

1st Poynton (St. George's) Scout Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2025

Time: 7.30 pm

Location: Scout Hut, Lawrence Place, Poynton

Minutes taken by Huw Ricketts, Secretary

1. Welcome

Catherine MacLennan chaired the meeting in the absence of Jo Pater. Catherine welcomed the attendees and Mark Eden, the District President.

2. Apologies for absence

Jo Pater, Matthew Swires-Hennessy, Mike Brown, Steve Gale, Charlie Walker

3. Matters arising

It was pointed out that in the AGM minutes from 2024, the 15-year award was presented to Jo Pater, not Jo Lund.

4. Chair's report – Jo Pater

To be updated

5. Secretary's report – Huw Ricketts

The Trustees held three (3) meetings in the 2025, which is the normal schedule.

All insurance is up to date.

Gift Aid for the previous two years (2022/23 and 2023/24) was submitted (see Treasurer's Report). The 2024/25 submission will be made prior to the next AGM.

The Charity Commission website will be updated with the new Trustees list.

6. Treasurer's report – Huw Morgan

I am pleased to say that finances remain in a healthy position, reporting a near £5k gain on the closing balance from last year

I will talk through the highlights of the incomes and expenditures:

- £14k of membership subs represents a near £2k increase from the previous year. Attributed to a combination of slightly higher subs (£10/person), the addition of the squirrels section in early 2025 and higher young people numbers (9 person increase in census). £6.5 of the £10/person subs increase was due to capitation

increases (National £6 and District £0.50); combined with the increase in census numbers results in a £1k increase in capitation from last year.

- £900 bank interest, a £200 increase from last year: despite interest rates dropping slightly, we have moved excess balances from section accounts into the savings account.
- £1.9k property rents, a £1.3k increase from last year: due to a full year of regular Saturday morning rents (previous year's accounts was only for three months of Saturday morning rents) and polling day rents.
- Donations are down by £1.7k from last year, ultimately this is out of our control.
- Camp fees are reduced by £3.6k; linked to fewer camps. There is a corresponding reduction in camp expenditures of £1.6k
- Fundraising activities have included the Family Fireworks display, Easy Fundraising, Round Table and Annual Christmas Fest activities, resulting in a £1.5k increase in Fundraising income; this is offset somewhat by a £1.1k increase in Fundraising Expenses. Thanks to all for their Fundraising efforts.
- £5k gift aid recovered – this represents two year's of gift aid recovery (similarly the previous year had two years of gift aid recover), we are now up to date with all gift aid submissions, so future years will show approximately half of this amount – thanks to Huw Ricketts for his work submitting the claims.
- Income from the sale of uniforms is reduced by ~£700. There is also a £1.1k increase in Badge and Uniform expenditure: Some of this is attributed to the purchase of hoodies for leaders of all sections and setting up of our Squirrels Dray.

Overall income for the year has been strong, there is a £2.6k reduction in revenues compared to previous years which is primarily linked to reduced camp revenues and reduced donations (out of our control).

Overall premises expenditure has reduced by around £2.2k. Last year's accounts had ~£7k of kitchen improvements. We have still continued to invest in our hut including: £3.6k window and door replacements; £350 hut painting; £400 kitchen sink; £120 veranda repairs; £400 storage box refurbishment; fire alarm, fire extinguisher and electrical testing & servicing . We plan to continue this investment in the hut into the next financial year including the second half of storage box refurbishment; microwave and fridge replacements; wooden fence & gate replacement; flagstone path replacement; and potentially others.

Establishment costs are comparable with the previous year excluding the increase in Fundraising expenses previously mentioned.

Scouting Activities expenses have reduced by £1.4k, primarily due to the decrease in camp expenditure and are otherwise consistent with previous years.

The Group prudently maintain our cash reserves. This year we have developed and agreed a 'Reserves Policy'; this policy calculates the minimum reserves required to be maintained by the group, which if needed, would be used to support the restructuring and ultimately dissolution of the Group. The dissolution fund includes provision for the demolition of the building and return of the land in its original state (as per our lease requirements).

If anyone has any questions about the accounts I can try to answer them now.

As usual these accounts have not yet been examined but I would ask for the figures to be accepted subject to examination

Finally I would like to thank David Powell for agreeing to examine these accounts. Also I would like to thank the section treasurers for all their work during the year and helping me to prepare these combined accounts.

Nominate David as examiner for next year (2025/26)

7. Group Lead Volunteer's Report – Suzanne Wardle

To be updated

8. Appointment of Trustees

The Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR) Section 5.4 was agreed and adopted by the AGM attendees.

The Trustees will therefore comprise, with a one (1) year term, the following:

Chair of Trustees: Jo Pater

Group Lead Volunteer: Sue Wardle

Treasurer: Huw Morgan

Secretary: Huw Ricketts

Trustee Member: Catherine MacLennan

Trustee Member: Sarah Clarke

9. Presentations

No presentations were given this year.

10. Any other business

Mark Eden remarked that he was impressed by the Group's Trustees. There was a discussion around how to increase the number of attendees (parents particularly) at the AGM in future years.

As a parent, Catherine MacLennan thanked all the volunteers for the work they have done over the years for all the children, and specially her son and daughter. Catherine commented (and all agreed) that Sarah C. has been a breath of fresh air into the Trustees group. She thanked Jo and Rich for organising an extra hike for her son.

The Chair (Catherine MacLennan) thanked all those present for attending and the meeting was closed at 20:17.

Agreed and Signed:

Chair: _____

Date: _____

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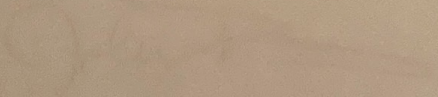
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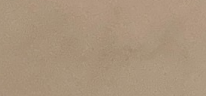
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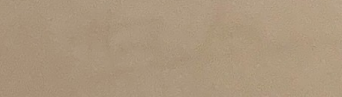
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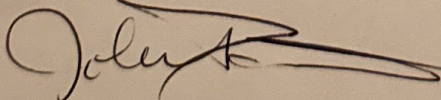
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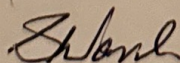
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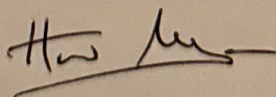
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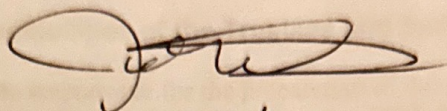
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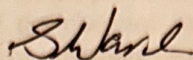
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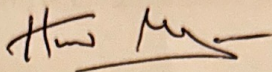
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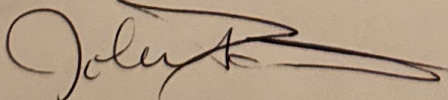
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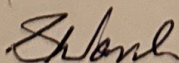
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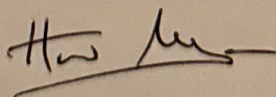
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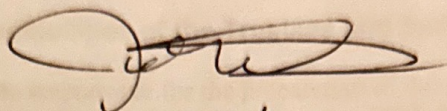
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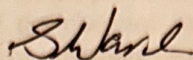
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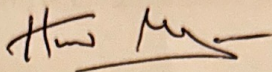
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