

Broadstone Scout Group

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held virtually online by Zoom call on 18 November 2020.

1. Welcome

- 1.1. Gill McDonald, Group Scout Leader, chaired the meeting. Gill welcomed all, introduced the speakers and explained the format for the meeting.
- 1.2. Apologies were received from Les Terry.

2. Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

- 2.1. Gill summarised the last eight months and the changes that resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic. She thanked the leaders for continuing the scouting experience throughout the difficult circumstances. Gill described the engagement of the young people and the variety of activities that took place whilst scouting remotely.
- 2.2. Gill explained how scouting would move forward in the short-term stressing that each Unit will continue their scouting by the individual method most suitable to the Leaders and young peoples' circumstances. Gill explained that risk assessments are in place to use the scout hall once indoor activities are permitted to resume. Residential activities are not expected to take place for some time and the large-scale group camp will not take place in 2021.
- 2.3. Gill described the [Race Around The World](#) initiative to raise funds for the Scout Groups hardest hit by Covid and at risk of closing. Gill highlighted that these are often in the most vulnerable communities where Scouting is needed most. A video on the initiative was shown. Gill encouraged all to take part in the initiative and to use the Broadstone Group links for their fundraising:

Broadstone Scout Group Beavers - <https://scouts.enthuse.com/pf/broadstone-scout-group-beavers>

Broadstone Scout Group Cubs – <https://scouts.enthuse.com/pf/broadstone-scout-group-cubs>

Broadstone Scout Group Scouts - <https://scouts.enthuse.com/pf/scouts-at-broadstone>

- 2.4. The impact that Covid has had on Broadstone Scout Group was discussed
 - 2.4.1. Some volunteers have been unable to continue and several groups are in urgent need of support from new volunteers. These are:
 - Monday Scouts
 - Tuesday Cubs
 - Friday Beavers
 - 2.4.2. Ragen Bartaby, District Commissioner, showed three videos which explained that the volunteering commitment load can be shared amongst a group of people. Ragan also encouraged parents and carers to become involved and lead one session based on their skill set.

2.4.3. Gill highlighted there are a range of roles working behind the scenes and not directly with the young people. In particular, Springdale cubs is seeking an administrator/organiser and there are vacancies on the Executive Committee. Contact Gill for a non-committal chat.

2.5. Adrian Kyte, Chair of the Executive Committee, explained the rationale behind the level of subs. Adrian extended his thanks to Gill for her significant efforts to keep Broadstone scouting throughout the pandemic.

2.6. Gill thanked the Executive Committee for the support they provided over the last 8 months.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

3.1. The accounts for the year to 31 March 2020 were noted as [available on the website](#) and were approved unanimously. Adrian thanked Sue Rice and Claire Stebbing for their work on the accounts.

4. 2019 AGM

4.1. The minutes of the 2019 AGM were reported as [available on the website](#). There were no matters arising.

5. Group Executive Committee Membership (2020/21)

5.1. Gill nominated Adrian Kyte as Chair of the Executive Committee; Andrew Williams seconded the nomination.

5.2. Adrian thanked Louise Vincent, Ken Pearce, and Andrew Walker, who have stepped down from the Executive Committee, and recognised the excellent support they gave to the Group.

5.3. Simon Lawford and Alison Bowden will serve on the Executive Committee as Assistant Group Scout Leaders.

5.4. Sue Cracknell and Mark Arnold are Section Leaders opting into the Executive Committee.

5.5. The following people were also elected onto the Executive Committee:

Executive member	Position	Proposed by...	Seconded by...
Sue Rice	Treasurer	Neil Bichard	Charlie Soutine
Sarah Carter	Secretary	Maureen Witt	Lou Vincent
Lisa Friberg		Ken Pearce	Les Terry
Graham Davies		Clare Greeno	Tony Mitchell
Andrew Williams		Andy Rice	Richard Bennett

5.6. The meeting agreed the proposed nominations unanimously.

5.7. Adrian thanked Andrew Williams and Graham Davies for the substantial work they undertook to ensure units could restart in September 2020.

6. Final Comments

Ragen Bartaby, District Commissioner, closed the meeting by thanking all for the amazing difference brought to young people's lives by continuing scouting throughout the pandemic. Gill echoed the sentiment and thanked parents and carers for their support, patience, understanding and all they did to support the children to scout virtually.