

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 19th September 2019 at Bowden Hall Hotel, Gloucester

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Charles Berkeley, the County President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to the Chief Commissioner for England: Alex Peace-Gadsby, Deputy Lord Lieutenant: Ruth Fitzjohn, County Vice Presidents: Joan Goldsmith and Michael Baston, the Regional Commissioner Hamish Stout and the County Guiding Commissioner: Karen McFarlane</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Vice Presidents Robin Stayt, Major Tom Wills and Frank Smith and 95 other members.</p> <p>Members who had “Gone Home” during the year were remembered with a period of reflection:</p> <p>Major Maurice Porter – former GSL at 25th Cheltenham</p> <p>John Boyd – former leader and Group Chair at 24th Leckhampton</p> <p>Liz Hawkins – wife of Simon and mother to Ryan and Millie at Adders Tongue, who died whilst Ryan and Millie were at this year’s Haarlem Jamborette</p> <p>John Tanner – Chair of Gloucester District Finance Sub-Committee, District Archivist, Honorary Vice-President, former District Chair, former County Executive Committee Member. He also had a long association with 22nd Gloucester (St. Barnabas) Scout Group, as a Scout, Rover Scout, Leader and Group Chairman.</p> <p>Bruce Warden – former District Commissioner in Gloucester</p> <p>Lise Noakes – Gloucester District President and member of the Appointments Advisory Committee</p> <p>Tony Stocks – County Vice-President</p> <p>Bob Lawson – Chair of Appointments Committee, Stroud & Tetbury and a long association with Amberley Scout Group.</p> <p>Adrienne Bennett – Tewkesbury District Vice President and District Executive member and life-long supporter of both Guiding and Scouting</p>
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th September 2018</p> <p>The minutes were approved unanimously and were signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p>Changes to POR since the last AGM</p> <p>A number of amendments to POR had taken place during the year. Details had been made available to members ahead of the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Receive and consider the Trustees’ Report</p> <p>The Trustees’ Report and Financial Statements for 2018/19 had been distributed ahead of the meeting and copies were available on the night.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the County Executive Committee for its governance throughout the year. He also thanked the County Commissioner for his strong leadership of the County.</p>
6.	<p>Receive and consider the Trustees’ Financial Statements for 2018/19</p> <p>Points to note regarding the Financial Statements 2018/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cranham Scout Centre had made a saving of £14,000 as compared to the previous year. Although it continued to be a cost to the County, it provided meeting and storage facilities and an administrative base for the County. • S&E had made a surplus, which was being invested into growing and improving the event. • Events and activities had produced a small surplus for the year. • Reserve funds had been used to support the Pears Project, which aimed at increasing youth and adult membership in the County. • The £10,000 Madagascar restricted fund had now been used for supporting the 2019 Madagascar expedition.

- The County-led poppy badge project had raised £1,000, which had been donated to the Royal British Legion.
- The County's Reserves had increased by £14,000.
- The Balance sheet included some advance payments for the World Scout Jamboree, Haarlem and Strategy & Evolution.
- It was noted that the largest part of the County's reserves (£550,000) was invested in Property and Equipment. Other reserves and their intended use were listed in the statements. This included £55,000 to cover unexpected costs or losses and for general working capital.

The Treasurer was thanked for his hard work throughout the year.

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements, which had already been approved by the County Executive Committee, were endorsed by the meeting.

Membership of the County Scout Council

- 7. Approval of County Commissioner's nominations for membership of the County Scout Council**
There were no nominations.

Forming the County Executive Committee

- 8. a. Approval of County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman**
The County Commissioner nominated Stephen Lake as County Chairman for the forthcoming year. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

b. Election of the County Treasurer

The appointment of Roger Tovey as County Treasurer was proposed by Tom Harding and seconded by Liz Hodge. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

9. Election of members of the County Executive Committee

- a. According to the Constitution adopted at the 2016 AGM, two members were due for election in Year 3. Colin Steward (proposed by Dave Hall and seconded by Louise Little) & Gareth Ovens (proposed by Roger Tovey and seconded by Tom Harding) had agreed to stand again. As there were no other nominations, they were duly elected.

- b. The County Commissioner also nominated Dave Hall, and Lewis Dangerfield to serve on the County Executive Committee. These nominations were seconded by Chris Meadows.

Representing the County Scout Council

10. Election of representatives to the Council of the Scout Association

The election of Kat Holter as nominated Youth Member was proposed by Mark Spiller, seconded by Lauren Greening and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The election of Colin Steward as the Nominated Member was proposed by Josh Foye, seconded by Ash Freeman and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

External Examination of the County Accounts

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2019/2020

It was agreed that the appointment of Independent Examiners would be discussed at a future Executive Committee meeting.

Additional Matters

12. Chief Commissioner for England, Alex Peace-Gadsby ([Alex P-G Presentation](#))

Alex gave an inspiring talk during which she thanked everyone for their contribution to Scouting. She talked about the importance of programme and introduced the new Digital Programme Tool (www.scouts.org.uk/programme-planner) which was a fantastic support to programme planning especially for new leaders. Ultimately, it was acknowledged that exciting programmes inspired young people and contributed towards shaping their lives.

Regional Commissioner, Hamish Stout

The Regional Commissioner talked about the importance of engaging with local communities. This helped to "connect communities and live out our Scouts' promise of leaving the world a little better than we found it."

13. County Commissioner ([Mark S Presentation Slide 23 onwards](#))

- The County Commissioner thanked all those who had contributed to the Annual Review ([Annual Review 2019](#)), which showed the huge and varied activities undertaken by Gloucestershire Scouts throughout the year.
- The "Inspiring Programme" Award had been introduced to recognise leaders who were running outstanding programmes. Earlier in the year, a number of leaders in the County had been

presented with this special award.

The County Commissioner presented **Roy Stoves** with the award as an acknowledgement of his enthusiasm and inspiring leadership since undertaking the role of ACC Beavers.

- The County Commissioner gave an update on Vision 2020, showing the progress that the County had made and areas that it would focus on in the forthcoming year.
- It was noted that the County was planning a Community Project for 2020 that would help to improve people's lives.

14. County Youth Commissioners

The County Youth Commissioners played an interactive and amusing game of "Scouting Fortunes" in which they explored young people's responses to a number of questions such as "What do you enjoy most in Scouting?"

15. World Scout Jamboree Team

Three participants gave a talk about their attendance of the World Scout Jamboree in USA and Canada. This was accompanied by plenty of photos and a display of souvenirs.

16. Presentation of Awards

- The Chief Scout's Commendation was presented to Godfrey Tarling.
- The Award for Merit was presented to Dave Hawkins, Colin Steward and Stephen O'Donnell
- The Bar to the Award for Merit was presented to Gareth Ovens.

16. Conclusion of AGM

The County Chairman thanked the County Commissioner and his team for another successful Scouting year. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.