



**MAIDSTONE WEST  
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
AGM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 19th September

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

Location: Hamlet Wood Scout Campsite

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|   | Agenda Item                     | Notes   |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions       | Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance  |
| 2 | Apologies and Attendees         | Apologies and Attendees Listed Below  |
| 3 | Minutes of the AGM Held in 2022 | Copy has been available online. Wendy to ask if they are correct and approve as a true and accurate record of the 2022 meeting.<br><br>Proposed Richard Flood Seconded Daniel Everest and Show of hands   |
| 4 | Treasurers Report               | Great to see some activity following the last few years, explained a breakdown and detailed payments: -<br>- Support for the participants of the world scout Jamboree was a big spend activity this year<br>- A few events for the year<br>- While to be reflected in the next set of accounts- there has been recent expenditure replacing the roof of the district headquarters<br>- 58k reported in bank<br>-17k General reserve<br>- No questions raised<br>- In a good financial position for the year.<br><br>Proposed Pat Hadley and Seconded by Steve James |
| 5 | District Lead Volunteers Report | Lead Volunteer invited Amanda Booth- Hamlet Wood Lead to speak about progress at Hamlet Wood for the year- they were pleased to open the new toilets and that the climbing wall would get auto-belays to widen the activity use for sections. The Gangshow containers have been added and work will   |

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|    |   | <p>continue to make it accessible when its dark. There has been some us of the community payback scheme and boundaries and work around the site has been of great assistance.</p> <p>There has been some really good take up of the Camp Service for a free night for explorers and scouts.</p> <p>There has been a change to the committee where Matt Paramore has taken over as the Finance Lead for Hamlet Wood. Thanking Brian for his services over the past few years</p> <p>Mike O'Kill then continued with the report: Which there has been 5% over the past year</p> <p>Mike thanked all volunteers for their continued hard work.</p> |
| 6  | Formation of New Board  | Formation of New Board:   |
| 7  | Approval of the District Lead Volunteers Nomination of District Chair | <p>The Nomination for Wendy to Continue as District Chair was unanimously supported by Council</p> <p>Proposed by Kirsty Hawkins Seconded by Alex Bishop</p>  |
| 8  | Election of District Treasurer  | <p>Robin Plane was happy to continue in role as Treasurer</p> <p>Proposed by Janice Grant and Seconded by Josh Reynolds</p>   |
| 9  | Election of District Secretary  | <p>Chris Bury was happy to continue in the roll of Secretary</p> <p>Proposed by Nick Keates, Seconded by Daniel Everest</p>   |
| 10 | Approval of the Nominations to the Board of Trustees                  | <p>Sandra Grace Resigned as a Trustee this year but continues as GSL for Yalding- her service was thanked and the following others were proposed for Trustees.</p> <p>Nick Keates, Kevin Jenner, Pat Hadley, Jonathan Atkins, Jake Hawkins, Daniel Everest, Sophie Hodges and Josh Reynolds.</p> <p>Wendy asked if anyone else would like to be put forward</p> <p>Unanimous Agreement at Show of Hands</p>   |
| 11 | Appointment of the Independent Examiner                               | <p>Jason Keeping was nominated as the Independent Examiner</p> <p>Proposed by Jon Atkins, Seconded by Jo Perman</p>   |
| 12 | Appointment of other members to the District Scout Council            | <p>Appointment of The District Lead Volunteer of Maidstone Easy Linda Warring and District Chair Pam Mead to the Council.</p> <p>Unanimous Agreement</p>  |

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| 13 | <u>DC- Presentation of Awards</u> | <p><u>The Following Awards Were Presented by the lead volunteer:</u></p> <p><u>Wood Badges:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Daniel Everest</u></li> <li>- <u>Linda Thomas</u></li> <li>- <u>Colin Shorter</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Growth Awards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Growth In District - 37% Awarded to Coxheath - Collected by Josh Reynolds</li> <li>- Overall Growth in Adults - 9 Additional Leaders- Awarded to Marden - Collected by: Nigel Hadley</li> <li>- Growth in Adults- Tovil- Collected by Kirsty Hawkins</li> <li>- Overall Award to Tovil- Trophy due to percentage growth</li> </ul> <p><u>Commisioners Commidation Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Richard Flood</li> <li>- Robin Plane</li> <li>- Steve James</li> <li>- Kevin Jenner</li> </ul> <p>Wendy was presented flowers from the district as a thank you for services this year by Mike.</p> |
| 14 | County Representatives Report     | <p>Lynda Thomas - Who is County Team Leader for Diversity and Inclusion spoke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanked those attending Apex that year as Transformation Work Continues</li> <li>- Ideas from that day will be taken into the next year</li> <li>- Well done to the Jamboree participants. leaders and IST at the Korean Jamboree for their resilience as to the challenges faced their sure its an adventure not forgotten despite the challenges.</li> <li>- Thank you to Mike and the team and of course trustees for their work in the year.</li> <li>- Was made aware of the grow 50 campaign to drive growth.</li> </ul> <p>Wendy thanked and Closed the Meeting and Invited the Jamboree participants to present</p>   |
| 15 | Jamboree Presentation             | <p>The IST and Young People that attended Korea provided a presentation of their experience which was enjoyed by all.</p>  |

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Apologies

| Name            | Group/ Role                  |
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| Geoff Cooke     | GSL Coxheath                 |
| Ken Ridgeway    | County Rep                   |
| Mark Cope       | District Nights Away Advisor |
| Beccy Martin    | District Badge Secretary     |
| Paul Wordon     | GSL Loose                    |
| Sandra Grace    | GSL Yalding                  |
| Nigel Smetham   | Gangshow Chair               |
| Sue Beeney      | Oakwood Beavers              |
| Audrey Beeching | AGSL Loose                   |
| Nicola Plane    | Wateringbury Cubs            |

Attendees:

| Name             | Group/ Role                             |
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| Mike O'Kill      | District Lead Volunteer                 |
| Wendy O'Kill     | District Chair                          |
| Patricia Hadley  | District Explorer Leader- Young Leaders |
| David Smitherman | Wanderers ESU - Leader                  |
| Daniel Everest   | District Explorer Scout Commisioner     |
| Chris Bury       | District Secretary                      |
| Amanda Booth     | Hamlet Wood Team Lead                   |
| Rohan James      | Explorer Scout - Skylax                 |
| Claire James     | Barming Beavers                         |
| Thomas Hood      | Explorer Scout - Paragon                |
| Steve James      | County Media Team                       |
| Harvey James     | Networker- Maidstone West               |

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| Lynda Thomas    | GSL Barming                      |
| Anna Hilder     | Explorer Lead - Skylax           |
| Martha Bowie    | Explorer- Wateringbury Explorers |
| Bob Bowie       | Parent                           |
| Jo Perman       | AGSL Oakwood                     |
| Richard Flood   | GSL Oakwood                      |
| Jonathan Atkins | District Youth Lead              |
| Alice Gardner   | Explorer- Yalding                |
| Frank Dadd      | Explorer- Yalding                |
| Robert Dadd     | Parent                           |
| Nick Keates     | District Trustee                 |
| Samara Llewlynn | Explorer- Wateringbury           |
| Louise Llewlynn | Parent                           |
| Janice Grant    | District Cub Lead                |
| Will Holmes     | Explorer - Skylax                |
| Louise Homes    | Parent                           |
| David Holmes    | Parent                           |
| Colin Shorter   | Barming GSL                      |
| John Gurnett    | District Trainer                 |
| Jane Gurnett    | District Training Manager        |
| Alex Bishop     | GSL St Michaels                  |
| Kevin Jenner    | Tovil Scout Leader               |
| Harvey Kennett  | Scout Leader- Oakwood            |
| Robin Plane     | District Treasurer               |
| Kirsty Hawkins  | GSL Tovil                        |
| Steph Hill      | District Beaver Lead             |