



## Greater London North Scout County

Minutes of the  
43rd Annual General Meeting of the  
Greater London North County Scout Council  
held on 12th June 2008  
at Scout Park the Edmonton Headquarters

Present Martin Russell (Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet)  
Ms Lynne Featherstone (MP for Hornsey & Wood Green)  
Brian Coleman (GLA Member for Barnet & Camden)  
Terry Chimes (Ambassador for London Scouting and guest speaker)  
Vin Fleming (County President)  
Andrew Wellbeloved (County Chairman)  
Barry Manley (County Commissioner)  
Roderick Morriss (Chairman County Finance Sub-Committee)  
Brian Hosier (County Treasurer)  
Alan King (County Secretary)  
Russ Dyble (Development Officer)

and 68 other members of Greater London North Scout County Council listed as an attachment to these Minutes in the archive records.

Apologies The Mayor of Haringey  
Major Rosemary Warne (Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Haringey)  
Wayne Bulpitt (Chief Commissioner for England)  
Dean Milton (London Region Commissioner)  
Martyn Milner (Regional Development Officer)  
Heather Rayner (Independent Examiner)

and 16 other members of Greater London North Scout County Council listed as an attachment to these Minutes in the archive records

### Welcome and Introductions

The County President opened the meeting with some reflections on the merits of Scouting and its contribution to society, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

The Chairman introduced the invited guests (Martin Russell, Lynne Featherstone, Brian Coleman) who each spoke briefly about the high regard in which they held Scouting.

### Apologies

The meeting noted apologies for absence (see above).

## Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 12th June 2007 were approved. There were no matters arising.

## Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

The meeting considered the Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007 which had been distributed through the County website prior to the meeting. The County Treasurer drew attention to key elements in the Accounts; and thanked the 3 organisations which had made donations to County activities:

- Jack Petchey Foundation £55,000
- Scout Development Grant Board £21,000
- Leathersellers Company £5000

There were no questions; and the Report & Accounts were unanimously approved. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mrs Heather Rayner, the Independent Examiner, for her help with financial matters during the year.

## Annual Review

The Secretary commended the Review which highlighted County activities and events during the previous 12 months; and thanked the members of the County Team who had contributed the material. It had also been distributed through the County website; and was available during the coming year whenever there was a need to draw attention to the County's achievements, particularly in a public relations context.

## Elections and Appointments

County President: the County Commissioner announced that Vin Fleming wished to stand down as County President but was delighted that Andrew Wellbeloved, who was unable to continue as County Chairman because of his warrant as a National Commissioner, had accepted an invitation to be the new President. The meeting thanked Vin with acclamation for his outstanding contribution to County affairs over many years and in many roles; and unanimously appointed him as a Vice President.

County Chairman: the County Commissioner announced that Roderick Morriss had agreed to take on the role. He chaired the rest of the meeting.

County Secretary: Alan King was re-elected.

County Treasurer: Brian Hosier was re-elected.

County Executive Committee: Martin Russell, Ashley Payne, Andrew Rush and Deborah Rush were nominated by the County Commissioner; Roger Colebrook, Mark Darlow, Alan Garner and Cliff Trott were elected by the meeting. The nomination of Simon Holt as a Youth Representative was approved.

Representatives to the Council of the Association: the County Commissioner proposed that Andrew Wellbeloved and Simon Holt be the County's Representative and Youth Representative respectively, on the Council of the Association. This was approved.

Appointment Of Auditor/Examiner: Mrs Heather Rayner was re-appointed, for a fee to be agreed by the Executive Committee.

## Any Other Business

There was no other business.

## The County Commissioner

Barry Manley reflected on the January 2008 Census figures which had recorded growth of 6.2% in youth membership. He paid tribute to the hard work undertaken by Russ Dyble; and thanked all the County's Leaders and administrators for their contribution to the outstanding result. The surge in enquiries that the Centenary events had generated was continuing but a recent analysis by HQ had shown that GLN had well above average waiting lists. This highlighted the priority that would be given in the coming year to the appointment of new Leaders and the opening of new Sections and Groups..

In this context, Barry announced:

- The appointment of Barbara Garner to the role of ACC Development. Initial projects would be providing a Parents Guide to Scouting in GLN, a DVD of programmes for Leaders and training for non-warranted helpers.
- The formation of Barnet Borough District from a merger of 3 existing Districts ..... Barnet, Hendon & Edgware and Finchley, Friern Barnet & Golders Green. The new District would be launched with a party on 15th October. In the meantime, Charles Rowell would be carrying out the role of DC, Peter Merchant that of Chairman, Heather Wright that of Treasurer, and Jennifer Ayres-Carter that of Secretary. Brian Coleman had accepted an invitation to be District President.
- The search for Contingent Leaders for the 2011 Jamboree would begin shortly to allow two full years for the rest of the members to be selected and prepare.

His grateful thanks were due to:

- the County Team
- the County Executive
- the Field Development Officer
- and Lyn

A Chief Scout's Commendation for Service was presented to Gill Dane; and Long Service Awards to:

- Linda Manley (15 years)
- Aileen Barry, Mark Dowsett, Chris Foster, Fiona Henderson and Charles Rowell (20 years)
- Colin Batsford (25 years)
- Alan Garner, Alan King, Stuart Sinclair and Trish Stone (30 years)

## Guest Speaker

Barry Manley introduced Terry Chimes. After a DVD show with all the appropriate sounds and psychedelic lighting to illustrate his career as the drummer with an internationally famous rock group, Terry reminisced about the lifelong lessons he had learned from his time as a cub, scout and venture scout, and the relevance of those same lessons for the young people today. He thanked the County for all that it was doing; and wished it well in all its future endeavours.

Refreshments were provided by the members of the County and District Fellowships.