

BROADSTONE SCOUT GROUP
2023/24 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
held online on 12 March 2025 @1930

Attendees: Graham Davies (Chair), Hazel Chadwick, , Martyn Pope, Carol Bown, Sue Cracknell, Alison Bowden, Tom Lever, David Gheradi, George Greeno & Claire Greeno

Apologies: Gill MacDonald

1 Notes of last meeting

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all to the AGM. The main purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2023/2024 Accounts. The Chair thanked all those who helped with the Accounts. The Chair read the minutes of the last AGM held on 7th February 2024.

2. Governance Oversight

- 2.1 Confirmation the constitution of the charity

To comply with The Charities Commission, it was noted the Chair reconfirmed the adoption of the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) 5.4. Constitution for a Scout Group.

- 2.2 Dates of the charity's financial year

The dates were confirmed as 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

- 2.3 Trustee Board

- 2.3.1. Number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

It was agreed there should be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 trustees elected to the Trustee Board.

- 2.3.2. Quorum for meetings of the Scout Councils

It was agreed there should be a minimum of 6 trustees for meetings of the Scout Councils.

3. Review of the previous year

- 3.1 Receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Report and the annual Statement of Accounts (2023-24).

HC flagged an increase in receipts from around £27,000 to £29,000. Expenses were down resulting in a surplus of £7,165. This was due to two years of Gift Aid being claimed in 2023-24. HC noted the ongoing issue with gas and electric charges. HC is expecting a refund once the issue has been resolved for the electric charges.

Overall, the group ended the year in surplus. The surplus is being held for property renovations for 2024/2025.

No comments were raised. GD thanked Hazel Chadwick and Joseph Knott for all their hard work

3.2 GLV report about activity in the year

Our scout group has gone from strength to strength in recent years. We currently have 189 young people and 76 adult volunteers. Each of our 9 sections has a nominated team leader and a supportive team of team members. Every section strives to comply with POR and every volunteer is aware of the importance of safety and safeguarding. Every section strives to deliver an exciting programme and I see happy, engaged young people every time I visit a section.

Our recent achievements have included the refurbishment of our hall (namely the kitchen and meeting room, holding group events (including the sausage sizzle and awards night), reshaping our fundraising strategy (by organising our big fundraising day and running the car park at Poole Grammar), securing our 117 year-old archives (and arranging a local exhibition) and reviewing our financial strategy so that we can give our young people the best value for their subs.

Our future ambitions include our group outing in 2 weeks' time in which we will take over 140 people to Portsmouth. Next month we will be making history as we launch our first ever Squirrel Drey – the first time we have welcomed a new age group to the group since 1986. We also have plans to take our older young people to Kanderstag next year on the adventure of a lifetime.

I am proud of the culture that we have at Broadstone Scout Group, we have seen a surge in recruitment of both young people and adult volunteers I believe because we are a kind and determined group. We have good relations with other local groups, the district and scouters across the globe. We are marketing our success which is encouraging more of our community to get involved. We are achieving growth and waving the scouting flag proudly.

The Chair agreed the Broadstone Scout Group was going from strength to strength. Social Media has improved and is raising our profile.

4. Appointments to the Trustee board

4.1 Election of the Chair of the Trustee Board.

Martyn Pope nominated Graham Davies as Chair. Graham Davies was elected unanimously as Chair by the meeting. This is for a period of one year.

4.2 Election of Group Treasurer

Graham Davies nominated Hazel Chadwick who was elected as Group Treasurer for a term of 3 years.

4.3 Election of Group Secretary (who may not be a Trustee)

HC nominated Carol Bown who was elected as Group Secretary.

4.5 Election of other Trustees to the Trustee Board

Graham Davies nominated Tom Lever and Matthew Giles as Trustees and they were elected to the Trustee Board for a term of 3 years.

4.5 Approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Trustee Board

Alison Bowden was approved as GLV and Sue Cracknell as Section Leader to the Trustee Board. The GLV will need to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4.6 Appointment of independent examiner

The appointment of Joseph Knott of Birketts Ltd as the independent examiner was approved by the AGM. GD thanked JK for reviewing our accounts and formatting our report.

5. Any other business

David Gheradi, noted all appeared to be on order and Martyn Pope was doing a good job. Martyn is kept updated by the District regularly.

GD thanked all for joining and helping throughout the year.

There was no further business, and the meeting closed at 19.56 hours.