

**BROADSTONE SCOUT GROUP**  
**Minutes of the 2022/23 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
**Held online on 15 February 2023**

Attendees: Gill McDonald, Sue Cracknell, Graham Davies; Sue Rice, Tom Lever, Andrew Williams, Clare Stebbing, Jason Hawkins and Carol Bown

Apologies: Simon Harward and those received from parents (unnamed)

**1 Welcome**

1.1 GD welcomed all to the AGM.

**2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

2.1 The minutes of the last AGM 2022 were approved. These were available on the Broadstone Scout Group website.

**3. Nomination of Chair**

3.1 The meeting then proceeded to the election of a chair. GMc nominated Graham Davies and this was seconded by AW. Graham Davies was elected unanimously as Chair.

**4. Nominations and elections to the Executive Committee**

4.1 The meeting then proceeded to the elections of the Executive Committee. Upon nominations duly made and seconded, the following were agreed unanimously and elected to the Executive Committee:

Position	Postholder	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Graham Davies	Gill McDonald	Andrew Williams
Deputy Chair	Andrew Williams	Gill McDonald	Sue Cracknell
GSL	Gill McDonald	Ex officio	
AGSL	Alison Bowden	Ex officio	
Section Leader	Sue Cracknell	Opt in	
Treasurer	Sue Rice	Graham Davies	Clare Stebbing
Secretary	Tom Lever	Graham Davies	Gill McDonald
Committee Member	Simon Harwood	Andrew Williams	Gill McDonald
Committee Member	Ken Pearce	Sue Cracknell	Graham Davies

**5. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts 2022**

5.1 CS and SR reported to the meeting. The accounts had been submitted to the Charities Commission within the deadline. It had been more of a 'normal' year post the COVID period.

- 5.2 The Reserves were healthy and had grown. This had been due in main to the backdated Gift Aid claim amounting to approximately £17,000 being submitted within the 2021-22 period.
- 5.3 The 2022 accounts were approved by the AGM.
- 5.4 SR and CS were thanked for all their fantastic work on the accounts. Going forward the Finance Sub-Committee had been set up to help with the workload.
- 5.5 It was noted the loss of Drusilla's fundraising has created a significant hole in income and fundraising needs to be restarted.
- 5.6 The estimates for required reserves were being finalised. The aim was to determine the monies required to keep the building running should there be another period of shutdown and no activity resulting in no incoming income. This will inform the level of reserves which need to be kept and what funding can be released.
- 5.7 It was noted the energy contract was due for renewal in February 2023. The prices had not yet been confirmed and this meant there was no indication of what the energy costs would be going forward. Waste collections costs were also expected to increase.

## **6. Appointment of accounts scrutineer**

The new independent examiner for 2022 was Jonathan Grew. Jonathan has agreed to also be the independent examiner for 2023. This was approved by the AGM.

## **7. Group Scout Leader's comments**

- 7.1 It had been another busy year of fun, challenge and adventure that is Scouting in Broadstone. The last year had been all about ensuring that units were secure in their return from Covid. Most units have now had at least one residential experience. This academic year we are looking to do more as a group once again.
- 7.2 GMc highlighted the need for building refurbishment works and the need to re-start fundraising events. She flagged the need for someone to lead a new fundraising group.

Volunteers were required for the following:

- to help with young people for Brookdale Cubs, a team needs to be in place for the summer.
- DIY and odd jobs, a couple of people to join the team.
- Fund-raising group

- 7.3 GMc thanked all the leaders for the massive amount that they put in to give our young people such a wonderful time. GMc thanked everyone who worked behind the scenes for us, in so many ways and the Group Executive for their continued support this year. GMc also thanked all the parents for their support of everything that we do.

## **8. District Commissioner's comments**

8.1 District commissioner was not present.

**9. Final remarks and close**

9.1 GD reflected on the year with so much happening. The restructure would be good and this would take the Group forward.

The meeting closed at 2035 hours.