

Mid Cornwall Scouts District

AGM 2023 Minutes



1. Welcome

District Chair, John Rickard, welcomed everyone to the AGM. Special welcome was extended to Mary Fisher (District President), Gareth Phillips (County Commissioner) and other guests.

The District Chair informed the members in attendance that the family of Stanley Weston had also been invited to the afternoon, unfortunately they weren't able to attend. After the passing of Stanley Weston recently, his estate has donated £1000 to Drummers Lodge asking for it to be used towards the new washing up shelter project. This has been gratefully received on behalf of the District and once the project is complete the family will be invited up to Drummers Lodge to see the end result.

2. Apologies for absence

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| • Ruth Dungey | Occasional Helper |
| • Malcolm Vian | Group Trustee Board Chair |
| • Shaun Wakeham | Deputy District Commissioner |
| • Paul Britten | Group Trustee Board Chair |
| • Graham Kerridge | Occasional Helper |
| • Linda McVey-Butler | Explorer Leader |
| • Jordan Pidwell | County Youth Commissioner |
| • Cyril Poad | District Scout Shop Manager |
| • John Morcom | Drummers Lodge Maintenance Team |
| • John Povey | Occasional Helper |
| • Karen Jarvill | District Trustee |
| • Mo Coulson | Cub Scout Leader |
| • Luke Smith | District Appointments Committee Chair |
| • Nathan Pink | Group Scout Leader |
| • Cassie Bulled | Squirrels Section Leader |

3. Review of the previous year

The District Chair encouraged all leaders to read the District Annual Report which was available on the District Website and also a few copies were on the tables at the meeting. The report includes reports about how we have progressed as a District, last years minutes and this years statement of accounts.

The District Chair thanked all who has taken time to bring the report together, especially Ross Geach, Mary Fisher and Peter Williams Chartered Accountants for their hard work getting the District accounts examined in time for the report to be written.

4. Governance

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- a. *adopt or re-adopt the constitution of the Scout Council (POR Rule 5.3)*
The District Chair proposed that the District adopt the relevant chapter of POR (Chapter 5.4) as our constitution for the next 12 months. **This was passed by majority vote.**
- b. *confirm or re-confirm dates for the charities financial year*
The District Chair proposed that the District continue with the financial year being 1st April until 31st March. **This was passed by majority vote**
- c. *agreeing the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board*
The District Chair proposed the number is set at 3 persons. The size of the current committee has been effective. **This was passed by a majority vote**
Allowing for the same number to be nominated by the District Commissioner.
- d. *agree quorum of* (POR Rules 5.5.2.7, 5.5.2.8, 5.5.2.9)
 - i. The Scout Council **20 members agreed by majority vote**
 - ii. The District Trustee Board **1/3rd + 1 agreed by majority vote**
 - iii. Any Sub-Committees **1/3rd + 1 agreed by majority vote**

5. Make Appointments

- a. *approve the District Commissioners nomination to Chair of the Trustee Board*
The District Commissioner nominated John Rickard to continue as Chair of the Trustee Board. **Combining votes from online and at the meeting this was accepted by majority vote.**
- b. *approve the District Commissioners nomination of members of the Trustee Board*
The District Commissioner nominated Jake Blum and Ben Powlesland to the District Trustee Board. Both indicated they would be willing to continue. **This was passed by majority vote over 20 members.**
During the meeting it wasn't possible to formally nominate Shaun Wakeham to the District Trustee Board, he has since been asked if he would accept a nomination and has accepted. **He was included in the nomination and 20 members of the Scout Council agreed his membership outside of the formal AGM.**
- c. *elect a Secretary to the Trustee Board*
The District Chair explained that Julie Rickard was willing to continue in the role once again. She has done a fantastic job the last couple of years and works very well with the committee. **Combining votes from online and at the meeting this was accepted by majority vote.**
- d. *elect a Treasurer to the Trustee Board*
The District Chair thanked Mary Fisher for her many years looking after the District Finances. Since the last AGM Ross Geach has taken over the accounts and has worked hard to get the accounts ready for this years AGM. The District Chair proposed Ross Geach continues in the role. **Combining votes from online and at the meeting this was accepted by majority vote.**

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e. *elect Trustees to the Trustee Board*

The District Chair explained 11 people had voted online and Karen Jarvill (Cub Parent and Accountant), Matt Jenkins (Leader and current Trustee) and Luke Smith (District Appointments Committee Chair and Supporter) were ranked top of the votes with 7 votes each. The District Chair proposed that these three persons were elected to the Trustee Board. **This was accepted by majority vote.**

f. *approve the appointment or re-appointment of any Presidents or Vice-Presidents*

The District Chair asked Mary Fisher if she would be willing to continue as District President. Mary agreed. The District Chair proposed that the District re-appoint Mary Fisher as District President. **This was agreed by majority vote.**

g. *appoint (or reappoint) an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as required*

The District Chair explained that work had been done by the District Finance Subcommittee to investigate the pro's and con's of using a new accountant for the independent examination of our accounts. The recommendation put to the Trustee Board was to continue with Peter Williams Certified Chartered Accountants. They showed best value for money. The District Chair told the District that this year the accountants had worked well with us to turnaround our accounts in a timely manner. The District Chair proposed the District continues to use Peter Williams Chartered Accountants for the next financial year. **This had already had 10 votes in agreement and 1 abstention online. The decision was passed by majority vote.**

6. Additional for Scout District

a. *nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council*

John Rickard (2 online nomination)

Shaun Wakeham (1 online nomination)

The District Chair explained there has been two nominations through the online vote page. The District Commissioner took the meeting and explained that both these people already have a right of attendance on the County Scout Council due to their roles. The District Commissioner asked the attending members if this would be acceptable. **No objections were received.**