

STAFFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5th June 2023 meeting notes

1.Welcome

The District Chairman Nick Lloyd welcomed everyone to the meeting **(39)** including the Mayor Counsellor Andy Cooper and thanked him for taking the time to attend.

2.Attendance

See attached attendance sheet

3.Apologies:

Effy Preston, Lesley Worsley, Lydia Hilton, Hannah Steventon, Lucy Sharp, Sam Scriven, Luke Vernon, Kevin and Joanna Miller, Les Bill, Graham and Trudi Smith, Doreen Smith, Chris Rafferty,

4.Matters Arising

The notes from the Annual General Meeting of 27th June 2022 and a brief Trustee Report were circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

5.Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Receipt of the Annual Trustees Report.

NL- apologies that ATR was not distributed prior to the meeting as we were short of 2 reports from 7th and Network.

6a. Annual statement of accounts

No questions

7. Election of officers

President-Mayor Andy Cooper (Honorary position)

Vice President-Jeanette Low, John Eggington and Les Bill

District Chairman – Nick Lloyd proposed by Sue Hewitt

District Secretary – Vacant

District Treasurer – Sharon Hill proposed by Kevin Hewitt

8. District Commissioner's Nominations for Members of the Executive Committee –

Elaine Hinson

Juliette Maiden

Keith Low

Dave Brass – standing down this time

Cathy Horden

Graham Smith

Paul Askey

Andy Clode

Steve Smith

Roland Smith

Kevin Hewitt

9. Election of Exec members from the floor

Paul Askey

Andrew Preston

Chris Rafferty

Roland Smith

Trudi Smith

Making 21 on the Exec this year

10. Vote of thanks

NL- thank you to the examiner of accounts, formal thank you to the auditor Roland who is willing to stand again.

11.

President:

I am honoured to be your president whilst Mayor, happy to be available formally or informally, I have an association with scouting used to be in 20th Burton on Trent Scouts. In my youth I was taught to get involved with neighbours/society, I joined the Parish Council then Borough Council and have enjoyed talking to some primary school children about the history of Stafford.

The Mayors Parlour at Riverside Centre is available for visitors and they are keen for Groups to visit, please contact the Mayors office to book.

Chairman:

It's a credit to all in the Stafford District that we have come back to a full "Scouting" environment after the disruptions of Covid. Back stronger and more determined to offer young people the opportunity to develop skills for life.

The year saw a variety of occasions from a very well attended Carol Service, Gang Show & St George's Day parade plus many more events.

The Camp Site (Sherratts Wood) & Kayak Centre (Stafford Boat Club) continue to expand our activity experiences.

Although we continue to be challenged with sufficient "leaders" it's a credit to all that we have embarked on introducing & establishing Dray packs very exciting.

So it would be remiss of me not to thank all the District volunteers & the support Sue & I get from the Trustees.

As the Scout organisation enters a period of transformation I'm reminded about Volunteerism....."As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands— one for helping yourself, the other for helping others— Scouting is a true example of these words.

Nick Lloyd - Chair Stafford District Trustee Board.

Sue Hewitt District Commissioner:

As a District our groups are trying very hard to continue the growth in their sections.

Once again, our Carol Service was a great success and it was good to see most of our groups attending, we had lots of awards given out to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and explorers which is always nice to see.

We are still in very much need of adult volunteers to try and encourage this we had the opportunity to promote Stafford District Scouting in a number of venues.

We did all day at Bingley Hall Stafford at the Kids Fest which was manned by our adult volunteers throughout the day. We had lots of interest in this so it was well worth going.

We have also had the 6th Stafford group set up a stall in Victoria Park for the Big Help Out which again was another success with plenty of interest.

We have now started to re-introduce our District events starting with the District Quiz which was run by St. Vincent Explorers there was a good turn out of teams and this was won by the 9th Stafford Sea Scouts congratulations on the win and thank you for the Explorers for organising the quiz.

We have had a very successful Gang Show and have had lots of feedback from people to say how much they enjoyed the show. Well done to all involved.

We were very proud this year as one of our young leaders from the 9th Stafford Sea Scouts Ella was chosen to go and represent Stafford District at the Coronation, I do believe Ella will be doing a brief talk about her experience there later.

Despite the lack of adult leaders we have managed to open 3 Drays which is really good news.

I am sure we can get a few more open in this next year.

All that leaves me to say is a big thank you to you all for your support

12.AOB

Awards-

10 years Vicki Williams

Wood Beads Roland Smith

50 years Paul Askey presented by Richard Williams, Paul also collected his Silver Wolfe award at Windsor Castle

Ella Chadwick presented re her experience at "The Coronation Camp" thank you for such an informative talk.

13. Lead Volunteer Staffordshire Scouts; Richard Williams

Our Transformation journey aims to achieve growth making sure we bring Scouting to every single person interested.

Staffordshire is one of the biggest Districts

Reference made to the prince of Wales and his family who supported a local scout group as part of the volunteering opportunity after the coronation and that we saw them all wearing necca's

Executive committees are now Trustee Boards

There have been some changes to the appointments process

New Leadership and Development being introduced

IT system changing

Change of roles eg; Lead Volunteer for scouting (RW) and District Lead for Scouting (SH)

Thank you for all that you do

14. AOB

NL- Thanked Richard for attending

Max Farish (12th) Awarded the Cornwall Award at St Georges Day ceremony, SH to pass on everyone's regards to his family and the Group

15. The Chairman closed the meeting

Everyone invited to the Oak Room for refreshments