

Minutes of 103rd Annual General Meeting of Folkestone, Hythe and District Scout Council

1st Cheriton HQ at 7.30 on 16th May 2017

Present: John Schoner, District President; Terry Reene, District Chair; Roger Martin, Vice-Chair; Tony Hogben, District Commissioner (Acting); Christina Sumpter, District Secretary; Members of the Executive Committee.

County Chair- Des Harris.

County Youth Commissioner- Natalie Forrester.

List of Members present with the Secretary.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and was pleased so many had attended. Special welcome to the County Chair and County Youth Commissioner

Apologies for Absence: Sue Baker, District Treasurer.

List of other apologies with the District Secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of 102nd AGM: These had been posted on the Website. Approved as a correct record and hard copy signed by Chair.

Treasurer's Report: no comments made.

District Commissioner's Report: congratulated those Groups that had increased numbers; GSL Reviews still to be completed, those concerned should look at the matrix prior to their review to assist in a positive outcome. Thanks were given to Jackie Wood (ADC Cubs) and Maureen Stanley (ADC Beavers) both of whom were retiring from their positions but will continue to work in their respective Sections. The DC announced that the Awards to be presented added up to 255 years of service from the recipients, the figure in his report was incorrect. *The DC's report is attached to the minutes.*

Assistant Commissioner Reports: all had been circulated on the website.

Approval of the DC's Appointment of District Chair: Terry Reene agreed to stand for another year - Approved.

Election of Officers:

District Vice-Chair – Roger Martin	Proposed – Terry Reene
	Seconded - Maureen Stanley
District Treasurer – Sue Baker	Proposed – Terry Reene
	Seconded – Lesley Galloway
District Secretary – Christina Sumpter	Proposed – Terry Reene
	Seconded – Maureen Stanley
District Badge Secretary – Lesley Galloway	Proposed – Terry Reene
	Seconded – Martin Fry

Election of District Executive Committee:

John Schoner; Brian Barnes; Maureen Stanley (Beavers); Terrance Stanley (FHAST); Lesley Galloway; Michelle Smale; Steve Fairfax (Chair 11th Folkestone); John Wren (GSL 1st Hythe)

All were unopposed and approved. Other members will be invited to meetings when required.

Approval of Independent Scrutineer:

Approved

Mrs. Kirsty Bingham F.C.C.A

Approval of DC's Appointee to Appointments Committee:

Martin Fry

Unopposed

Presentation of Awards:

The County Chair agreed to present the Awards but first made a short speech.

Des Harris congratulated the District on a speedy AGM! He spoke of the volunteers (Leaders and helpers) being outstanding not just ordinary; without them there would be no future progression to higher awards of D of E, Queens awards, Jamborees etc. Scouting is based on nurture, encouragement of life skills and patience; Leaders have all these skills and are willing to help all young people to gain them. Des thanked Leaders and Volunteers for their commitment to Scouting and the young people in their care; they are special people and are laying the foundations for current and future Scouting.

Certificates awarded to Groups who have increase their members over the last year:-

1st Saltwood 1st Lyminge 1st Sellindge 1st Hythe
2nd Sandgate 11th Folkestone Holy Trinity Sea Scouts

County Youth Commissioner presented a Silver Platter and Certificate to the Group that had shown the most growth in membership :-

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Des Harris then set the District a 4-week challenge:-

“Encourage new volunteers and members to stay with your section/group for 4 weeks” they will probably stay forever!!

Natalie Forrester then gave a short resume of the work that the County Youth Team can help with. Youth shaped scouting is already in progress; the onus is on the young people to promote scouting and encourage friends to join in. The CYT can attend meetings to meet the young people and encourage the members to participate fully. To arrange a visit email county HQ.

A O B: Steve Jones raised the issue of a large sum of money not earning much interest in the Scout fund. Steve is prepared to offer advice on investing the money to provide better returns. The Chair suggested that the DC, Treasurer and chair meet to discuss the finances.

The DC has Awards to give to Leaders totalling 110 years of Service and 14 years for Wood Badges. The District has an excellent record of Service.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

There followed a BBQ organised by FFAST.