



6TH CROYDON (ST. AUGUSTINE'S) SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 23RD April 2023

The meeting opened at 10:45 a.m.

Welcome by the Chairman

Neil Hiller, Chairman, welcomed all those attending the meeting. The Chair explained the role of non-uniformed members of the Executive Committee (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) to comply with the requirements of the Charities Commission, alongside uniformed volunteers, parents and community representatives which makes up the membership of the Executive Committee.

Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Anne Smith, Paul Ashton, Geoff Dumbreck, and Carole Phillips.

Approval of Minutes of previous AGM

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2022 were available and those attending were given time to read them. It was proposed by Julie Hillier, seconded by Kerry Baker, who unanimously agreed that these minutes be approved.

Nomination of the Group Chairman

Danny Curnyn, previously known as Group Scout Leader, thanked Neil for all his work over the past year and was pleased to say that Neil was happy to continue as Chair. Therefore, Danny Curnyn – appointed Neil Hillier as Group Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Nomination and approval of Group Secretary

The Chair, Neil Hillier commented that the previous secretary Shirley Si Ahmed had moved to Cornwall in October and thanked her for her support over the years. Margaret Tyler then stepped in as Secretary. At present Margaret is unwell and we are unsure when she will return. Toni Steventon has covered and Neil proposed that Toni continue as Secretary Elect this was seconded by Becky Taylor. Everyone wishes Margaret well in her recovery.

Nomination and approval of Group Treasurer

The Chair, Neil Hillier nominated Griff Jones as Treasurer as Robin Lancaster previously stepped down. The group would like to thank Robin for all his support and welcome Griff to the group. This was seconded by Kerry Baker.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts were available at the meeting and Neil thanked Robin

Lancaster, Group Treasurer and Griff Jones Treasurer elect , for their work on the accounts over the year. There were no questions on the accounts, it was proposed by Leo Hawkins, seconded by Becky Taylor and unanimously agreed that the Report and Accounts be approved.

Nomination and approval of members of the Group Executive Committee

All the current members of the Committee were happy to stand for a further year. This was nominated by Neil Hillier and seconded by Brenda Mansworth. It was also noted that the board will be adopting the Scouts new structure which means the Group Executive Committee will now be known as 'Board of Trustees'.

Nomination and approval of new members to the Group Executive Committee

There were no new members but if anyone is interested, please talk to existing members of the Executive after the meeting. The Chair added that new parent volunteers would be particularly welcome on the Executive Committee.

Election of Scrutineer/Auditor

Len Bee was elected as Scrutineer for the groups accounts last year but also moved in the year. Wendy Matlock was asked to cover and is happy to continue. Neil Hillier proposed that she should. There was a show of hands and Wendy Matlock was duly elected.

Group Scout Leaders Report

Danny Curnyn gave the GSL report. He thanked all the leaders and young people for all their hard work over the year. The Group is growing well most sections are full but he has growing concerns that the groups will not be able to continue unless we have volunteer support from parents. Our leaders are not getting any younger and as much as we enjoy being leaders we do need support he thanked Nick Smith who has joined the Cubs. Neil also congratulated Danny he received his Medal of Merit.

Section Reports

Copies of all the Section Reports had been circulated to all attendees.

District Representative Address

Richard Carrau, District Commissioner welcomed everyone and thanked everyone on behalf of the district. He reinforced Danny comment about more volunteers to continue passing on the skills and lifelong lessons.

Promise Renewal

6th Croydon renewed their promises on St George's Day.

Any Other Business

Thank you gifts were presented to members of the Group, and there being no other business, Neil thanked everyone for attending and invited all those present to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 11:10 a.m