



Greater London North Scout County

Minutes of the
41st Annual General Meeting of the
Greater London North County Scout Council
held on 14th June 2006
at the Hendon and Edgware District Headquarters

Present: Colonel Stephen Foakes (Deputy Lieutenant for Barnet)
Terry Burton (Deputy Mayor of Barnet) and Mrs Burton
Brian Coleman (Deputy Chair Greater London Authority)
Barry Manley (County Commissioner)
Vin Fleming (County President)
Andrew Wellbeloved (County Chairman)
Roderick Morriss (Deputy County Chairman)
Brian Hosier (County Treasurer)
and 74 other members of Greater London North Scout County

Apologies: The Mayor of Barnet
Peter Barnes (Chief Commissioner for England)
Simon Aulton (Field Development Officer)
Tony Palmer (County Secretary)
Aileen Barry, Roger Colebrook, Lillian Cooper, Andrew Dinsman,
Mark Humphries, Peter Merchant, Michael Nadin, Ashley Payne,
Albert Pinching, Alex Snow, Steve Taylor

Welcome and Introductions

The County President opened the meeting with private devotions, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance, and introduced the people at the top table.

The meeting commenced with a series of images focussing on the objectives of the Scout Association, introduced by the County Chairman.

The Deputy Mayor for Barnet

Councillor Burton reflected on his work with youth organisations and their struggle to recruit and retain sufficient adult volunteers. He congratulated the Leaders and Scouts for their achievements and their contribution to the community; and wished them every success in their future activities.

Apologies

The meeting noted apologies for absence (see above).

Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 2005 were approved. There were no matters arising.

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The meeting was asked to examine the Annual Report which had been distributed at the meeting and which contained the Annual Statement of Accounts. The County Chairman highlighted aspects of the year that reflected well on the standard of Scouting that had been reached in the County during the year. The County Treasurer drew attention to key elements in the Accounts, in particular that:

- the high level of funds was temporary and resulted from the “dowry” received from the closure of Greater London Central, as well as the decision (subject to Charity Commission approval) to release for other uses the money previously “ringfenced” for a number of years in a separate County Activity Centre account and no longer required for that purpose. The surplus funds were earmarked for a range of development initiatives and activities during 2006.
- the latest regulations required District and Group Annual Accounts to be in the same format; and a session for Administrators was planned for 18 November to provide training and advice on this and other administrative matters.

The Treasurer also emphasised that fundraising for the County Jamboree Contingent should be well under way; and that maximum effort should be given to qualifying for the £28,000 of Jack Petchey Awards available to Groups and Leaders.

Both the Report and the Accounts were unanimously approved.

Distinguished Guests

Col Foakes addressed the meeting. He commended the commitment to voluntary service shown by the Leaders which resulted in the wide range of challenging activities mentioned in the Annual Report. He echoed the congratulations and good wishes of the Deputy Mayor, especially for 2007 when the Association would be celebrating its centenary.

Cllr Coleman announced that he would in January 2007 be hosting an event at County Hall to celebrate 100years of Scouting; and praised the involvement of Scouting in helping to create a multi-racial and multi-cultural society within the London conurbation. He emphasised the responsibility on politicians of all parties to encourage young people to volunteer for community service.

Elections and Appointments

County Chair: the County Commissioner nominated Andrew Wellbeloved to continue as County Chair.

County Secretary: Tony Palmer did not wish to continue and Alan King was elected.

County Treasurer: Brian Hosier was re-elected.

County Executive Committee:

Matthew Cook, Andrew Eustace, Roderick Morriss and Ashley Payne were nominated by the County Commissioner;

Barbara Carter, Roger Colebrook, Peter Davis and Cliff Trott were elected by the meeting.

Representatives to the Council of the Association:

The County Commissioner proposed that Andrew Wellbeloved and Andrew Eustace continue as the County's representatives on the Council of the Association and this was approved by the meeting.

Appointment Of Auditor/Examiner

It was proposed and approved that Jonathan Lachmann be re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

Any Other Business

The County Chairman:

- thanked the people who had organised the AGM and prepared the Annual Report;
- congratulated the County President and Mrs Fleming on their Golden Wedding;
- paid tribute to the work undertaken by Steve Taylor during his time as County Commissioner; and then
- introduced Barry Manley, the new County Commissioner.

The County Commissioner

Barry outlined his initial assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the County, its opportunities and threats. He indicated that the County Team would be restructured to ensure effective delivery of its role in supporting the Sections and Districts; and announced a number of appointments. He planned in the longer term to employ a paid Development Officer.

The meeting was followed by presentations from the organisers of the Southern 50 and Chiltern 20 events and from leading members of the County 2007 Jamboree Contingent.

Refreshments were provided by the Galleon Scout Fellowship.