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To: All Council Members: County President, County Patron, County Vice Presidents, Regional Commissioner, County Management Team, County Programme Team, County Scouters & Advisors, County Training LTM's, County Executive and Sub Committees, District Commissioners, District Chairman, District Secretaries, District Treasurers, District SAS Managers.
Invited guests: Blackwell Adventure Team, Regional Development Manager, Clement Keys and all other distinguished guests.

From: Nick Fawdry County Secretary nick.fawdry@birminghamscouts.org.uk

Date: Monday 16th May 2016

Subject: 108th Birmingham County Scout Council AGM 2016

The meeting was held on Monday 16th May 2016 at Guide Headquarters Trefoil House.

Present: refer to sign in sheet

Agenda Item.	Topic
	In advance of the AGM a reception was arranged by the Stake Holders Committee including Gerry Russell, Geoff Shuttleworth and Pete Oldham. Invitations had been sent to the County President, County Patron and all Vice Presidents.
1.	<p>Welcome guests and confirm meeting is quorate</p> <p>Dave Allen welcomed guests including David Bradnock (Deputy Lieutenant West Midlands) and family, Mike Leddy (Deputy Lord Mayor), Dan Potter (Regional Commissioner), County Vice Presidents, Maggie Jones (County Commissioner Girlguiding Birmingham) and Sue Burton (Assistant County Commissioner Girlguiding Birmingham), our District Commissioners, Leaders and Robert Vaughan (Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire Freemasons).</p> <p>Dave Allen then asked Nick Fawdry to confirm that the meeting was Quorate. Nick Fawdry referred to a list of members of the Scout Council on the projector. Following a raise of hands Dave Allen confirmed we had more than 20 members present and that the meeting was quorate.</p>
2.	<p>Opening, welcome opening prayers</p> <p>Joe Blackburn opened the meeting with prayers and remembered those Scouters we had lost during the early part of 2016.</p>
3.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Nick Fawdry announced apologies received and proposed that those names entered onto the sheets at the entrance to the meeting should be accepted as listed.</p>

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County Secretary: Nick Fawdry County Treasurer: Linda Gurmin

4.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Dave Allen announced that the minutes of the 107th Annual General Meeting held on the 19th May 2015 have been circulated. Nick Thomas proposed and Mary Van Roy seconded the adoption of the minutes.</p> <p>4a – The vote was taken to adopt the minutes</p>
5.	<p>Matters arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>Dave Allen went on to mention that there were no outstanding matters that required discussion as they had been dealt with in the ordinary meetings of the County Executive Committee.</p>
6.	<p>County Commissioners Report including status of 2018 strategy</p> <p>Andrew Lloyd (County Commissioner) presented his annual report.</p> <p>Andrew Lloyd reported that it has been 24 months since taking over the role. Andrew referred to a presentation on the projector and started with a video called Our Year of Adventure.</p> <p>Andrew referred to our Scouting Vision for 2018 and that the County and District teams have been working to progress activities within each of the four pillars (Growth, Inclusivity, Youth Shaped and Community Impact) that make up the vision.</p> <p>From a Growth perspective we reported a 6.4% growth in total numbers in January 2016. With 6662 members across the County.</p> <p>Growth - Over the last 5 years near 15% growth reported which is nearly 1000 extra people. This includes growing sections and new groups. However according to our waiting lists we have 230 ready to join. Andrew asked that we review our sections to try and find the spaces. Our target in 2019 is a target of 7200 members, if we keep growing as we have done we believe that we can achieve this number.</p> <p>Inclusivity – we have the Better Prepared project setting up and developing the 320th Tame Valley in Lozells supported by Elizabeth Baizon. We are also working with the Muslim Scout Fellowship in a number of Districts.</p> <p>Youth Shaped – Sean Kelly (County Youth Commissioner) and Jack Bettam (Rea Valley) attended the National Conference in February. The County has appointed Sean Kelly as County Youth Commissioner and Jamie Burrell as Deputy County Youth Commissioner. Their plan is to roll out the appointment of District Youth Commissioners in each District. These roles are really important as they ensure our young people have a voice in the development of Scouting. We do this very well in small pockets such as Cub Councils and P.L's Councils, we would like carry this best practice to a wider audience and spread it across the whole County.</p> <p>Community Impact – In the last months we have seen the launch of a programme called One million hands during Community week. This is all about getting the 500,000 members of Scouting across the UK and is to support partner charities such as Alzheimer's Society, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Guide Dogs, Mind, Water Aid and Canal & River trust which were chosen by the young people in the working party. The topics covered are Dementia, Disability, Mental Wellbeing, Clean Water and Sanitation. Andrew referred to a video A Million Hands – Four Issues which was then shown</p> <p>Andrew then moved on to talk about the programme of activities being run across the Groups, Districts and County. Many of the County events sell out within weeks of the launch. Andrew then "plugged" BrumJam even though it is full for participants we are still looking for some staff. Also the County Cub</p>

	<p>100 camp with 500 attending. The Beaver section also has it 30th year Beaver Challenges. As a County we are leading and supporting a number of National events including NSGSO and the Memorial Project and Gilwell 24. The TSMP memorial will be unveiled on 7th June.</p> <p>Andrew then moved on to speak about the Big Idea which is a project to provide funding support for small and medium sizes Scouting Projects across the wider County from the numerous generous donations we have received. From the first round of applications we have given out circa £9000 to projects including equipment for expeditions, training for mini bus licences, promotional stalls for Pride, equipment racking and GPS equipment. We would like to use the projects that we are supporting as a catalyst to generate more donations going forwards. Andrew noted his thanks to all those who had made donations.</p> <p>Andrew then spoke about the many and various awards issued to groups, young people and leaders, this included a Queens Award for Voluntary Service which was awarded to 237th Castle Bromwich, 27 Queen's Scouts Awards, 2 Scout of the World Awards, c250 Chief Scout's Awards, 2 Silver Wolf Awards, 3 Bar to the Silver Acorn Awards and 3 Silver Acorn Awards. Along with a large contingent that attended the Queen's Scout Award parade at Windsor Castle and Amy Keogh who made a live broadcast on Radio WM.</p> <p>Andrew concluded by passing on a huge thank you to all those who run brilliant programmes across the Groups, Districts and County with the support of some great District teams and the County Team.</p>
7.	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Lynn Gurmin together with Simon Atkins (PKF Cooper Parry) presented the County Financial Report. This included the consolidated accounts for the County charity accounts and Blackwell Adventure accounts.</p> <p>Lynn thanked all the Leaders who had been running various County events and the processes and procedure are now in place and running well.</p> <p>Simon Atkins reported the following results: Simon referred to the consolidated accounts summary. The first page shows the split between County and Blackwell Adventure accounts First dealing with County accounts Simon commented on the very generous donations received of circa £38,000 and the dividends from our investment portfolio of circa £11,000 and the County Shop income of £38,000 totalling £90,570. The Charitable activities included the membership fees £43,000 and County Events (including BrumJam, Kandersteg 2017 and NSGSO) of £111,000. Expenditure includes County Shop, telephone, administration and the various grants through the Big Idea project £193,000. This leaves a surplus at County level of £52,131 however we have to consider the timing of events where income is received in one year and the expenditure is made in the following year. Simon made a further reference and acknowledgement of the various donations which is detailed at the bottom of page 1. The report for Blackwell Adventure was very positive having reported last year a good financial result this was again in 2015 another good year with income of 937,000 showing that Blackwell Adventure remains as a good proposition for Scouts, Girlguides, Schools and business using the centre. When considering the various expenditures the surplus was £45,000. Page 2 shows the various funds available and what they are for. The left hand column shows the various fixed assets and equipment owned and the fund balances totalling £282,000. The investment portfolios held by County are currently worth £267,000. There is currently £440,000 in cash in the bank (was £277,000 in 2014) which while this is an increase this does include the expenditures for various events already mentioned which will take place in 2016 and future years. When considering the various stocks and debtors the closing balance is £1,033,625 for the year end.</p>

	<p>The full set of accounts will be made available on the County website in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Simon made reference to the various financial control mechanisms and gave a clean bill of health for both County and Blackwell Adventure.</p> <p>Simon then asked if there were any questions. None were raised.</p>
8.	<p>Adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Report</p> <p>David Bradnock County President proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31.12.15</p> <p>8b - Simon Cardall seconded the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts.</p> <p>8c - The vote was taken to adopt the Annual Report and Accounts</p>
9.	<p>The County President (Deputy Lieutenant West Midlands)</p> <p>David Bradnock took the opportunity as County President to speak to the Scout Council.</p> <p>David Bradnock made the following address. David Bradnock referred to his involvement in the organisation and how it has given him an insight to how it works. Please note that the following is not precise or a complete reproduction however gives a strong indication of the words.</p> <p><i>This is illustrated by meeting so many of you, I have actually been able to get what I call 'under the skin' of how they function and operate I'm absolutely overawed in lots of way by what I would say is ordinary people doing extra ordinary jobs. You as County Commissioners and District Commissioners as Group Scout Leaders give your time - your premium time in real terms sometimes at the sacrifice of other people to make this organisation a success that it is.</i></p> <p><i>I thought this evenings report by the County Commissioner gave a real amount of encouragement to the progress that is being made under his jurisdiction and can I just say Andrew and all the County team thank you so much because I've always said that leadership is a difficult and treacherous place to be and you have to make chemistry work and conditions where people accept, cooperate and actually act as one organisation. The whole organisation is built up on sound principles but expending it in such an area to incorporate modern thinking and it really demonstrates to me very much, how much the County benefits from the work that you under take.</i></p> <p><i>The County Commissioner has alluded to the Queen's Award (for voluntary service) and it would be my ambition to actually encourage those Groups to actually think about the application. Simon Cardall and Paul Little will give a real lot of support in terms of how you can make that application. It is very competitive however it is well worth doing.</i></p> <p><i>One of the other privileges I have is to present the Scout of the World Awards and I have to say that if there are two people I am in awe of is Peter and Jean Rookes. I have to say they are extraordinary people, they give their time, their expertise and their commitment for so many years and when we do the faiths for fun which I have to say has been an encouragement they actually demonstrate to an almost global situation that when you have young people it doesn't matter what race or gender, they come together and that's a start. So Peter and Jean can I say this year was an outstanding success with over 120 young people there mixing, playing and celebrating together it's a remarkable achievement.</i></p> <p><i>I also had the privilege of presenting two Scout of the World Awards. Alex Rossi who was actually in Palestine as part of the (poor sound) project, he gave a presentation which was very very impressive to see these people go out into some of the most dangerous areas of the world and actually survive and make a spirited adventure and come back and report to us about there under takings. We also had Dan Bow he went to Guatemala with the Young Christian Association, an area of post conflict – you couldn't go into two more difficult or challenging areas of the world. So can I say congratulations to Dan and Alex for the work they did.</i></p> <p><i>It is clear that I have to thank the County team because I know from my other experiences all the skills we have in all the departments of whether it be in the I.T department or administration – detailed, accurate and precise and in my mind that is the secret to a well-run organisation. So can I just say to all the County team my real great thanks.</i></p> <p><i>We are due to celebrate that achievement at the Arboretum which will mark and celebrate the lives that were given during the first and second world war and (let us not) forget which has been started off in very small</i></p>

	<i>beginnings, almost kind of rejected and has become a success and I have to say we are looking forward to that dedication that will take place at the Arboretum later this month.</i> <i>So can I say my thanks, to the Deputy Lord Mayor who has always been a supporter, to David (Gilburn) for all the work you have done at Blackwell Adventure who has made a significant contribution to that organisation and has now joined the (County) Executive and can I say to all those on the platform and all those in front of me thank you for all that you do for our young people. Many thanks.</i>																																																								
10.	Presentation of 23rd World Scout Jamboree – Kirara-hama, Japan John Nelson (Jamboree Unit Leader) made a presentation on behalf of the Japan 2015 Jamboree Unit. John referred to the experience of taking a group to a Jamboree which was a great privilege and honor. John thanked all those in the room for the support in fund raising and at the various activities. John also thanks Kris Hennegan, Sean Kelly and Dave (Fitz) Fitzgerald for their help as Assistant and Deputy Unit Leaders. John mentioned that taking 36 young people from Birmingham and watching them cooperate and learn from other cultures has definitely made our world a better place – more tolerant, more understanding. John then referred to an excellent video presentation which showed their Jamboree adventure which has been prepared by Fitz and the team.																																																								
11.	Presentation of Highest Awards for Youth Members Nick Fawdry explained that with the change in the way in which Higher Awards are presented in the County with a separate evening hosted by the Northfield Pathfinder Freemasons Lodge in mid-April, it had been agreed that the names of the Young People should still be read out at the AGM to ensure the details are duly recorded and the hard work recognised. Queen’s Scout Award read out by Steve Thomas - ACC (Explorer Scouts) Awarded up to 22 nd March 2016 <table><tr><td>Elizabeth Chalmers</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Nicholas Bayliss</td><td>Spitfire</td></tr><tr><td>Emmie Chalmers</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Kathryn Broadbent</td><td>Spitfire</td></tr><tr><td>Michael Hipkiss</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Hannah Dyer</td><td>Spitfire</td></tr><tr><td>Rachel Price</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Jeavan Garcha</td><td>Spitfire</td></tr><tr><td>Peter Shaw</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Taranvir Bedi</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Sam Tanner</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Ashwin Cummings</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Nicholas Valente</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Omari Grant</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Jamie Wall</td><td>Cole Valley</td><td>Navneet Gupta</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Joseph Davis</td><td>Rea Valley</td><td>Amy Keogh</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Matthew Frost</td><td>Rea Valley</td><td>James Lynam</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Daniel Thomas</td><td>Rea Valley</td><td>Daniel Marsh</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Adam Boulton</td><td>Sutton Coldfield East</td><td>Matthew Milman</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td>Alasdair Fellows</td><td>Sutton Coldfield West</td><td>Thomas Paddock</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Nikita Sowan</td><td>Tame Valley</td></tr></table> Explorer Belts read out by Paul Barlow – ACC (International) Awarded up to 22 nd March 2016 No Explorer Belts were presented this year however Paul Barlow commented that we hope to have some next year with Expeditions taking place later in 2016: Rock Explorer Unit expedition to Canada & USA Hurricane Explorer Unit expedition to Austria	Elizabeth Chalmers	Cole Valley	Nicholas Bayliss	Spitfire	Emmie Chalmers	Cole Valley	Kathryn Broadbent	Spitfire	Michael Hipkiss	Cole Valley	Hannah Dyer	Spitfire	Rachel Price	Cole Valley	Jeavan Garcha	Spitfire	Peter Shaw	Cole Valley	Taranvir Bedi	Tame Valley	Sam Tanner	Cole Valley	Ashwin Cummings	Tame Valley	Nicholas Valente	Cole Valley	Omari Grant	Tame Valley	Jamie Wall	Cole Valley	Navneet Gupta	Tame Valley	Joseph Davis	Rea Valley	Amy Keogh	Tame Valley	Matthew Frost	Rea Valley	James Lynam	Tame Valley	Daniel Thomas	Rea Valley	Daniel Marsh	Tame Valley	Adam Boulton	Sutton Coldfield East	Matthew Milman	Tame Valley	Alasdair Fellows	Sutton Coldfield West	Thomas Paddock	Tame Valley			Nikita Sowan	Tame Valley
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12.	<p>Presentation of Scouting Awards for adult members Andrew Lloyd and Pete Oldham presented the adult higher awards for:</p> <p>St. Georges Day Awards (Adults) Silver Wolf Mike Male – County SAS Janice Rimmell (deceased) - Spitfire</p> <p>Bar to the Silver Acorn Mary Mills – County & Cole Valley South Sylvia Stevens – County SAS Ray Stevens - County SAS</p> <p>Silver Acorn Nigel Speakman - Sutton Coldfield East Pamela Stanley - Sutton Coldfield East Donald Welch – Sutton Coldfield West</p> <p>Service Awards (County roles only) Andrew Lloyd presented the Service awards</p> <p>Amy Jennings – 10 year service award Simon Cardall – 40 year service award Joseph Blackburn – 60 year service award</p> <p>Wood Badges (County roles only) Andrew Lloyd and Steph Fawdry presented the training awards</p> <p>Mary Van Roy – ACC (Beaver Scouts) Nick Thomas – ACC (Scouts) Steve Thomas – ACC (Explorer Scouts) Paul Barlow – ACC (International) Simon Cardall – DCC (Development)</p> <p>Gifts for completion of role (County roles only) Dave Woods – LTM (not present) Richard Hyland – LTM (not present)</p>																																				

	<p>Dave Evans – LTM Viv Jones – CSA Award Coordinator</p>
13.	<p>The Lord Mayor</p> <p>The Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Mike Leddy represented the Lord Mayors Office as the Lord Mayor had just returned from the Invictus Games. Cllr Mike Leddy however did not wish to add any comments. Instead Dave Allen thanked Cllr Mike Leddy for his ongoing support of Scouting in Birmingham.</p>
14.	<p>Appointment of County Chairman</p> <p>Andrew Lloyd announced the appointment of Dave Allen as County Chairman for the next 12 months</p>
15.	<p>Election of County Secretary and County Treasurer</p> <p>Dave Allen proposed the election of Nick Fawdry as County Secretary and Lynn Gurmin as County Treasurer for the next 12 months.</p> <p>15b - Paul Little seconded the proposal</p> <p>15c - The vote was taken to adopt the proposal</p>
16.	<p>Appointment of Financial Auditors</p> <p>Lynn Gurmin proposed the appointment of PKF Cooper Parry as auditors to the County for the next 12 months</p> <p>15a – Nick Fawdry seconded the proposal</p> <p>15b - The vote was taken to adopt the proposal</p>
17.	<p>Membership of the County Executive</p> <p>Nick Fawdry announced the matters concerning the membership of the County Executive Committee. Nick Fawdry made reference to the information shown on the projector. Dave Allen proposed that these were elected on block and the vote was taken</p> <p>Members include:</p> <p>Committee Members Ex-Officio Andrew Lloyd - County Commissioner Dave Allen - County Chairman Nick Fawdry - County Secretary Linda Gurmin - County Treasurer Sean Kelly – County Youth Commissioner</p> <p>Nominated Members (voting) Adam Brinkworth Harry Fowler Alex Harverson Janet Sutton Gerry Russell</p>

	<p>Elected Members (voting) David Phillips John Smith Yvonne Woodhall Rhys Mant Heidi Guest</p> <p>Co-opted Members (voting) Chair of the Appointment Advisory Sub Committee - Simon Cardall Chair of the Faiths and Beliefs Sub Committee - Daryl Holloway County Centres Strategic Development Sub Committee - David Gilburn</p> <p>Invited to Attend (none voting) Regional Development Manager - open County Communications Manager - Amanda Cardall County Safety Co-ordinator - Chris Ely Chair of Blackwell Adventure - Gerald Peel</p> <p>Right to Attend (none voting) Regional Commissioner – Dan Potter</p>
18.	<p>President, Patron and Vice Presidents</p> <p>Nick Fawdry announced the President, Patron and Vice Presidents both existing and new. Nick Fawdry made reference to the information shown on the projector screen. It was proposed by Dave Allen that these were elected on block and the vote was taken</p> <p>The President, Patron and Vice Presidents for 2016 are:</p> <p>County President David Bradnock MBE, DL, JP, FBHI</p> <p>County Patron John Saville DL,JP</p> <p>Vice Presidents The Archbishop of Birmingham – The Most Reverend Bernard Longley The Bishop of Birmingham - The Rt. Revd. David Urquhart Cllr Randall Brew Mr Duncan Cadbury Mr Tom Cryer Mr Lawrence Fagg Hon. Ald. Len Gregory Mr Gordon Higginson Mr Rick Keeber Mr Brian Kimberley Mrs Sheila Kimberley Mr Roger Morcom Mr Peter Oldham Mr Paul Platnauer Mr Graham Shaylor OBE Mrs Marion Simms Mr Peter L Taylor Mrs Sarah Trinder Miss Linda Bateman Mrs Maggie Jones Mr Daryl Holloway</p>

19.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>There had been only one item of AOB given prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Dave Allen invited Jamie Burrell Deputy County Youth Commissioner to speak. Jamie spoke about the Youth Commissioner roles which are part of the 2018 vision. Between Sean and Jamie they wish to develop the team of people by helping to appoint at least one District Youth Commissioner in each of the 6 Districts who will then support Groups and run local forums to ensure the voice of the young people is considered in the development and programme of Scouting. Jamie asked that if anybody would like to nominate a young person or knows a suitable young person to be a District Youth Commissioner to please submit it.</p>
20.	<p>Closing and thanks</p> <p>Dave Allen then expressed his thanks to:</p> <p>Steve Thomas and the Explorers for manning the car parks and Paul Barlow for manning the front doors.</p> <p>Our friends at the Girlguiding Birmingham for the use of their building and refreshments.</p> <p>Kris Hennegan and Brian Lewis for providing and setting up the I.T which was a great investment and vast improvement on the previous year.</p> <p>Dave Allen closed the meeting at 20.55hrs</p>