



Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 29 September 2024 at 5.00pm

Venue: Upton St Leonards Village Hall

Attendees

- Dave Hawkins (District Lead Volunteer), Paul Trott (Group Lead Volunteer), Matt Dymock (Group Chair) and 22 other members of the Group Council

Minutes

1. Introduction and welcome

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

were received from Mick Seamarks, Lois Sharpe and Mark Blake.

3. Governance topics

Papers for this section were circulated prior to the meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 September 2023 were **approved** and the amended constitution extracted from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) was **adopted**

The proposal to amend the Group's financial year to 31 August was **agreed**. This should enable the AGM to be held at a more convenient time and make it easier for income for summer events to be included in the correct financial year.

The Group Lead Volunteer recommended the maximum number of Trustee Board members be set at 9 and the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council be 15, as per best practice. This was **agreed**.

4. Review of the previous year

The Group Lead Volunteer reminded those at the meeting that the Annual Report is available on the website for review.

The Group now has the highest number of children for twelve years and all sections are full with waiting lists, with the exception of Monday Cubs.

Four new leaders have been recruited for the Squirrel Drey but Linda Atkinson and Mark Knowlton have stepped down as Beaver leaders. Formal thanks and appreciation were given for their 20 years and 5 years service respectively. Linda's gift and card will be delivered to her as she was not in attendance.

What matters is to provide fun, challenging and safe activities for the children which will help them develop and give them skills for life. One measure of success is their happiness and feedback on this is welcomed.

Thanks were also given to the leaders and volunteers who supported the Essex Jamboree camp in planning, transport and fundraising and the Scouts who gave it a go.

The Group Chair reported on the Annual Accounts. Net income for the year was £4,000 but this included £7,000 of fundraising relating to the Essex Jamboree in summer 2024, after the end of the financial year. Taking this into account, there was a small loss. Any questions should be directed to the Group Chair. Thanks were given to the Treasurer for the work done this year.

5. Making appointments

Applications for Trustee positions were invited in June. The following appointments were approved by the Group Scout Council

Group Chair: Matt Dymock, for a term of 3 years.

Group Treasurer (Joint): Lois Sharpe and Becky Amos, 3 years.

Trustee Board Members: Mark Blake (1 year), Rishona Steward (2 years) and Paul Fleckney (3 years)

Thanks were noted to those who are stepping down: Tom Siddall, Sarah McKenzie, Beverley House, Rosemary Trott, Isabel Trott

Terri Stephenson was approved as the Independent Examiner

6. The formal meeting was closed

7. District Lead Volunteer

The District Lead Volunteer commended the Group on the AGM attendance.

Awards were presented to Mark Blake for 5 years service and Paul Trott received a wood badge.

8. Essex Jamboree review

Daniel and William Amos presented a review of their experience at the Jamboree