

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Charterhouse District
Monday 18th April 2009**

1. Welcome

Tricia Hart welcomed everyone to the AGM, along with the county staff.

- 2. Attendance.** Lesley Charlton, Chris Charlton, Tricia Hart, Dave Hart, Peter Turton, Ken Knight, Neil Adcock, Denise Bird, Tom Kerry, Kirsty Charlton, Mike Pitham, David Latchem, Nigel Stapleton, Martin Vickery, Kim Veasey, Claire Preston, Sam Rowe, Graham Cole, Roy Morris, David Wheldon, Val Morris, Steven Beverley, Dawn Smith, Simom Smith, Dave Atkin, Marueen Moreton, John Moreton, Charlotte Moreton, Will Tull, Alan Pithouse, Pat Wilmore, Graham Barneston

Apologies Emma Hitchin, Steve Rae, Joe Morgan, Emma Pithouse, David Wilmore

3. Minutes of 2008 AGM

Minutes have been circulated and accepted as a true record, proposed by Roy Morris seconded by Graham Cole, all in favour.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Financial Report

Peter Turton, treasurer presented the Financial report, full accounts in official scout form, circulated along with the concise version in format of spreadsheet, figures similar to previous year, major difference of £1000 for 74th HQ, this couldn't be continued for too long, but district has reversed this and fundraising put into place by the group. £10596.28 taken into next year. It was asked if it should be classed as a liability for the district in the accounts? It was identified that the group was now running has a committee and should be able to pay. District is in a sound financial position to move on. Accounts available for inspection.

Tricia asked for proposal of accepting the accounts Martin Vickery seconded by John Moreton.

6. Appointment of scrutineer

Appointment of scrutineer, Ruth Jelly is prepared to do this again next year, Roy Morris proposed and Pat Wilmore seconded, all approved.

7. Proposal of constitution

A decision last year was made that the leader meeting would be separate to the District Executive committee. There was a temporary committee in place this year.

During the year a proposal was put together for the constitution, see appendix a:

Tricia Proposed that this be accepted, seconded by Martin Vickery. All in favour of the constitution.

Alan Pithouse mentioned that the meetings held every 3 months is not good enough and it should be every month to allow for communication.

Tricia said we could have a leader meeting and an exec meeting every month. Opened to the floor, the consensus was that too many meetings and people wouldn't turn up. It was accepted that there would be 4 Exec and 5 Leaders meetings this year.

8. Approval of Acting DC nomination of Chairman

Dave Hart, County commissioner has nominated Tricia Hart as Chairperson, we have had stability and we need this stability until we get a DC.

9. Election of District Secretary

Meeting was asked if there was anyone who would like to be secretary, Lesley has agreed to take on this role, but will not do 2 meetings a month. Denise Bird proposed, Graham Cole seconded and all agreed

10. Election of District Treasurer

Peter Turton was asked to stand as treasurer, Proposed by Tricia Hart, seconded by Roy Morris, all in favour

11. The District Executive committee elections and approval (4)

Ex officio Members, Acting DC, Dave Hart, Secretary, Lesley, Treasurer Peter, Acting DESC Martin vickery, Network leader Graham Barneston, all have right of place on the Exec committee

The following nominations were received, Graham Cole (11th), John Moreton (89th), Jo Morgan (74th) and Emma Hitchen (Network), all were voted on and all 4 members accepted to the committee.

12. Approval of Acting DC nomination to the District Executive (max 4)

Local Training Manager, Pat Wilmore. All in favour.

13. Election of six members of the District Scout council to the County Scout Council.

The County Scout council meets once a year at the AGM of the County, they then have the right to vote on the county matters. Each district can nominate 6 members to attend - this body approves and runs the scout county. Graham Cole, Ken Knight, Alan Pithouse, Sam Rowe, John Moreton, Claire Preston. The county AGM is 15th July 2009, held at Jaguar Daimler Club Browns Lane. All in favour.

14. Chairman's Comments

Thanked everyone for their hard work during the year, As with previous years the district has done really well, and been very busy. New explorer section with Will and Charlotte, Godiva unit, and re-launched the 74th, doing well with agm well attended. Charterhouse has come in line with POR and formed a constitution, Brian Richards and Dave have helped on the development side, and will be helping other groups over the next year. In addition the district has increased its numbers. Major work for the next 12 months will be to support the other groups that need help in increasing numbers. The number 1 priority is to find a DC. Thanks to Roy the president for his work across the year and for the support. Also thanks to Lesley and Peter and Brian and Dave. Thanks to Denise for providing the teas and coffees and the 70th for the use of the room. Here's to a successful year.

15. District Commissioners comments and County Commissioners comments

Full report within the annual report.

Thanks to Steve Rae for the work that he did in his role as DC, and sad to lose him due to work commitments, thanks to the committee for hard work. Communication is the most difficult thing, and the more time on committees means less time with the young people.

There is an awful lot of work that goes into the events and events seem to be on every month.

Charterhouse has grown by 6%, it was the growth that Charterhouse showed that meant the County went up by 1%.

Started an explorer unit at Alice Stevens School. Along with the Godiva explorer unit. An increase in groups so thank you for support

To the future, nationally the profile of the scout movement is really high, and the brand name is now very popular. The recruitment campaign is continuing, it has grown at a pace for young people and is growing at a pace now for adults. Please use Coventry active website, you can list your meeting times, and leaders may come from this source. Within the county development group there will be a job shop, there will be a form on the website that you can fill in and from the road shows you will be signposted.

New Chief Scout, Bear Gryllis, (born to survive channel 4), spoke well at the launch yesterday and is very keen to continue the work of Peter Duncan.

County is there to support the district and groups, hoping to support the Cheylesmore Hope Festival, 13th June, the road show will be there, but support is needed from local leaders.

County Website has been revamped, hope to improve communication within the county. Email is one of the easiest forms of communication, so if you have an email let the District Secretary (Lesley) know.

Charterhouse is good at attending meetings so thank you.

2011 Jamboree - Sweeden, county has allocation of 18 young people and 2 leaders. Anyone that doesn't fit into the 14 - 171/5 there may be the possibility of an expedition for older explorer scouts and network to visit.

Future for Charterhouse, we need to put a search group for a new DC. Meeting with GSL;s and people who are running events for sections, and start to look for a DC.

Thanks to all the support staff, ADC's we do need to support these people and the activities, its disheartening when people don't turn up. We all have one aim in mind, to give better scouting to young people.

15. Presentations:

Dave presented 2 appointments,

Alan Pithouse, Training Advisor and Lesley Charlton Local Training Administrator.

Tricia Hart 5 year service award
Pat Wilmore 40 Year service award
Alan Pithouse Wood badge

Neil Adcock Training manager put on a presentation on the training programme for all to see.

17 Official close of meeting at 9.10pm

18 Thanks to all who attended and close

Also there seems to be some misunderstanding about who attends what meetings, so: I aim to set this out for you

District Executive

The following people are on the District Executive committee,
Dave Hart, Tricia Hart, Peter Turton, Lesley Charlton, Martin Vickery, Graham Barneston
Graham Cole, Emma Hitchen, Jo Morgan, John Moreton, Pat Wilmore

It is only the people above that are entitled to come to this meeting, and the exec rules can be found in POR, but basically it is the management of the district, finance and administration side of things. (letters and a copy of POR were sent out to you all 16th April)

There are 4 of these meetings a year

District Leaders Meetings

All Group scout leaders or group representatives **should** attend this meeting
Any other scouters may attend this meeting

At this meeting it is the scouting side of things that are discussed, and any finance or other matters will then be taken back to the exec if necessary

There are 5 of these meetings a year

Beaver Leader Meetings -

Maureen Moreton organises these meetings as acting ADC beavers
All Beaver sections should be represented at this meeting and planning and execution of Beaver activities takes place here
These meetings should be held when needed, approx 3 per year

Cub Leader Meetings -

Kirsty Charlton organises these meetings as ADC cubs
All Cub sections should be represented at this meeting and planning and execution of Cub activities takes place here
these meetings should be held when needed approx 3 per year

Scout Leader Meetings -

John Moreton organises these meetings as acting ADC scouts
All Scout sections should be represented at this meeting and planning and execution of Scout activities takes place here
these meetings should be held when needed approx 3 per year

Explorer Leader meetings

Martin Vickery organises these meetings as acting District explorer representative
all explorer units should be represented and this meeting should be to plan district activities
these should take place approx 3 times a year

I hope that this clarifies the situation on meetings, if not please do not hesitate to contact me and I can explain further

Kind regards
Lesley

Lesley Charlton
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