

## **Minutes of the District Annual General Meeting Held at Canterbury & District Bowling Club held Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **1. Welcome by the District Chairman**

Russell Feast welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Attended**

Russell Feast, Andy Trill, Sam Trill, David Bentley, Mary Bentley, Hana Keam, Mike Keam, Katie Potts, Caroline Potts, Wendy Dyer, Alan Noake, Cathie Hoare, Tessa Dale, Chris Armstrong, Martyn Wingrove, Elaine Oakley, James Oakley, Liz Wingrove, Gina Wingrove, Councillor Anne Dekker

### **3. Apologies**

Mike Poole, Jack Dale, Brian Buggins, Revd Carol Smith, Jamie Bentley, Lennie Oakley

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the 2021 - 2022 AGM were approved, proposed by Elaine Oakley and Seconded by Katie Potts

### **5. Trustees Annual Report 2021-2022**

The Scout Association announced several changes to be introduced in 2023. Our District Commissioner (DC), Andy Trill, has prepared the way for these. We have seen the introduction of the youngest section, Squirrels, for four- and five-year-olds, and we look forward to seeing how this develops and spreads throughout the District.

Within the District Executive Committee (DEC), the Association has decided to do away with the District Appointments Advisory Committee (DAAC), a sub-committee of the DEC, and adopt a new model for the appointment and review of leaders. The Trustees have expressed some concern about this, but time will tell. Our DAAC has done an outstanding job over the past few years, and we are most grateful to the members of the committee for the conscientious way they have tackled and eradicated what was a significant backlog. We are now fully up-to-date and ready for the transition to the new system.

Every year, the Scout Active Support Unit (SASU) essentially acts as the service team at Ross Wood and has undertaken many improvements. Kent Wildlife Trust's recent introduction of Bison to the west of the site led to considerable concern about our western boundary but our DC negotiated a satisfactory outcome. We lost a relatively small area of woodland that we had fenced, "owned" (or thought we did) and cared for over the past 70 years, but the outcome is perhaps not as bad as it could have been. Fortunately, the boundary changes will not affect most of our activity bases although some changes will be necessary and once again it will be the service team who have to make the adjustments. The Trustees have always appreciated the effort put in by the members of the service team and have some sympathy for the additional work required following the changes. Importantly, however, Ross Wood continues to be a valuable camp site enjoyed by many and it continues to offer young people an opportunity to experience good camping and an expanding range of activities. We are indebted to members of the service team for all their hard work.

### **6. District Treasurer's Report 2021-2022**

**Overview.** The District has maintained its capital investment position and continued to support the maintenance and development of the Ross Wood Campsite and other Scouting activities upon request.

**Investments and Reserves.** The District retains its substantial level of reserves held in investment accounts but most interest rates remain low. We chose to invest in M & G which has proved to be a big source of income over the four past years. We also continue to allow for the creation of a development strategy into sustainable Scouting activities and benefits.

**Independent Examination.** The DEC remained with our independent examiner Jane Neame. The committee believe it is important to review the choice of examiner regularly to ensure an unbiased examination is completed but felt that Jane has provided us with an excellent service over the past couple of years.



## Explorer Unit Accounts

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The District has 9 explorer units which work closely with the local Scout Groups and share many facilities with them.

A summary of the income and expenditure of Explorer units is set out below

	1st Herne Bay	3rd Whitstable Tombstones	2nd Herne Neptune	14th Canterbury Salamanders	16th Canterbury T.O.F.S  not used no statement	1st Littlebourne	Worthgate	1st Sturry	
<b>Income</b>									
Camp	240.00	1395.00		195.00					
Other activities		981.00		811.00					
Subscriptions	820.00	1577.50	1925.00	2438.00		889.38	1320.00	1549.50	
KIJ				360.00					
Gift Aid		767.29						101.00	
Fundraising				500.00					
Uniform	20.00		312.00	27.00					
Other								15.60	
misc		13.67		20.00					
SVW/Dof E		1170.00							
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1080.00</b>	<b>5904.46</b>	<b>2237.00</b>	<b>4351.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	889.38	1320.00	1666.10	
<b>Payments</b>									
Camp		2014.86		224.82		168.25			
Badges/uniform/books			335.15	20.00					
Equipment	161.50	66.71	1179.99	27.74					
Meeting expenses		260.95		134.84		200.00		165.00	
Activity expenses	546.70	1299.65	355.31	1286.42		251.66	245.00	1165.22	
admin				24.00		73.77			
Fundraising									
Membership Fee	336.00	616.00	1134.59	1701.00		448.00	784.00	560.00	
KIJ				440.00					
other		253.88	24.00	35.00				24.00	
SVW/Dof E		614.43							
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1044.20</b>	<b>5126.48</b>	<b>3029.04</b>	<b>3893.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1141.68</b>	1029.00	1914.22	
<b>Balance 31st March 2022</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>603.37</b>	<b>8853.29</b>	<b>3066.96</b>	<b>788.58</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>1603.75</b>	<b>1207.34</b>	<b>609.36</b>
<b>Balance 31st March 2023</b>	<b>639.17</b>	<b>9661.27</b>	<b>2274.92</b>	<b>1245.76</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>1394.16</b>	<b>1498.34</b>	<b>361.24</b>	



**Canterbury, Whitstable & Herne Bay District Scouts**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Independent examiner's report to Canterbury, Whitstable & Herne Bay District Scouts**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

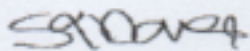
**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yours faithfully,



Sue Davis BSc (Hons) ACCA