



**Minutes of the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District Scout Council held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at The Royal Marines Association, 37 The Strand, Walmer CT14 7DX at 20.00**

1. **Welcome:** Heather Rowell (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.
2. **Apologies** were received from: Peter Marsh (5<sup>th</sup>), Charlie Horne (District Admin/Archivist), Mark Little (ADC/GSL), Anne Little (ADC), Alan Noake MBE (Appointments Secretary), Cathy Betts (Secretary), Linda Hook (District), Cassie Osborne (20<sup>th</sup>) and Ian MacKenzie (District).  
  
**Present:** Matthew Sims (DC), Heather Rowell (Chairman), Charlie Rowell (DDC), Alison Sims (District), Chris Jordan (SAS), Liz Lukehurst (8<sup>th</sup>), Rob Lukehurst (8<sup>th</sup>), Bill Rackham (District), Christine Rackham (SAS), Mavis Marsh (5<sup>th</sup>) and Colin Tappenden (LTM). Elaine Greenwood (County) was the guest of the DC.
3. **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination for Chairman:** Matthew Sims (DC) nominated Heather Rowell for the office of Chairman for the forthcoming year 2023/2024. Heather Rowell accepted the position.
5. **Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts:** The accounts, approved by the Executive prior to the AGM, could not be signed. The Chairman explained that statements for the account held at TSB by the SAS had not been produced. The balance is material to the accounts. It is anticipated that no changes will be required and the scrutineer will be able to sign the accounts before the end of September. The Chairman gave a brief resume of the results for the year and no questions were raised. The accounts will be uploaded to the website when finalised.
6. **Election of District Secretary:** Cathy Betts was proposed by Charlie Horne and seconded by Alan Noake MBE. There being no other nominations Cathy Betts was elected.
7. **Election of District Treasurer:** Kate House was proposed by Heather Rowell and seconded by Charlie Rowell. There being no other nominations Kate House was elected.



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8. **Election of Members of the District Executive:**  
The following were all elected unanimously.
- | <b><u>Nominee</u></b> | <b><u>Proposed by</u></b> | <b><u>Seconded by</u></b> |
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| Paul Hadaway          | C. Horne                  | C. Betts                  |
| Ian Mackenzie         | C. Betts                  | A. Sims                   |
| Colin Tappenden       | M. Little                 | C. Waller                 |
| Alan Noake MBE        | C Horne                   | C. Betts                  |
| Peter Marsh           | M. Marsh                  | L. Smith                  |
9. **District Commissioner's Nomination:** Charlie Horne was nominated to the District Executive Committee.
10. **Appointment of the Scrutineer:** Roger Miles was re-appointed as scrutineer for 2023/2024.
11. **District Constitution:** The meeting agreed that the only alterations to the Constitution were the name changes decreed by the Scout Association. Following discussion, the quorum set for the District Scout Council is 10 and for the Trustees' Board 50%. Proposer: Charlie Rowell, Seconded: Mavis Marsh.
12. **District Commissioner update:** Matthew Sims gave an update on what the District has accomplished over the last year and some of the plans for 2023-2024.
13. **Chairman's Closing Remarks:** Heather Rowell outlined the plans for the development of the Betteshanger campsite (following the receipt of a grant from Dover District Council) and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 9pm.