



**The 58th Annual General meeting of
The Greater London South County Scout Council
Saturday 22nd July 2023**

The Fort - South London Scout Centre

Grange Lane, Dulwich, London, SE21 7LH

Officers:

County President

Bill Stern

County Commissioner

Darren Lodge

County Chair

Becca Smith

1. Welcome and Introduction

All guest were welcomed to the meeting.

Reflections - A minute's silence was held for all members of the County that have "Gone Home" in the last 12 months.

2. Apologies for absence.

The County Chair asked for a list of the apologies for absence which were read and noted.

Apologies had been received from...

- Wendy James
- Peter James
- Ross Whittome
- Brian Sweeting
- Peter Hapgood

3. Minutes of the previous 57th Annual General Meeting

These were accepted by the county executive committee as a true record of the meeting and were approved with a show of hands. Result if the vote was, all in favour with no objections.

4. Undertaking of governance oversight

The adoption of the constitution of the Greater London South County Scout Council was approved in full, with no objections.

The dates of the county financial year were confirmed as 1 April to 31 March.

Number of elected members to be elected to the Trustee Board was confirmed as a maximum of six [6].

5. Review of previous year Annual Report and Annual Statement of Accounts.

Chair thanked Matt Butterfield for his work to create the Annual Report and accounts. These have been approved by the County Trustee Board and have been on the website for review.

The end of year accounting has been checked by our nominated accountant Latham Lambourne Ltd.

Agreement of the annual report and statement of accounts was approved in full with no objections.

6. Make appointments.

There was a show of votes from the council members for their approval of the following positions. All approved with no objections or abstaining.

a. District nominations to the County Scout Council

Lambeth:	Cheryl Stonebridge
Lewisham:	Joe McEvilly
Royal Greenwich:	Terry Wiggins
Southwark:	Kay Francis
Wandsworth:	Adrian Burton

b. Additional members

None added at this time.

c. Lead volunteer nomination for County Chair

Becca Smith to return as Chair.

d. Election of County Secretary

Remains vacant. Kay Francis has agreed to act as minute taker in the interim.

e. Election of County Treasurer

Martyn Bain has stepped down. John Sweeney who has finished his role as DC for Royal Greenwich will act as Bookeeper in the interim.

f. Approval of the Lead volunteer nomination for members of the County Trustee Board

- Roe Hennessy-Littlejohns
- Joseph Shippa m
- Jason Hagan
- Mark Doverty
- Ben Stewart

a. Election of Trustee Board Scout Council nominations for members of the County Trustee Board

Trustee member	Nominated by:	Seconded by
David Attenborough	Gordon Carr	John Sweeney
Cheryl Stonebridge	Ross Whittome	Martyn Bain
Russell Jones	Alfie Francis	Kevin Garlick
Ben Ensom	Wendy James	Peter Hapgood
Katie Sturgess	Matt Butterfield	Kay Francis

As the number of nominations do not exceed the number of persons to be appointed there is no need for an election process.

b. Approval of the appointments of County President and Vice Presidents

President

- Bill Stern

Vice presidents

- Gordon Carr
- Howard B. Strong
- Linda Hurford
- Mike Jackson
- Peter James
- Roger Cooke

c. Appointment of independent examiner /Auditor

Latham Lambourne, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors.
18 Woodlands Park, Bexley, Kent, DA5.

d. Election of a representative and a Youth Member of the County Scout Council

Matthew Butterfield and Joseph Shippam (U25).

2. Agreeing the quorums

The following quorums were approved with no objections or abstaining by council members.

a. County Scout Council – fifteen [15]

Must include County lead volunteer OR County Chair PLUS two [2] other members of the current County Trustee Board.

b. County Trustee Board – five [5]

Must include County lead volunteer OR County Chair.

c. Sub Committees – four [4]

Must include sub committee chair PLUS three [3] other members of the sub committee.

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of persons to be appointed all nominations were approved by the Council. The Chair announced they are duly appointed.

3. The County Chairman's Address

Becca Smith addressed members. Key points:

- Look back over their first year as County chair.
- Thanked Trustee board members for their time, energy and ongoing support.
- Thanked those involved with organising the Jamboree and County international trip to Croatia.
- Thanked Matt Butterfield for his work as Transformation lead for the county.

4. The County Commissioner's Address

Darren Lodge addressed the members. Key points:

- County continues to grow with membership almost back to pre-pandemic numbers.
- Thanked The County Trustee Board, District Commissioners and their leadership teams for their hard work.
- Reiterated the County Chair's appreciation for those who lead and support the International trips.
- Thanked John Sweeney for his dedication to the role of District Commissioner of Royal Greenwich.
- Sincere thanks to Matt for his work on the transformation programme.
- Finished with the message to all volunteers to, 'keep doing what you are doing as your Young People appreciate it'.

5. The Regional Commissioner's Address

Richard Williams addressed the members. Key points:

- Showed his appreciation to all those who had given him the opportunity to visit and see the great things they are doing from Meeting new Squirrel Dreys to the Jamboree contingent members.
- Thanked all those who have been involved with the recent national events (Royal jubilee, funeral and coronation) for their 'good quality' Scouting.
- He appreciated all the effort from across the County on the efforts being made with the transformation programme and encouraged everyone to continue to be adaptable and ready for change.

6. To close the meeting

Chair thanked all for joining and called the meeting to at close at 1.26pm.