



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 29th November 2022

Acting Chairperson: Duncan Watts (District Commissioner)

Group Scout Leader: Alan Brine

Deputy Group Scout Leader: Liam Mawhinney

Section Leaders: Sue Wainwright, Margaret Beck, Lyn Mawhinney,
Liam Mawhinney, Lily Gibbins

Invited: Parents, community members and young people

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions made by Alan Brine, Group Scout Leader. The meeting was well attended by parents, young people and section leaders.

Duncan Watts, acting Chair and District Commissioner, spoke about the impact of covid-19 and how positive it was to see so many young people earning awards this evening and increasing numbers at 1st Markfield.

Trustees, Executive Committee and Nominations

Liam Mawhinney, Deputy Group Scout Leader, introduced the formalities of the AGM and summarised the role of the elected members, trustees, executive committee and the parent and community support group.

No interest was made for the role of Chairperson.

No interest was made for the role of Treasurer.

No interested was made for the role of Secretary.

1st Markfield Scout Group (Charity Number 1042586)

www.1stmarkfieldscoutgroup.org.uk/

Join us! We're looking for Parent and Community Support Group Members



Section Leaders, Sue Wainwright, Lyn Mawhinney and Liam Mawhinney put themselves forward as executive committee members and trustees – this was unanimously agreed.

No other nominations or interest was made at the time of the meeting. Following the meeting, Neil Walker and Felicia Lim, put themselves forward to support the group possibly with the Treasurer role and will be followed up following the meeting.

Constitution

As 1st Markfield does not have it's own constitution, the constitution of the scout association as detailed in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) was presented and unanimously accepted.

Parent and Community Support Group

Liam Mawhinney spoke about the recently shared parent and community support group – an initiative to support the group without the formalities of the executive. Parents had returned a survey during the summer months to indicate support in joining and undertaking different tasks. Liam shared that he had not had time to take this forward since the last meeting, but would be in touch in the near future and intends to share tasks that require support on our website for parents to support and reach out to individuals in the new year. Alan Brine thanks parents for offering their support.

1st Markfield Scout Group (Charity Number 1042586)

www.1stmarkfieldscoutgroup.org.uk/

Join us! We're looking for Parent and Community Support Group Members



Accounts

The accounts were shared by Alan Brine and unanimously accepted.

A question was asked about expected increases in gas and electricity bills – Alan shared that this was expected and that the group had fortunately secured a fixed rate last year but would see an increase in 2023.

A proposal was put forward for the group to investigate grants for solar panels which might generate income / reduce expenditure. Liam Mawhinney replied this was a good idea and would investigate this further.

Liam Mawhinney shared that following prior engagement with parents, subsequent to a review of our accounts and continued increased costs, subs would be increasing from £11 to £15 from January 2023. Details will be shared through sections in the coming weeks. Liam asked that parents share in recruitment to the group to help mitigate against further costs and reminded all that all have access to financial support from the local, county and national scout funds during this difficult time. This was accepted by attendees.

Trustee Report

Liam Mawhinney shared a summary of the Trustee Report which was signed by Alan Brine and Sue Wainwright as active trustees and unanimously accepted by attendees.

Section Reports

Section reports were given by Margaret Becks (Beavers), Lyn Mawhinney (Cubs) and Liam Mawhinney (Scouts).

1st Markfield Scout Group (Charity Number 1042586)

www.1stmarkfieldscoutgroup.org.uk/

Join us! We're looking for Parent and Community Support Group Members



Awards

Duncan Watts presented the following awards:

Chief Scout Bronze Awards

- Thomas R
- Alex A
- Jacob H
- Matthew K
- Luca B
- Blake F
- Josh C
- Toby W
- Jamie A

Chief Scout Silver Awards

- Max L
- Thomas R
- Jacob H
- Aidan C
- Alex A
- Ewan H
- Dexter E

Duncan spoke about the next stage, the Chief Scout Gold Award and congratulated all for their hard work and commitment.

Section Leaders presented the following awards:

- Beaver of the year – Luca B
- Cub of the year – Ewan H
- Scout of the year – Matthew K

End of Meeting

Alan Brine thanked parents, young people, leaders and Duncan Watts for attendance this evening and made special thanks for leaders and their hard work throughout the pandemic.

Liam Mawhinney shared intentions to hold the AGM in June/July 2023.

1st Markfield Scout Group (Charity Number 1042586)

www.1stmarkfieldscoutgroup.org.uk/

Join us! We're looking for Parent and Community Support Group Members