

**WILTSHIRE SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

1	The meeting was opened at 19.30 by the Chair Justin Purkis.
2	<p><b>Welcome</b> - The Chair gave a warm welcome to everyone.  A special welcome was given to:-  Our President Mrs Sarah Troughton Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Pradeep Bhardwaj High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Catherine Roper Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Cllr John Stevens Mayor of Devizes, Graham Brant Regional Commissioner, The President and Joint CCs of Wiltshire Guides North, and a number of our honorary Vice Presidents and former Trustees.</p> <p>The Chair started by thanking all leaders, trustees and everyone involved in Scouting for all their efforts over the last year, and particularly in growing Scouting since we returned fully after the pandemic. He added that there have been some fantastic examples of what everyone has achieved.</p> <p>The Chair also asked that everyone take a moment to remember all those who have “gone home” this year, and think about the Scouters we’ve lost, who touched our lives and those of the young people they worked with.</p>
3	<b>Apologies</b> had been received from Chair of WCC Cllr Richard Clewer, Mrs Jenny McKay Stephanie Ovens RST, Ruth Sara SW Region President Girl Guiding, Elaine & Graham Morrell, Ted Pomeroy, Tony Kilburn, Phil Clark, Guy Livingston, Brian McGaw, Sheila Belston, Lucy Dempsey, Jane Palmer, Elaine & Roger Harrison, Paul Ingram
4	<p><b>Minutes of AGM 2022</b> The Chair noted that the minutes of the County AGM held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were reviewed on behalf of the Council at a subsequent County Board of Trustees in their meeting in September. Minutes have been circulated and are available on the website, and I would like to take as read and agreed by the Council if there are no objections.  <i>There were no objections.</i></p>
5	<b>Reflection</b> by County Commissioner Theme – ‘I Can’t’
6	<p><b>County Commissioner’s Annual Report</b>  County Commissioner read through his report. Copies had also been circulated and were available on the website.  The CC called upon our President, Mrs Troughton, to present two Awards:</p> <p>Award for Merit to our Chairman, Justin Purkis, for his continued support.  Bar to the Award for Merit to De Jones for all her hard work in her role of DCC Development</p>
7	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><b>World Scout Jamboree Presentation by young people attending</b>  The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be held August 1–12, 2023 at Saemangeum, North Jeolla, South Korea, hosted by Korea Scout Association with the theme, "Draw Your Dream". 36 people will be attending from Wiltshire and they all agreed on their name - Brunel Bustards. The young people talked through the process of selection and the team building events they have been holding. Also the various ways they have been fundraising to raise £4,000 each.</p> <p><b>2023 Italian Skiing Expedition</b>  In February 6 Leaders and 12 Explorers attended a Snow Sports trip to the Pila-Aosta Valley in Italy. It was obvious from what was shown on screen that the trip was a huge success and everyone enjoyed it. The next Skiing Expedition is planned for February 2025.</p>

	<p>The High Sheriff then said a few words about how much time is given to young people and how much they gain from their experience in scouting, which shows what a success story scouting is. She was presented with flowers by Parry McKenzie, a member of the Jamboree Contingent.</p>
8	<p><b>Regional Commissioner's Remarks</b> Graham stated that he was grateful to be there and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that Transformation is the next big thing and that Wiltshire has made sure they are ready to go.</p>
9	<p><b>Trustee Annual Report and Accounts</b> The Chair presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are on the website and in the room and conforms with the requirements of the Charity Commission, and highlights the main events in the year and how Wiltshire County Scouts meet our charitable objectives. Paul Ingram, our Treasurer produced the account, and Paul was thanked for all his efforts. The accounts had also been reviewed and audited by MHA Monahans.</p> <p>The reports reflect Scouting in the County returning following the pandemic. We remain financially stable, especially with lettings returning to Wiltshire Scout Centre. We have also been able to keep the County Membership Fees at their reduced level this year, to assist all members, and hope to continue at this level this next year. There are no other significant points to note in the accounts.</p> <p>The Chair invited questions, which he will try to answer or take away for later response.</p> <p><i>There were no objections and they were approved by all.</i></p>
10	<p><b>Nomination of County Chair</b> The County Commissioner had nominated Justin Purkis to continue in the role of County Chair for a further year and Justin had accepted the role. <i>There were no objections and this approved by all.</i></p>
11	<p><b>County Constitution</b> The County adopts its constitution from the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules [specifically Rule 5.16] We are required to agree a quorum for meetings of the County Scout Council. This is proposed at 25 members. In addition we are required to agree a quorum for the County Board of Trustees. It is proposed we follow the Charity Commission recommendation of one third of committee members plus one. <i>Chair seeks approval for these. This was approved.</i></p>
12a	<p><b>Appointment of Officers – County President</b> County Chair reappointed the County President, Sarah Rose Troughton and thanked her for her ongoing support. <i>This was approved by all</i></p>
12b	<p><b>Appointment of Officers of the Council</b> <b>County Secretary</b> Sue Rose had been nominated to take the role. No further nominations so proposed by Chair, seconded by Steve Barley and agreed by all. Chair thanked Sue for her support and what she has done during the year. <i>Chair seeks Council's approval if there are no objections. This was approved.</i></p>
12c	<p><b>Appointment of County Treasurer</b> Paul Ingram had agreed to continue in the role. There were no other nominations and Chair proposed Paul's appointment. <i>The appointment was seconded by Sue Rose and agreed by all.</i></p>
12d	<p><b>Appointment of County Independent Examiner</b> The Treasurer, Paul Ingram, has proposed that MHA Monahans continue as Independent Examiner. <i>The appointment was seconded by Sue Rose and agreed by all.</i></p>

13	<p><b>Scouters nominated from District Scout Councils</b> as notified by the districts to date and to be members of the County Scout Council <b>are:-</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mid Wiltshire</td> <td>Damien Hassjes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North East</td> <td>Sharon Gaitskill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salisbury &amp; South Wilts</td> <td>Mike Hiley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swindon North</td> <td>Dave Prior</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swindon Ridgeway</td> <td>Robert Morris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wiltshire North</td> <td>Caroline Butson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wiltshire West</td> <td>Mollie Beales</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>All nominations were proposed by Chair and agreed by all.</i></p>	Mid Wiltshire	Damien Hassjes	North East	Sharon Gaitskill	Salisbury & South Wilts	Mike Hiley	Swindon North	Dave Prior	Swindon Ridgeway	Robert Morris	Wiltshire North	Caroline Butson	Wiltshire West	Mollie Beales
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14	<p><b>Appointment of County Board of Trustees</b> Chair thanked everyone who has served on the Committee this year for all their hard work and support.</p> <p><b>The County Executive Committee consists of :-</b> <b>Ex-officio members who are:</b> County Chair, County Commissioner, County Youth Commissioner, County Secretary and County Treasurer</p> <p><b>Nominated Members:-</b> Roger Reeves, Daniel Bavister, Richard Holmes <i>All nominations were agreed by all</i></p> <p><b>Elected Members:-</b> The elected members to be three in number, in line with guidance. Chair to ask for Council's approval for this number and if there are no objections, those nominated are:</p> <p>David Waspe, Tom Dobson, Tom Roberts <i>All nominations agreed by all</i></p> <p>Chair informed all that County Board of Trustees also has the option to co-opt additional members in the future if required to provide specific skills. This is a matter for the trustees not the AGM. Currently there are no co-opted members.</p>														
15	<p><b>County Representative to the Council of the Scout Association</b> The County Commissioner and County Youth Commissioner are ex officio members. In addition the County Executive has nominated Justin Purkis – County Chair, Mollie Neville – County Youth Commissioner <i>All nominations agreed by all</i></p>														
16	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had in any way contributed to the event, and to the other events held in the last year.</p>														
17	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT A.G.M. – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b></p>														