



Barlaston and Tittensor Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 18th February 2022

1. Meeting Opened at 19.35 by Group Chairman, Paul Westwood.

2. Members Present: Paul Westwood (Chairman), Gareth Westwood (GSL), Julia Spight (Treasurer), Marj Shermer (Section Leader Scouts), Becca Loughhead (Section Leader Cubs), Nigel Sutton (Asst Section Leader Scouts).

Apologies: Phil Elliott (DC), Steve Loughhead

3. Minutes of the last AGM held on 19/02/2021

Proposed by Julia S, seconded by Becca L and accepted, unanimously, as a true record of events.

4. Matters Arising

Still no update from Cadent re re-siting of gas governor

PW ascertained that the Group does have a bank saving account at Lloyds Bank

5. Group Chairman's Report

Was presented by Paul W and is available to view at: https://www.bandt.org.uk/?page_id=78

6. Group Treasurer's Report & Accounts

Both documents available to view at: https://www.bandt.org.uk/?page_id=78

The report & accounts, prepared by Julia S, were accepted by the Executive Committee and were proposed by Nigel S, seconded by Gareth W and unanimously approved by the Group Council as a true and accurate record.

Noted that JS has applied for a further covid support grant from Stafford Borough Council.

JS will also progress Gift Aid claim via email to parents through OSM. Also, OSM financial trial and full package will be progressed for 2022 financial year.

It was also noted that a separate Scout Section bank account, with Lloyds Bank, currently dormant, should be included in future end of year accounts, etc presented by the group.

7a. Section Reports (Beavers)

Due to Covid restrictions and, more significantly, a current lack of leaders, Beavers did not meet in 2021, consequently no report was submitted.

7b. Section Reports (Cubs)

Report was presented by Becca L and is available to view at:

https://www.bandt.org.uk/?page_id=78

7c. Section Reports (Scouts)

Report was presented by Marj J and is available to view at:

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8. GSL's Report

Report was presented by Gareth W.

Gareth recorded his thanks to all the leaders, exec members and other helpers for aiding the group through another challenging year. Adult leaders, more precisely a lack thereof, remains one of the group's more pressing needs although a potential Beaver Leader is being contacted. Sadly, Steve L has indicated that he may step down as CSL in 2022 and as a consequence we are likely to lose Becca L and Rachael too from Cubs. On a brighter note, Ian Palmer has agreed to become an ASL and his previous Scouting and military experience will be most useful.

It is pleasing to see both active sections delivering programmes that reflect a 'back to basics' feel and it is hoped that this theme will continue throughout the year.

9. Other items - None

10. Election of Officers and Members:

Paul Westwood stood down as Group Chairman and handed over control of the meeting to Gareth Westwood GSL.

a. Group Chairman

Gareth Westwood nominated Paul Westwood as Group Chairman. Gareth's nomination was unanimously accepted by the AGM.

b. Group Secretary

There were no nominations for the position of Group Secretary. All those present at AGM were asked to search for potential nominations, which would be considered by the Group Executive Committee.

c. Group Treasurer

Nigel S proposed Julia Spight to continue in the role of Group Treasurer. Seconded by Marj J. Julia was unanimously voted in.

d. Section Reps (Leaders)

- **Beavers** - vacant
- **Cubs** – Becca Loughhead agreed to continue as Cub Rep.
- **Scouts** – Marj Shermer agreed to continue as Scout Rep.

e. Section Reps (Parents)

- **Beavers** - vacant
- **Cubs** – vacant
- **Scouts** – vacant

f. GSL's nomination/s - none

11. Nominations for "Joint Management Committee" for Land & Property Trust.

Since withdrawing from all responsibilities regarding the Joint Management Committee for the land and property more than 15 years ago, Barlaston Guide Company has not been in contact to resume or contribute to their obligations at any time since the last AGM.

PW proposed that the members of the current Joint Management Committee continue in their respective roles, having been assured that the Scout Trust Corporation is happy with this arrangement. Agreed unanimously by all present.

The 5 members of the Joint Management Committee are therefore the three officers of Barlaston & Tittensor Scout Group (Chair – Paul Westwood, Secretary – Vacant & Treasurer - Julia Spight), GSL - Gareth Westwood, and SL - Marj Shermer.

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Date, Time and Place of Next AGM - Friday 17th Feb 2023 - venue TBC

14. Meeting closed 20:40