

ITCHEN SOUTH DISTRICT AGM

**21st July 2021
19.30 VIA ZOOM**

1	Opening Prayer	
	Adrian Mori	
2	District Chair's Welcome	
	<p>Adrian welcomed everyone to the AGM.</p> <p>I would like to welcome you all to this year's AGM, it is a shame that there are not more in attendance after the record number last year. It is a shame that it is a ZOOM meeting again and on a evening like tonight not outside, but maybe next year.</p> <p>As you can see (from the virtual background) I am at site 9 Cricket Camp site with my mug of tea. The campsite is very much open again and looking forward to welcoming visitors so please make use of the facilities and support Cricket.</p> <p>It is really good to see that we are getting back to face to face scouting and it is really encouraging to know that so much has gone on during the lock down period. I was invited to the 7th Bursledon AGM last night where two Chief Scout's Silver Awards were presented, and I know that three have recently been presented at the 6th Hamble. We have also just had three Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards too, as well as three Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards. Well done to all concerned. As an organisation built on outdoor activities and adventure we have weathered 'covid storm' well and although our numbers are down, I am confident they will come back.</p> <p>As we get back to scouting as it should be, I wanted to remind you of the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in international scouting so please spread the word. The county selection process is open and there is funding available from the District.</p> <p>It only remains for me to welcome our County Commissioner, Martin MacKay and to get the meeting underway.</p>	
3	Apologies	
	The Following Apologies were forwarded by Neil O'Sullivan	

	<p>Clare Wright, Charles Hockley, Kevin Earl, Simon Lawrence, Andrew Nesbitt, Sarah Thomas 6th Hamble, Scott Burns 6th Hamble, Gemma Gill 14th Itchen South, Mark Jones, Heather Murray</p> <p>The following apologies were received by Adrian Mori Joan Veal, Colin Floyd (ACC) and Doug Miller DC Itchen North</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of District AGM 22nd July 2020 – Previously Circulated</p> <p>Agreed and signed</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Gerrey Seconded: Steve Doncom</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Accounts were circulated prior to meeting. Any questions? No questions raised Eric reiterated that there were hefty losses at Cricket which we were expecting, and District is doing ok thankfully to grants received.</p> <p>Proposed: Richard Rex Seconded: Gary Foote</p>	
6	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner</p> <p>Dave Richards, Moore Stephens (South) LLP</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Gerrey Seconded: June Burton</p>	
7	<p>Adoption of District Reports – Circulated prior to meeting</p> <p>Adrian will make the reports available via email or online as several attendees said they were unable to locate them.</p> <p>Most reports are reflective of the fact not much has happened this past year, but we are now moving forward.</p>	
8	<p>Appointment of District Chair</p> <p>Meeting was handed over Stuart Morgan.</p> <p>This is the formal part where Adrian steps down and I now move forward to nominating a chair. I would like to nominate Adrian again into the Chair role.</p> <p>Does anyone have any objections? No Objection</p> <p>Adrian was nominated back into post.</p>	

	Adrian told the meeting: I have enjoyed being in this post and am enjoying this side of the role and look forward to learning more this year.	
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9	Election of District Secretary Secretary – Michelle Doncom Proposed: Sue Parker Seconded: Kevin Gilkerson All in agreement	
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10	Election of District Treasurer Treasurer – Eric Gerrey Proposed: Richard Viney Seconded: John Parker All in agreement	
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11	District Commissioner’s Nominations for the Executive Committee	
	Adrian handed the meeting to Stuart – No Nominations this year.	

12	Election of members of the Executive Committee	
	Adrian advised he has 2 nominees, Jan Barfoot & Gary Foote. Is anyone else wishing to stand. Aileen nominated Kevin Gilkerson. Kevin Gilkerson - Nominated: Aileen Wood Seconded: June Burton Gary Foote - Nominated: Nikki Foote Seconded: Sue Parker Jan Barfoot – Nominated: Gordon Brakewell Seconded: Gary Foote These 3 nominees have filled 3 of the 4 spaces for election, many thanks to you all. Eric – In our trustees report we have Russ Park, supporting as an advisor to the Campsite and Steve Moore, who’s roll was to advise on H&S for groups	

	<p>Gordon advised Steve stood down 3-4 years ago but did wish to still offer support to groups. Amendments to be made.</p> <p>Mark Langdown was co-opted in 2020 and agreement to keep Mark Langdown as a co-opted member still stands.</p> <p>All in agreement</p>	
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13	County Commissioner – Martin MacKay	
	<p>Stuart and Adrian thank you for inviting me to your AGM and attendee numbers are similar to other AGM's I have attended recently.</p> <p>I just wanted to say a big thank you to everybody for everything you have been doing as we find ourselves coming out of the Covid Pandemic and coming out of lockdown I guess for most people you are carrying on as you were before and operating sensibly as we go forward.</p> <p>For those of you who may have missed the notification yesterday I was really pleased that we can now stop doing Covid Risk Assessments so Groups don't need to submit to Districts and Districts don't need to send them to County and County don't need to submit them to Regional so this is a big step change for all of us which is good news, although they do need to be factored in.</p> <p>Just going back to Adrian's point about WSJ Hampshire has got the largest contingent that we have ever had going to a World Scout Jamboree to South Korea in 2023, the application process is now wide open and great to hear your District is looking to support young people financially and you should be aware or some of you will be aware that County for the first time is also going to fund young people particularly those young people who might decide that there not going to go to the WSJ and not even apply because they just wouldn't be able to afford it under normal circumstances. So, we're trying to enable people who come from families that perhaps won't have the money to be able to underwrite them despite them heading off trying to raise the money. So it's great to hear there's money from District there is also money from County, so please please encourage where you can young people to apply and don't let them not apply because they are worried that they won't be able to afford it.</p>	

We are coming out of a very difficult period of time and I am ever grateful to everybody who's managed to keep scouting going during the lockdown and it's great to see the amount of scouting that is now back up and running. I know we took a dip at the census at the beginning of the year but certainly from those Districts that are using OSM around the County I am hearing that there numbers are coming back in their droves and in fact in Portsmouth the DC told me they have got more young people and more adults than they had at the peak of their time at the census that we ran last year. I am not sure that's replicated everywhere but I certainly get a sense that young people and adults are coming back so it's just a case of making sure that we have got space for them and actually we've got enough adults to keep Scouting going.

One of my favourite topics is awards, please make sure that we get as many people recognised for their good service through the awards process. I was pleased this year to see the number of people who were on the National Roll of Honour and I had hoped that 27 out of 27 Districts would have people named on there, I think we got to about 20 which was a marked improvement on the previous year. Please use the Good Service Awards to recognise adult volunteers anybody can be nominated for those awards and it's always great to see people get those. But equally Stuart can do Commissioners Commendations and just a big thank you to people goes a long way and my thanks to you for all that.

Otherwise going forward a challenging period that we have just left, we still don't quite know where were going in terms of the un-locking, we are still at Yellow and when we will go to Green who knows, but I think it's probably just worth, and I don't want to sound like a doom monger, letting you know the prevalence of Covid is growing so we just need to keep an eye on that going forward and hopefully we won't regress. But when we are thinking about planning stuff just bare that in mind that things could change despite what our politicians are saying but they hope that won't happen.

Again, thank you very much for inviting me along to your AGM this evening thank you to everybody for coming along tonight and also for those of you (you know who you are) who have provided me with direct support in various guises over the last year or so, not always the most fun things to do, but we're getting there so my thanks to each one of you who have been involved with anything that I've had anything to do with and you know who you are.

	<p>Have a good final part of your AGM, good luck for the next year as we build our way back out as we bounce back going forward and always thinking about the young people and giving them great life experiences and building their confidence as we return and also that of those adults who might be hesitant about coming back. So good luck and thank you very much and I hope to see you again some stage face to face in the not too distant future, Thank you.</p> <p>Adrian – Thanks very much Martin that’s brilliant. It’s really nice to see that Scouting is bouncing back after what is quite a turbulent time. As a mainly outdoor activity-based organisation it has taken quite a hit not being able to do those sorts of things.</p>	
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	<p>That brings us to the end of our Agenda. Stuart is there anything else you would like to say before we go just to sum up or any bits and pieces you would like to mention.</p> <p>Yeah please, thank you Adrian, so thank you Martin as well for your words and also speaking personally from my own point of view, thank you very much for the direct support that you have given me throughout the last year, we have had a number of conversations throughout the year and it has been really good so thank you very much for that.</p> <p>I just wanted to use this opportunity to thank a few people and to plug a couple of things while I have a captive audience, so don’t run away just yet.</p> <p>First of all, can I plug the 11th September, Martin mentioned awards recently, I have a number of awards shall we say, quite a large number of awards which I would like to hand out and present in person. On the 11th September we are having a re-boot event, so it’s a day for the whole District to come together at Cricket we are going to try and do a load of activities and we are also going to try and re-create the year in activities, so the things we have missed out on like Emlyn or Kudo or some of those activities we’ve missed out on we are going to try and re-create in some form in an afternoon and then were going to feed everyone that comes all the young people etc with a BBQ and then in the evening the plan is about 7pm the young people will go home and will then use this as an opportunity to have a curry as a bunch of leaders together and hopefully present some awards and then have a nice relaxing chat around the campfire. So hopefully everyone can make that 11th September.</p> <p>A couple of Teams/People that I would like to thank who have worked tirelessly throughout the period of time we’ve had and as Martin said, the need for Risk Assessments has gone away as of yesterday and I saw a rather cheerful post from Mr Rex who seemed quite delighted about that. But Richard thank you to you and your team, thank you, I know I sit on your WhatsApp Group so I see a lot of the messages and the amount of work that goes in to all of the Risk Assessments, checking them, offering advice, going</p>	
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back to Groups to help them with them etc and just being a fountain of knowledge there you guys have absolutely delivered for the District so thank you it's a bit of a thankless task most people all they want to do is moan about Risk Assessments and you guys have done it with good cheer so thank you for that.

Also, while I'm on the subject of Richard, it's not the REXY show by the way, can I also thank you and your team for Reef for pulling that together. Reef particularly last year when Covid first hit was a phenomenal success, and looking at the stats we got I think we had over 700 people engaged at one point during that weekend which is just phenomenal between the 2 Districts so thank you again to you and your team for the efforts with that.

I would also like to thank Mark and the campsite team, Mark has done a huge amount of work out at the campsite and has pulled together a sizeable team out there now to look after the campsite, they are out there/someone is out there most days checking in, mowing the lawns, sorting out fencing whatever it happens to be there is a whole heap of work happened out there and don't forget that the District is funding you guys as Groups as Sections to go and camp. There is no cost to Itchen South to camp at cricket so please go and make use of it go and see all they're hard work that they have done. It's a resource there for you guys to use, if we don't use it we'll lose it so please make sure you do go and use it. They are also doing a lot of work around activities now and they are looking at creating Activity Boxes, so you will be able to book a box, I don't know what's going to be in all these things, but it might be Frisbee golf or it might be geo caching whatever you book a box and you can go out and use that box for the evening and run activities yourselves, so they've got that going on as well.

Finally, I know he was mentioned by Adrian but I would also like to mention Eric as well not only for the work he does at District level but you may or may not be aware but we took out some Events Insurance just before Covid sent us into lockdown last year with Roverang, it was quite expensive, we took a debate about it, we knew that Covid was happening, we thought it might affect the show, we were fortunate and we managed to get in and get cancellation insurance in place just before they removed that, we tried to get it for Reef as well but we couldn't get it for Reef and then they refused to pay out on that Insurance even though it specifically said contagious diseases in there. Not in our case but there were cases that went all the way through the High Court, Eric monitored that, followed what was going on and then basically hounded Unity quoting case law etc to them and eventually they have paid out. So Eric's hard work and tenacity has effectively made our/or saved the District for Roverang £4,000, so thank you Eric for that, it's one of those un-seen things but there is a huge effort, so thank you Eric for all your efforts on that, you're one of my non-negotiables don't ever go away will you because we need you, so thank you.

That's it really, that's all I wanted to say, I'm just hopeful summer is here, weather is nice, restrictions are significantly reduced and hopefully we will see lots of great activities going on and young people getting out and doing stuff, so just thank you to everyone that's been delivering all of that and continues to deliver that, really appreciate it, and I hope to come to some events if you'll invite me which will be great other than just meetings please.

Adrian – Thanks very much Stuart I sort of echo that as well, I mean I'd like to be able to get out and meet people as well because I haven't had the

<p>opportunity to do that and it would be really nice to be able to get round the groups and meet people and get involved in things that are going on and know what's happening and re-acquaint myself with some people that I haven't seen for years and meet some new people.</p> <p>That's it, I mean just about half an hour and we're all done so that's absolutely perfect everyone can get back to what they were doing beforehand. I would just like to thank everybody that's turned out for us this evening on this hot evening. I would really like to thank all the people that are on the Executive committee who I work with closely I think your all doing a fantastic job and we're looking after the District and everything is going the way it should do, so let's keep going with that and hopefully we can have another good year and we can go from strength to strength.</p> <p>That's it, meeting closed, thank you very much indeed.</p>	
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Meeting closed at 20:04

23 Attendees- list of attendees as follows :

Stuart Morgan
Richard & Esther Viney
Adrian Mori
Gordon and Sue Brakewell
Richard Rex
Sue and John Parker
June Burton
Kevin Gilkerson
Eric Gerrey
Martin MacKay
Nikki and Gary Foote
Tom Axton
Chris Harney
Mark Langdown
Aileen Wood
Neil O'Sullivan
Florence Gilliam
Michelle & Steve Doncom
Jan Barfoot