

# 1<sup>ST</sup> MARKFIELD SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 7-8.30pm at Bowmar Scout Hut, Markfield

Acting Chair and Group Scout Leader: Alan Brine

## 1. Introduction & welcome

Opening remarks and welcome to Members of the Group Scout Council and Guests.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from James and Louise Wainwright and Lesley Teager.

## 3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 Nov 2022

The minutes of the annual general meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 were agreed as a true record of that meeting. This was supported by Lyn Mawhinney.

## 4. Governance topics

### 4a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters. The Group Scout Council unanimously agreed to adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules.

### 4b. Note the Group's financial year

Members of the Group Scout Council were asked to note the proposed change to our charity's financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, to move to 1<sup>st</sup> March end of February in line with other Scout Groups across the Ashby and Coalville District.

### 4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The Group Scout Council unanimously agreed that the recommended number of 4 people can be elected to the Trustee Board.

### 4d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

The Group Scout Council unanimously agreed the quorum (minimum number) of Group Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the Group Scout Council to be set at 10.

The Group Scout Council unanimously agreed the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings in line with the Charity Commission statement of good practice of one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one.

## 5. Review of the previous year

### 5a. Review of Scouting in the Group

Deputy Group Scout Leader, Liam Mawhinney, provided an overview of Group activity.

Margaret Beck, Beaver Scout Leader, provided an overview of Beavers.

Lyn Mawhinney, Cub Scout Leader, provided an overview of Cubs.

Liam Mawhinney, Scout Leader, provided an overview of Scouts.

## **5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts**

Confirmation was given that the Group Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from the Scrutineer.

Acting Chair and Group Scout Leader and Deputy Group Scout Leader provided an overview of the accounts.

The Group Scout Council was provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Trustee Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts. There were no questions.

## **6. Appointments**

The following trustees were reaffirmed, and unanimous support was gained from the Trustee Board and The Group Scout Council:

- Alan Brine, Group Scout Leader
- Liam Mawhinney, Deputy Group Scout Leader / Scout Leader
- Lyn Mawhinney, Cub Scout Leader
- Sue Wainwright, Beaver Scout Leader

No other nominations were put forward prior or during the meeting. It was however confirmed that the Trustee Board are working with several individuals who have come forward since our last AGM to take on support roles. The Group is in need of members and those present were encouraged to contact Leaders if they can offer any support in the future.

## **7. Awards**

Duncan Watts, District Commissioner, awarded Ernie his Bronze Award and Beaver of the Year Award. Sue Wainwright was re-awarded her merit award in front of the Scout Council for her longstanding service and support to scouting in Markfield.

## **8. Retirement of Margaret Beck, Beaver Scout Leader**

After more than 30 years of Scouting, Margaret Beck has now retired as Beaver Scout Leader. Margaret was presented with gifts from the sections, parents of current and past Beavers and the Scout Group and thanks was given for her significant contributions over the years. Margaret spoke fondly of her time in Scouting, thanking all for their support, including special mention to her husband, Pete Beck, and co-leaders Sue Wainwright and Lily Gibbins.

## **9. Closing Remarks**

Thanks were given to all those who attended. Further celebrations were held including a BBQ provided by David Mawhinney, campfire marshmallows and music provided by the Scout section.