

BROADSTONE SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of the 2021/22 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held online on 19 January 2022

Attendees: John Holls, Sarah Carter-Bell, Gill McDonald, Adrian Kyte, Graham Davies, Clare Stebbing, Sue Cracknell, Alison Bowden, Ali Cox.

Apologies: Andrew Williams, Mark Arnold

1. Welcome

1.1. AK welcomed all to the AGM

2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

2.1. AK highlighted that the 2020 AGM minutes were available on the [Broadstone Scout Group website](#). No issues were raised and the minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts (2021)

3.1. AK reported the Group held a strong accounting position pre-Covid. However, primarily due to a reduction in subs and the inability to fundraise, a £5,000 deficit was recorded for 2020-21. AK informed the deficit would have reached £15,000 but the Group accessed a £10,000 grant from BCP Council. The end of year cash funds stand at £46,000. AK confirmed that the Exec has reviewed and approved the accounts and invited queries and comment from the AGM audience (none received).

3.2. GMc explained that the Group took a cautious approach at the outset of the pandemic pausing planned expenditure on high-cost equipment and refurbishment. GMc confirmed this expenditure will be taken forward again shortly.

3.3. GMc thanked Sue Rice (Treasurer) and Clare Stebbing (Accounts) for their excellent work in compiling the accounts and noted that both are volunteers.

3.4. The accounts were approved by the AGM.

4. Group Scout Leader comments

4.1. GMc summarised the past 12 months within Broadstone Scout Group acknowledging that the leaders did an exception job in maintaining scouting throughout the difficult and changing circumstances. GMc highlighted that an excellent summer term of activities was provided for the young people as they returned to face to face scouting and that additional funding from the Exec further subsidised these activities to ensure they would take place. GMc reiterated a big thank you and acknowledged that the leaders have *done us proud*.

4.2. GMC outlined that overnight experiences (with extra Covid precautions) are now permitted. However, consideration that the youngest children are unvaccinated is being taken into account. Overall GMC anticipated more camping in 2022 and highlighted that the adventurous day activities associated with camp will continue even if overnight stays are not feasible. GMC

explained it will not be possible to run group camp in 2022 as the outlook was still uncertain at the point when commitment and payments had to have been made.

4.3. Looking forward to 2022 GMc hopes the community fun day will return to Broadstone Rec and highlighted that a fundraising team will be needed for this. GMc will contact all parents to request volunteers. It was noted that one of the uses of funds raised is the rolling replacement of camping and other equipment.

4.4. GMc highlighted that the Group lost many volunteers during the pandemic. Some new volunteers have been recruited but it has not been possible to replace to the same levels as previous. One Beaver colony is currently dormant (not running) because of a lack of leaders (volunteers) available to run it. GMc highlighted that parent volunteering within troops is needed too.

4.5. GMc thanked the Exec committee for their support. AK thanked GMc for her phenomenal leadership and efforts through the pandemic.

5. Nominations to Group Executive Committee Membership (2022)

5.1. With the approval of the AGM, the Exec Committee was appointed as:

Position	Postholder	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Graham Davies	Gill McDonald	Adrian Kyte
GSL	Gill McDonald	Ex officio	
AGSL	Alison Bowden	Ex officio	
Section leader	Sue Cracknell	Opt in	
Section leader	Mark Arnold	Opt in	
Treasurer	Sue Rice	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies
Secretary	Sarah Carter	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies
Committee Member	Andrew Williams	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies
Committee Member	Simon Harwood	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies
Committee Member	Lathaam Wilson	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies
Committee Member	Adrian Kyte	Graham Davies	Alison Bowden

5.2. It was noted that Lisa Friberg has stepped back from the Exec Committee but continues to act as the membership secretary.

6. Final remarks

6.1. New Chair, GD, made the final remarks. GD expressed gratitude to AK for his Chairing of the Exec committee and the enormous contribution he has made over the years; echoed thanks to the leaders for their energy, enthusiasm and flexibility in keeping things running throughout the disruption, gave thanks to the Exec Committee and the Quartermasters for their support, and particularly thanked GMc for the significant effort she invests in the GSL role to create an enriching experience for all.

6.2. AB raised the possibility of a further Covid related grant and GMc agreed to follow this up with Shirley Marsden.