



**BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on
Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 8pm
at the
81st Scout Group HQ, Hartcliffe

Draft Minutes

Welcome – Scott Stowell (DC) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Attendees – Rose Nicholls(BS), Alan Nicholls(BS), Steve Williams (82nd), Ross Gay (Supernova), Audrey Holder (81st), Andy Scully (BS), Anne Baines (229th), Chris Davies, Roger Whiter (255th), Tony Rees(BS), Andy Morris (BS), Bob Wallace (175th), Teresa Dunsford (BS), Eileen Stanfield(255th), Bob Stanfield (BS), Aaron Wheatly(WMH), Gemma Francis(BS), Stephen Thomas (BS), Peter Keightley (BS), Jerry Perrett (256th), Sharon Perrett (256th) Tracey Stevenson-Gay (SN), Bob Hussey (107th), Nick Winter (BS), John Jones (BS), Rich Cumner (127th), Graham Shaddick (BS), Arthur Milton(BS), Paul Carter (148th), Cyril Mullen(BS), Nick Eccles (BS), Margaret Slade (BS), Joy Mullen (BS), Keith Clark (BS) Edwin Bassant (BS), Cathy Harding(BS), Scott Stowell (BS).

The meeting was quorate, so could proceed

Apologies – Andy Dyer (148th), Phil Burnett (255th), Sam Beard (BS)

Minutes of AGM 2018 – The minutes had been previously circulated. Andy Scully proposed and Tony Rees seconded the minutes, All in favour. No questions.

Matters Arising from Minutes - Andy Morris explained that following the 2018 AGM question that was raised regarding the maximum cap of how long a member can serve on the BOT it has been investigated and there is no current cap.

DC Report – Scott talked about his story of Scouting and how important it is for young people and adults to build their stories. Scott talked about how he has had a difficult year personally but he has great support from the district. A video of photos was shown along with achievements and opportunities for the year were shared. All the DC's and ADC's reports are within the AGM report. Scott talked about how Cathy was currently talking with new Fosseway School to look at the possibility of new provision opening within the school. Scott outlined that explorers within Bristol South is not in a great place, with Pegasus potentially closing and other units with issues, he asked all members to think about how they could support explorers moving forward.

Chairman's Report – Andy thanked each and every volunteer for what they give to scouting to change the lives of young people. Andy explained how the BOT (Board of Trustees) has continued to support the development of Scouting with Bristol South. A key focus has been put on Safeguarding to ensure this is on every BOT meeting agenda. The Gang Show has continued to be supported by the district and it has been a great success once again. Andy shared that it was his last year as District Chairman and he has really enjoyed leading the BOT.

Treasurer's Report and receive the accounts – Tony presented the report and notes on the accounts.

Arthur Milton asked if the district were in a better position now following the missing receipt comments from the audit last year – Tony Rees explained that we now have a missing receipt form which the auditor approved use of. This allows for anyone who doesn't have a receipt to submit this instead, this then goes through the members of the BOT before approval to ensure they are kept to a minimum and approval given. AM asked if this could be adopted by groups – TR confirmed, yes it could but receipts are the best evidence in the first instance and this should be the exception and not the norm.

Approve DC nomination of District Chairman – Scott started by thanking Andy for the last 2 years as chairman, Scott explained how Andy has taken the BOT in the right direction and has challenged decisions which is exactly what the BOT is there to do to ensure the right decisions are being made.

Scott then nominated Steve Williams as the new District Chairman. All were in favour. Scott explained that Steve and himself have worked together at the 82nd and worked well together and Scott is really excited for Steve to continue the great work already taken by the BOT.

Steve Williams then introduced himself and gave his history of his time in scouting followed by a speech about how he sees Scouting.

Election of District Secretary – Steve explained that we have no one for the Secretary role and that if anyone wishes to take on the role the please speak to himself or Scott.

Election of District Treasurer - Steve explained that we have no one for the Treasurer role and that if anyone wishes to take on the role the please speak to himself or Scott.

To Appoint an Auditor – Steve asked the council to approve Russell Smith to be the auditor for next year accounts and that if Russell is not available then the BOT can find a suitable alternative. All in favour.

Approve DC Nomination of Members to District BOT – Scott proposed Gary Garland-Turner, Nick Winter and Sam Beard, which was seconded by Nick Winter.

Election of Members to District BOT - Steve nominated Tony Rees, Andy Morris, Steve Thomas and Peter Keightley. This was proposed by Rose Nicholls and seconded by Roger Whiter.

Approve District Honorary Titles – Scott explained that within POR it is required that the Council approve nominations for the roles of presidents and vice. Scott explained that Royston Griffey and Christopher Davies were to be approved. Tony Rees proposed and Peter Keightley seconded this.

Approval of members to the County Scout Council – Scott explained that it was requirement to approve the nomination of members to the Avon County Scout Council however no one has been found currently so Scott asked the council if they approved that any nominations were approved at the next BOT meeting. All in favour.

Awards – Scott presented Chris Davies with his 40-year service award. Cathy then presented the Dixie Duggan award to Aaron and the Windmill Hill Scout Group for the progress they have made over the last year.

County Representative - Nigel Ball, Deputy County Commissioner talked about how Avon County was progressing and Bristol South was leading the way in many aspects. Nigel talked about how we provide skills for life to over 12000 young people with growth once again. Nigel thanked everyone for what they do within scouting.

AOB – Arthur Milton asked how Bristol South and Avon were ensuring Scouting was being developed within new housing developments. Scott explained that the 21st was already at the planning committee stage and have made progress on gaining a new building as part of the development in Hengrove, which will support the housing development. Nigel explained that the county are supporting a ‘staff’ team who are employed to develop new and existing provision; they had it within their plans to support new provision in new housing development in line with district plans.

Closing Words – Scott closed the meeting recapping the top highlights of the evening and thanking everyone for their commitment to scouting within Bristol South.

Meeting ended 21:00.

Correction to Honourary Titles

Subsequent to the AGM it was noted that there were missing approvals for the below vice presidents which was an oversight, these were discussed at the BOT meeting on the 23/7/19 and all agreed that these titles be ratified at the 2020 AGM. Due to the way POR is written these titles do not have fixed appointment or renewal periods, so these can be reaffirmed at any AGM, the title is not lost in the intervening period.

Margaret Slade Don Malcolm Brian Deacon Beryl Deacon

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