

**Batchworth Sea Scouts**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 7.00pm**

**Held online via Zoom**

**1. Introduction**

The meeting started at 8.05pm. Richard Patterson welcomed everyone.

**2. Attendance/Apologies for absence**

Present – Julia Pich (District Commissioner), Richard Patterson (Group Chairman), Michael Read (Group Scout Leader), Catherine Pearson (Group Treasurer), Lucy Putman (Group Secretary) and approx. 15 Leaders, Parents and Friends.

Apologies – Quentin Webb, Helen Webb, Stephanie Clifford, Kat Clifford, Matt Dawson

**3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of last years' AGM were approved.

**4. Annual reports**

Reports from the Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader were circulated via email and published on the Batchworth website prior to the meeting.

Group Chairman's priority is the redevelopment of HQ, particular thanks to Graham Nye for his help with the project. We would like some more volunteer roles filled. The report was accepted.

Group Section Leader commented how 2021 was not as difficult as 2020, but was still challenging. Michael is enormously impressed with how the Leaders have kept running a program, thanks to them. Fundraising was not really possible in 2021, but we received some government grants that helped. Leadership has continued to grow, and we encourage others to join. Claire and Jane retired in 2021, and we give a big thanks to them. Ben Taunt and Louise Grant have both received an Award for Merit, congratulations to them. Dierdre Edwards has decided to retire this year, and has also been given the Award for Merit. The report was accepted.

**5. Group accounts**

Report and accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Thank you to Catherine who will be stepping down at the end of the year. Fundraising was hard in 2021, if we had not received the government grants and carpark rental we would not have broken even in the year. Catherine flagged how important Gift Aid is to us, and how we need to get everyone to sign up. The report and accounts were accepted.

**6. GSL nominations**

Richard Patterson was nominated as Group Chairman, Catherine Pearson as Group Treasurer and Lucy Putman as Group Secretary, all were approved.

**7. Committee Nominations**

Nominations for the Executive Committee were Adam Jory, James Sylvester and Keith Wall, all were approved.

**8. Independent Examiner**

We approve the appointment of Tim Bond if he will agree to examine the accounts again next year.

**9. Any other business**

Julia Pich spoke and said how brilliant it was that over 2021 we managed to retain so many volunteers, well done! Wished us good luck with the building project and would like to thank all volunteers in Batchworth. She said it was nice to hear that Ben, Louise and Dierdre received the merit award and congratulations to Michael Read for receiving the Silver Acorn.

Richard Patterson closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending at 8.35 pm