Harding Payne, Charmain Southgate, Chris Beddows, Andy Hawkes, Yvonne Pearce and Julie Woodward.

Minutes of the last AGM

There were no matters arising so the minutes were proposed by Steve Challis and seconded by Sally Wiseman as a true record.

Section Reports

The Section Reports form part of the year end accounts and were therefore available on the Group website. It was agreed that these should be taken as read. Steve Challis said that they provided an excellent overview of the wide range of activity that had taken place.

Treasurers Report

Giles presented the accounts and called out a number of key matters.

The Group Accounts no longer include any balances relating to the Quay Explorer Section because they are now part of the Sudbury District.

The accounts report a deficit of £1,602.70 caused by a drop in Member numbers and lower levels of fund raising. The Group has also had to cope with the impact of rising costs.

An element of our income comes from HQ hire and since the Pandemic only one regular hirer has returned. We are always keen to encourage new external users of the hall. We are also working on increasing our fund raising back to the levels achieved pre Pandemic.

Looking ahead, and considering the impact of inflation and energy costs, Giles confirmed that our current gas and electricity tariffs are fixed until year, but on expiry we will experience the full impact of a new tariff

Giles acknowledged that grant aide had helped us through the last few years, but we knew that the following few years would be tough, hence our plan to retain an element of the support funds received, in our the Group Reserves.

Giles thanked Nick Farr from Moore Green for his help in preparing the accounts.

Vince Quattrucci raised a question concerning the lack on interest received on credit balances in the current year. Giles said that none had been received.

Approval of Accounts

The accounts had been discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting and following this meeting the accounts would be signed by Graham as Chair of the Group.

Election of Officers

Graham invited Steve Challis to take over the chair for the election of officers.

Steve thanked the Executive Committee under the leadership of Graham for all their hard work. Thanks were also extended to Giles for his excellent work as Treasurer.

A special thanks was extended to all the Leaders. The Group can't function without them and the past year has been challenging. The Leaders have played a critical role in rebuilding the Group as we emerge from the Pandemic. We have also had to deal with challenges from above but these have been dealt with and we have come through this period very well.

Steve finished by saying that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Steve asked Graham if was prepared to continue as Chair. Graham agreed and was proposed by Giles and seconded by Sally.

At this point Steve handed the chair of the meeting back to Graham.

Graham confirmed that Chris Beddows was prepared to continue as Secretary. His appointment was proposed by Sally and seconded by Giles.

Graham asked Giles whether he is prepared to continue as Treasurer. He agreed and was proposed by Sally and seconded by Cathy.

It was agreed that the remaining officers would be re-elected en bloc.

For clarity the following appointments and vacancies were agreed

Elected and Co-opted Members

Beavers	Mark Hales
C Pack	Vacant
D Pack	Vacant
Scouts	Lindsay Harding Payne
Sea Scouts	Vacant
Booking Secretary & Maintenance	Guy Hume
Leader	John Wiseman
Co-Opted	Andrew Brown
Co-Opted	Brian Clamping

It was agreed that we need more parent representatives. A number of ideas and suggestions were discussed.

Appointment of Scrutineer

Nick Farr from Moore Green was re appointed

Any Other Business

Vincent Quattrucci said that the last year had been a difficult one for the District and the Group, but despite the challenges, the Group had prospered by continuing their activity in such positive way. He said that the Group had done a fantastic job and the Member numbers were a good

reflection of all the hard work. He said that he was glad that relations with District were back on an even keel and he and the remaining District Executive are looking forward to working together in the future.

He concluded by saying that the Group Executive are a solid example of what good looks like.

Graham thanked Vince for his useful feedback and supportive comments.

Graham also thanked the Executive and Leadership Teams for their hard work, enthusiasm and professionalism with a particular call out Kate Stiff who has resigned as Secretary to take on the role of Section Leader of C Pack.

In closing Graham shared he enthusiasm to take the Group to the next level by making further strides with recruitment as well as improving the balance between involvement in the detail and being able to take a more strategic view of where we want the Group to be in the future

Graham thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was closed at 20:28