



Mid Cornwall Scouts

September 2020

AGM Minutes

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Attending:

Shaun Wakeham, James McIntyre, Ben Powlesland, Steve Allen, Pete Youngman, Sophie Gray, Phil Dring, Neville Adkins, Rachel Adkins, Adrian Jane, Alan Pearson, Thelma Pearson, Tamsyn Holland, Sally Tregaskes, Mark Rogers, Jacqui Osborne, Liza Rogers, Pete Berry, Pete Volkner, Paula Volkner, Alice, Zara Rogers, D, Mary Fisher, Cyril Poad, Simon, Chris Sargeant, John Sargeant

1. Welcome by the District Commissioner / Chair.

James welcomes those joining the first Zoom AGM meeting for Mid Cornwall Scouts

2. Apologies for absence.

Andy Nash, Tamsin Nash, Vicky Bramall, Ben Powlesand, Peter Keast, Gareth Phillips, Bob Stidston, Mark Lewis, Luke Smith, Avril Moyle, Mo Coulson

3. Agree the minutes of the Previous AGM.

No matters arising from last AGM minutes

Proposed by Sally Tregaskes as a true and accurate reflection and seconded by Steve Allen

4. Receive a report on the Districts Activities in the past year (see below)

Reports were received by the AGM and accepted by the Scout Council.

James thanked those writing reports this year.

5. Receive the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts for the 2019/20 financial year.

Paula Volkner pointed out that final report should be put onto the official Scout template. Action point for finance sub-committee to pick up

James to sign an official copy

Badge secretary has retired, all of the accounts and badges returned to District. There are a few discrepancies in the number of badges in stock and an error in the value of the badges in the accounts. It wasn't picked up by the auditor but we have identified it and have now rectified it and it will be reflected in the 20/21 accounts.

The financial report was proposed by Peter Volkner and seconded by Alan Pearson. Agreed by the Scout Council.

6. Forming the Group Executive Committee: Elections and appointments

6a. Agreement of the quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council and the District Executive Committee

The outgoing District Executive recommends to the District Scout Council that the quorum for District Council meetings should be 20 members of the Council and that District Executive Meetings to follow the Charity Commission recommendation of one third of members plus 1.

There were 24 members present, and the recommendation was accepted by the Scout Council

6b. Agree new district sub-committee structure. Sub-committee members to be elected by the District executive at their first meeting.

James explained the new district structure and the reasons why this structure is needed moving forward.

James explained that Sub Committee members will be appointed by the District Executive.

James also explained that a separate SAS unit will be established to run the large District events.

Sally asked for new panel members to be put forward for appointment panels, especially young people.

Sally asked about the role of Additional Needs advisor. James explained its an area we need to be more conscious of. The role is to provide guidance to leaders on special needs.

James proposed the Scout Council agree the new District Structure and sub committees.

Seconded by Liza Rogers. Agreed by the Scout Council.

7. Appointments

7a. Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chair.

James is still seeking a District Chair so will not be nominating anyone at this AGM. The District will be informed in writing when one is appointed.

8. Elected/Appointed District Executive Committee Members

8a. Agreement of the number of members that may be elected to the District Executive Committee.

The outgoing District Executive recommends to the District Scout Council that there should be 3 elected members of the District Executive.

Agreed by the Scout Council

8b. Election of the District Secretary.

The role is currently vacant. James passed his thanks to Thelma Pearson for holding this role previously. Thelma will continue with the district as campsite secretary. A potential person has come forward and will come to the next exec meeting. Once appointment is made the District will be notified in writing.

8c. Election of the District Treasurer.

Mary Fisher has been proposed by Ben Powlesland and seconded by Shaun Wakeham for the role of District Treasurer. Agreed by the Scout Council.

8d. Election of members to the District Executive.

Sophie Grey, Pete Volkner, Victoria Bramell have been put forward for election.

Agreed by the Scout Council.

8e. Approval of the District Commissioners nominations to the District Executive Committee.

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James's nominations are Shaun Wakeham, Ben Powlesland, Alan Pearson
Agreed by the Scout Council

Other matters

9. Note the ex officio members of the District Executive Committee

District commissioner – James McIntyre

District youth commissioner - Vacant

District Scout network commissioner - Vacant

District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Andy Nash

10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts for the coming year.

Peter Williams Co has been the Independent Examiner for this year's accounts; Mary has indicated she would wish to use his services again next year.

Agreed by the Scout Council.

11. Any other previously notified business.

Charity status of the District will be changed following the AGM to comply with Charity rules.

Drummers Charity will be closed and new District charity incorporating Drummers will be set up. To be completed prior to December 2020.

The Scout Council wishes to officially thank June Rosevear for her services as the retiring badge secretary.

The Scout Shop is now set up for card and contact less payments. Please encourage people to use this shop for their uniform purchases. The local badges and membership badges will now be stocked at the Scout Shop.

The first executive meeting of the new committee is to take place week commencing 19th October

12. Close of meeting

James thanks everyone for their attendance.

Closed 19:50

2020 Annual General meeting reports

District Commissioner Report

James McIntyre

Well, my first year as DC has been a strange one! Those of you who were at the AGM last year will remember that I set out two targets for the district and they were

1, to open a sustainable provision to cover the clays area

2, to integrate the district more to make a one team feel. For action number one this has been achieved with the new group now up and running and about to start back after the enforced shutdown, a huge thank you goes to all members of the district team who made this happen so successfully. For action number two we were curtailed slightly by the lockdown but I hope to move forwards with this over the next 12 months.

As some of you will be aware there is a significant change coming in the way that we manage the governance and executive side of the district which will hopefully be adopted at this AGM, I will then be holding an all leaders Zoom meeting within the next two weeks to go in to more detail about how this will work and how it will improve the support we will be able to give to all members in the district. As previously mailed out there are a number of roles to fill on the safety, finance and campsites sub committees so I encourage all of you to talk with Parents and current committee members to see if anyone is interested in a support role.

Unfortunately due to the COVID situation the processing and presentation of awards has been severely restricted this year but please be assured that this process is still going on in the background and once the awards are with me I will be out and about presenting various awards to those that have been nominated and I also would encourage all of you to contact either myself or your GSL if you think there is someone in your group, either a leader or a supporter that deserves recognition so that we can review them.

This has been a challenging year with the impact of Covid 19, but scouting in the district moved quickly online ensuring young people continued to receive programme and get to take part in online events. It is great to see a number of risk assessments coming through for approval showing a good number of sections around the district are now back to running face to face meetings.

Lastly I would like to make a special mention to 1st Newquay beavers, who through the Pandemic lockdown did an amazing fundraising effort with their Zoom to the Zoo raising money for Newquay zoo while they were closed to ensure there was money for feeding the animals and supporting the staff. To me this was the absolute definition of the good that can be achieved when the Scouting family get out there and support the community, well done to all of the beavers and leaders in raising the amazing amount that you did



Campsite Report

Alan Pearson

The campsite has had a difficult year with the pandemic meaning no camping has been possible since March 2020. However since August groups have been using the site as an essential meeting space, Drummers has been ideal in allowing groups to meet outside in line with Government guidelines.

This year has been poor financially with a large summer cancelation last summer, plus the current pandemic. The retail hospitality and leisure grant has compensated as Drummers was awarded a £10,000 grant allowing the site maintenance to continue.

The Drummers lodge team have worked hard to put together a site development plan with funding actively being sought to allow for the improvements to be made over the next 3-5years.

This year's improvements have been:

- All the toilets have been decorated thanks to John Sargeant and Alan Tregaskes.
- All ground maintenance has been carried out as usual thanks to Mark Tippett for his help.
- We are now carrying out improvements to the Marquee area and the area to the left of the entrance gate with help from Ross Sargeant, Shaun Wakeham and Ben Powlesland.
- We are also making extra provision for shipping containers at the top of the site as the district events team need an extra container, also the guides container will be moved to that area allowing for increased parking space
- The driveway has been widened to improve parking and site access.

We have several work days a year, if anyone thinks they could lend a hand, pasties provided, Please email alanwpearson@icloud.com with a contact email or phone number thank you.



Scout Active Support Unit

Alan Pearson

It has been a quiet year this year for the Scout Active Support unit, some of us helped with the Cub Challenge and car parking at Lanlivery Rally.

Social activities have included:

- Ten pin bowling,
- summer BBQ,
- played skittles,
- a craft evening,
- Christmas bring a plate,
- celebrated Burns Night
- St Piran's,

Then came along Covid 19. Unfortunately as we are an adult section we are still unable to meet so apart from a few phone conversations that's about it for this year.

District Appointments

Sally Tregaskes

Appointments

The appointment process of adding adults to compass and then doing their DBS in Atlantic Data straight away is going well. Most groups/ GSLs are now happy to do this themselves.

Appointment Panels

We move around the district for appointment panels and make them very informal. We ask that their training advisor attends as well to meet up with them.

We have held 12 panels this year and have visited 1st Newquay, 5th Newquay, St Eval, 1st St Austell, 2nd St Austell/ Charlestown and Sticker.

1 more panel was due, but lockdown happened meaning a temporary pause. We have seen approx. 35 adults and ratified another 9 with new roles

We have 6 members of our appointment panel.

Kathryn Johnson – chair

Pete Volkner,

Luke Smith,

Steve Allen

John Sargeant

Chris Sargeant

Appointing some younger members is in hand

My continuing work is to:

Input new adults as needed.

Remind about a repeat DBS as needed

Provide appointment panels for new adults as often as needed

Follow the appointment process re asking for references etc.

Support the DC with leader reviews

Help all groups to access Compass and the DBS system and continue to do some of the admin themselves.

Of course, as with everything else, Scouting changed in March because of Covid-19 and we are abiding by all national rules

Scout Shop

Cyril Poad

The Scout shop continues to operate on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm at 2nd St Austell Scout Hut, Polmarth Close, St Austell.

The shop stocks a good range of uniform for all sections. We now take card and contactless payments that we hope will prove popular with our customers.

The district badge secretary has retired so the District Scout shop will now stock membership and other local badges. The shop is also holding the remaining stock of activity and challenge badges so please check stock levels at the shop before ordering online.

Events

Ben Powlesland

The events team ran the first ever Cub Challenge at St Austell rugby club in July 2019 with over 400 young people taking part. The event proved very popular and will become a regular feature. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions we have had to cancel all events in the 2020 calendar year but fingers crossed for 2021!

The team provided support to the County to run Cornwall's first ever virtual camp in August.



Beavers

Chris Sargeant

Beaver Day

In September the Beavers enjoyed a day at Drummers Lodge. We had lots of exciting things to do, we were divided into 4 Lodges with all sorts of activities running. One of the lodges was to do with the emergency services so visits from Fire, Police, coastguards, Shelter box & Blood bikes. I have to say that the reports from the gentlemen about the beavers behaviour was excellent, whether that was because the police had them in handcuffs!!

All the Beavers (126 + 26 Leaders and helpers) enjoyed looking at the vehicles especially the motor bike (think beavers and leaders sat on the bike, I know I did). The bikes are used for a number of things not just getting blood to hospitals they carry breast milk and files for example, in fact the gentleman had been to Derriford first thing so we were lucky he was able to call in. All the riders are volunteers, we are lucky to have them give up their time.

Towards the end of the day the Beavers were entertained with a Punch & Judy show which was handy because up until then the day had been bright and sunny, we may well have struggled otherwise. I thank the car park helpers and am sorry they got so wet.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me behind the scenes before and on the day.

This year we were gearing ourselves up for the Beaver Challenge being held at Pencarrow Bodmin, almost all sorted when COVID-19 arrived so that was that, hopefully 2021 will be clear.

Some of the Colonies have been holding zoom meetings successfully and 1st Newquay have been busy raising money for Newquay Zoo and very successful it has been, well done to all.

Hopefully the Colonies will now be able to start face-to-face scouting. Although I realise some Colonies will struggle a bit with meeting venues owing to using schools etc. I wish everyone luck in these still uncertain times.



Cubs

Liza Rogers

After taking up the role of ADC cubs, I have been providing support to the Clays Scout group as well as out visiting some of the local groups, Polkerris and Gorran and then lock down hit making visits impossible.

I have been in touch with some of the Cubs leaders recently to see if they are back to face to face scouting and if they have any ideas of numbers of young people returning.

I have heard back from 5 groups, 3 have returned and 2 are hoping to return to it soon. They seem to have kept the same number of young people in their section which is a good sign. Hoping to get out and catch up with the restarted groups over the next couple of weeks.



Scouts

Mark Rogers

After taking on the role as ADC Scouts MID CORNWALL in Nov 2019 I contacted all groups with a view to visiting them to see how they were and too get a feel for any situations or issues they may be.

The groups that returned my email were Polkerris, Sticker and 5th Newquay.

I can report that all 3 groups are busy with the usual activities and with full waiting lists.

I've also made arrangements with ST.Eval,Gorran,and 3rd St Austell.

Over lock down lots of groups continued to meet on zoom as much as possible. As far as I'm aware numbers of YP were down right across the board which is unfortunate but expected as we discovered lots off YP didn't like the idea off online scouting. There were and are still several groups not back to scouting in any form at the moment.

Recently with Face-to-face scouting returning some groups are returning in small gatherings which is promising and may it continue to grow. I've sent out emails to all the district again recently and asked for feedback on whether they are returning etc. and have heard back from a few groups.

3rd St Austell have returned meeting on two evenings a week with a full compliment of YP.

Sticker have also returned and are doing well as with

5th Newquay who are also running sessions over a couple of evenings .

1st St Austell are also back to F2F as with the Clays on weekly basis .

All groups are following social distancing guidelines as set out by HQ.

Emails have been sent out to all groups in the district for feedback on numbers of persons attending etc but have had few responses. Future arrangements have been discussed with a few groups to continue with the visits so long as they don't breach any distancing regs.



Explorers

Shaun Wakeham

Explorers across the district have had a busy year of programme with Kernopoly 2019 being the only district event taking place since the last AGM but many sections have had great summer camps and other outings during 2019.

All units have taken part in online meetings during lockdown with virtual Covid camps and other events taking place. Most explorer units in the district are now meeting in line with Government guidance.



District Accounts

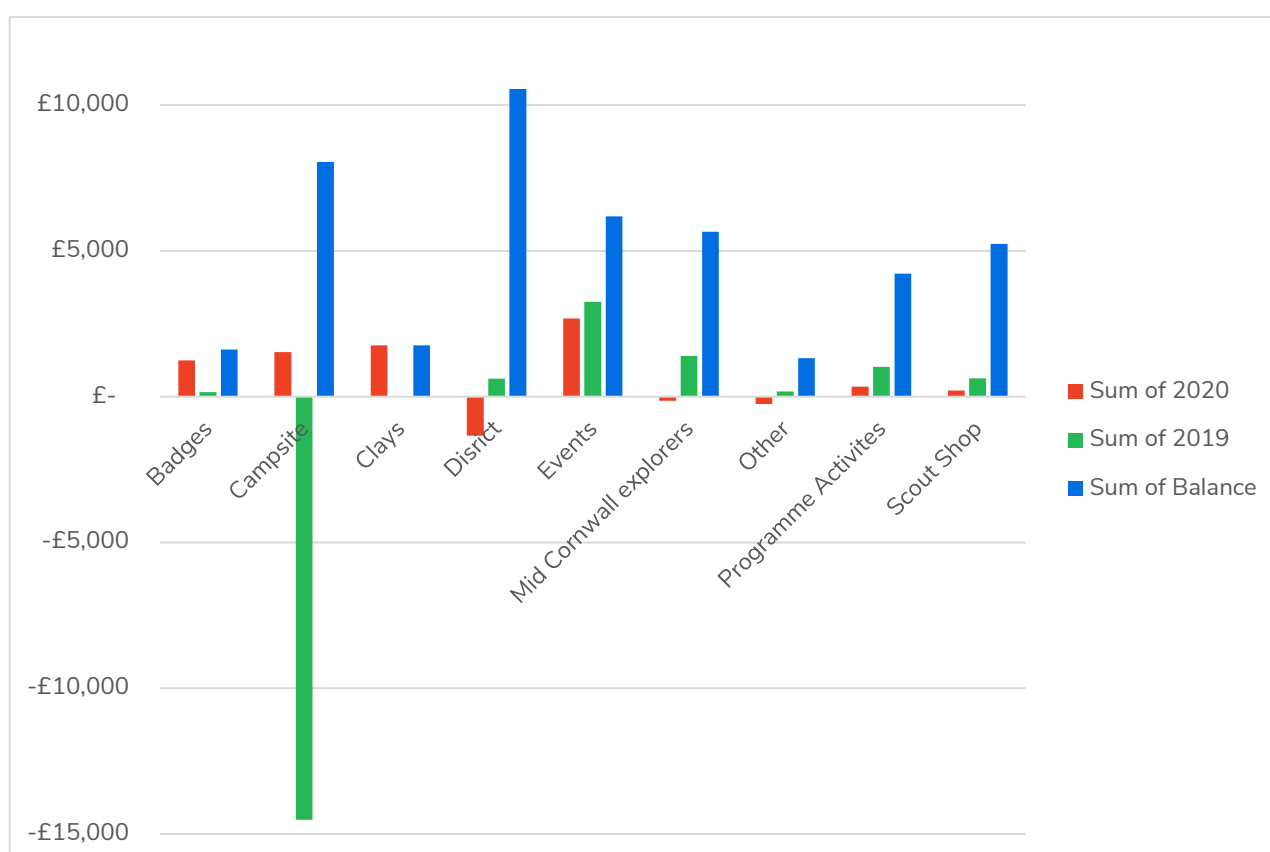
Mary Fisher

Audited district accounts for the financial year ending the 31st March 2020 are attached certified on the 24th June by Peter Williams and Co Chartered Accountants

Notes:

- Other is Bugle and the Jamboree money both restricted funds
- Drummer's loss in 2019 is due to a large grant being spent received in the previous financial year
- Going forward the Scout Shop and Badge account will be combined

	Profit / Loss 2020	Profit / Loss 2019	Balance 31 st March 2020
Badge Shop	£ 1,246	£ 153	£ 1,619
Campsite	£ 1,533	-£ 14,516	£ 8,051
Clays Scout Group	£ 1,755	£ -	£ 1,755
District	-£ 1,341	£ 617	£ 10,555
District Events	£ 2,685	£ 3,255	£ 6,187
Tinners explorers	-£ 142	£ 1,402	£ 5,655
Other	-£ 252	£ 176	£ 1,325
Programme Activites	£ 346	£ 1,021	£ 4,221
Scout Shop	£ 209	£ 633	£ 5,235
Grand Total	£ 6,039	-£ 7,259	£ 44,603



District Assets

	Assets
District	£ 142
Campsite	£ 40,734
Scout Shop	£ 4,378
Badges	£ 2,608



Mid Cornwall Scouts
Accounts 31.3.20.pdf

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District Executive Structure and Sub Committees

James McIntyre

Outline Executive Structure

<p>District Executive</p> <p>District Chair</p> <p>District Commissioner – James M</p> <p>District Explorer Scout Commissioner</p> <p>Treasurer – Mary Fisher</p> <p>District Secretary</p> <p>Campsite Manager – Alan P</p> <p>Safety Committee Chair – Ben Powlesland</p> <p>Events SAS representative – Shaun Wakeham</p> <p>Three elected members</p>
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District commissioner or Deputy District commissioner will be an exofficio member of all but the adult appointments sub committee.

Suggested structure of Finance sub committee to be approved, roles to be approved by the district executive.

<p>Finance Sub Committee</p> <p>District Finance Chair</p> <p>District Treasurer (Mary Fisher)</p> <p>Finance Secretary</p> <p>Drummers Lodge Treasurer - Will be filled from Drummers Committee</p> <p>Member of Events SAS</p> <p>Scout Shop rep (Cyril Poad)</p> <p>Committee member - Chris Sargeant</p> <p>Committee member 2</p> <p>District Quatermaster</p>

Suggested structure of Safety sub committee to be approved, roles to be approved by the district executive.

<p>Safety Sub Committee Safety Chair - Ben Powlesland Safety Secretary Drummers Committee rep – Will be filled from Drummers Committee Events SAS Member Appointments committee member – Will be Filled from Appointments committee 1 x Group Scout leader – Phil Dring (awaiting confirmation) Committee member 1 Committee member 2</p>
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Suggested structure of Drummers lodge sub committee to be approved, roles to be approved by the district executive.

<p>Drummers Lodge Sub Committee Campsite Chair – Roger Powlesland?? Campsite Secretary (Thelma P) Campsite Treasurer Campsite manager/Warden Alan P Committee Member 1 – John Sargeant District Quatermaster</p>

Current members of the appointment sub committee additional members may be approved by the district executive.

<p>Appointments Sub Committee Appointments Chair - Kathryn Johnson Appointments Secretary - Sally T District Training Administrator - Sophie Gray Local Training Manager – Kevin Allen Additional Needs Advisor -Tamsin Nash</p>
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