



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council – June 8, 2009 held at the Headquarters of 2nd Malvern Scout Group

The AGM was preceded by presentations to Beavers, Cubs and their Leaders and followed by presentations to Scouts, Explorers and their Leaders.

PRESENT

Penelope Morgan (WC Councillor), Paul Thomas (Upton-upon-Severn Town Council), Start Nimmo (Scout Association Regional Development Officer), Dorothy Carrington Richard Beckett (District Chairman), Derek Barnes (District Commissioner), John McMillan (District Treasurer), Ken Allcock (District Secretary), Adrian Ward (District Explorer Scout Commissioner), Maureen Puffet (ADC Beaver Scouts), June Etheridge (ADC Cub Scouts), Pete Ashcroft (Fellowship/Warren Oak Administrator), Bev Brocklehurst (Badge Secretary), Les Lane (Warren Oak Warden), Geraldine Shaw (Appointments Secretary), Lew Nash (BP Guild) and 28 other members.

The Chairman welcomed guests and members and introduced the newly appointed President – Lew Nash - who read the opening prayer.

APOLOGIES: Jenny Newman (County Commissioner), Ian Newman (County Chairman), Councillor Paul Tuthill (Malvern Town Council), Patricia Robinson (Girl Guiding – Malvern Division), Benedict Recordon (Honorary Solicitor), Mike & Liz Sneath, Graham Horn, Linda Edwards, Christina & Don Brierley, Don Palmer & Justin Braithwaite.

The MINUTES of last year's AGM were agreed as a true record.

DISTRICT TREASURER's REPORT: presented to the meeting. Both the Main and Warren Oak accounts had been scrutinised by the independent examiner and approved by him and the trustees on May 20.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES REPORT: which had been approved by the trustees was presented to the meeting.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER's REPORT: Derek Barnes thanked all members for their commitment and energy to the movement, reminded members that although District membership was growing, there was an unfulfilled need for Scouting by youngsters and a need for continued effort enrolling adult volunteers, especially in the Scout & Explorer Scout sections and Group administrators.

SECTION REPORTS: Members had the opportunity to ask Section Commissioners, Warren Oak Camp Site, Fellowship, Appointments and BP Guild leaders to comment on their reports.

[All the above reports had been published on the District's website and copies attached to the file copy.]

The Malverns Scout District

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. To adopt the District Constitution as included in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, replacing all previous District Constitution with immediate effect.
- b. the actual number of elected members to the Executive Committee – 2 (plus the treasurer & secretary)
- c. c rule 25 I (iii)) a quorum for meetings of the
District Scout Council - 20 members,
District Executive Committee - 4 members,
District Executive Sub-committees – 2 members.

All three were seconded by Dick Brocklehurst and carried by a majority of votes.

The District Commissioner explained the reason for the changes, the intention to focus more efficiently on the management of District activities by planning 5 general meetings with Appointments Advisory and Warren Oak Sub-committees, Sections, Group Scout Leaders and the BP Guild co-opted in rotation; plus 2 special meetings (one to approve next years budget and decide local subscription rate, the other to approve Trustees' annual report and the annual statement of accounts.)

NOMINATION/ELECTION to the DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 09/10:

District Chairman: Richard Beckett nominated by the District Commissioner and approved by the meeting.

The Local Training Manager (currently Eddie Gover) was also nominated by the District Commissioner and approved by the meeting.

District Secretary: Ken Allcock elected unopposed.

District Treasurer: John McMillan elected unopposed.

Two Others: No nominations were received. The first meeting of the District Executive will consider co-opting two permanent members

APPROVAL OF OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

Scouter to represent the District on the County Scout Council: Sandra Starkey

Honorary Solicitor: Whatley Recordon.

Honorary Auditor: Richard Garth.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman thanked members and guests for attending, the Fellowship and BP Guild for their practical and financial support over the period, 2nd Malvern Scout Group for accommodating the meeting and for everyone's attendance.