

**BLACKTOFT BEACON SCOUT COUNCIL**  
Annual General Meeting  
(Notes taken)  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**SM** made Health & Safety and domestic announcements.

**1. Introduction and welcome**

**SM** Welcomed everyone and thanked those present for coming.

Alan Hayward	John Jobling	Gary McCune	Joy Milestone
Scott Millard	Wendy Macadam	Frank Cook	Jo Cook
Claire Norman	Shaun Wilson	Andy Wales	Colin Fitch
Linda Thelwell	Magnus Druitt	Josh Morablanco	Gayle Tomlin

**2. Apologies for absence**

Lucy Carne, Rachael Macadam, Paul Daniel, Carl Cooper, Liz Fraser, Amelia Bateman-Young

**3. Governance topics**

**3a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

**SM:** asked for approval.

Seconder, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

**3b. Note the District's financial year.**

**SM:** Asked the District Scout Council members to note our charity's financial year is 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

**3c. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board**

**SM:** The District Scout Council must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends that **17** people are appointed.

**SM** proposed the District Scout Council approves the recommendation.

Seconder, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

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### **3d. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council Trustee Board meetings.**

**SM:** The District Scout Council must agree its quorum for Trustee Board Meetings. The District Scout Council commends the **quorum** should be set at **one third** of its trustee members.

SM proposed the District Scout Council approve the recommendation.

Seconder, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

## **4. Review of the previous year**

### **4a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Blacktoft Beacon**

**SM** asks the District Lead Volunteer **Alan Hayward** to present the Annual Review.

#### Acting Lead Volunteer Blacktoft Beacon Report for AGM July 2024.

I am pleased welcome you all to the AGM and thank you for your attendance and all the work that you do in the Groups and sections in the District. Blacktoft Beacon remains a strong and active District with the County.

The great strength of the Groups is that we continue to have a Lead Volunteer in each of our Groups and although there have been some changes of Lead Volunteer, Section leaders and young people continue to be supported at local level. My thanks to those new Lead Volunteers who have stepped in to fill a vacant role.

Numbers remain very healthy with the 2024 census showing 1002 young people and 252 leaders and adults in supporters of the groups. And you/ we're not finished yet as the Scout Association have set growth targets for all Districts in the Country.

What this means for Blacktoft is another 89 young people in existing sections and the launching of 5 new squirrel sections. Individual targets have been cascaded to Groups via their Lead Volunteers. The measure point for this is the 2026 census so good luck and go for it. If your Group has not received a target, your challenge is to retain your numbers and grow wherever possible.

Activities remain the key to attracting and retaining young people. Nights Away continue at a very high level which is great to record. In the calendar year a total of 89 Nights Away events were held and the total to date for 2024 stands at 63. They range from sleepovers for the younger sections to traditional week -long summer camps.

Events arrange by the District also feature in the programme and I' m pleased to record the formation of an events team with different adults coming forward to front a tram to arrange specific events.

As well as taking part in the County led trip to Austria last summer when Blacktoft leaders filled some of the key posts, the event team have arranged.

3 evening sleepovers at the Deep in Hull.

A joint St Georges Day celebration with Beverley and Hornsea District at Beverley Racecourses

A campcraft competition at Tablers Wood

A fun day at William Den.

All these in addition to running events in their Groups.

As a result of the high number of events it will come as no surprise to learn that Blacktoft figure large in adult award, and I was privileged to be present at the annual St Georges Day Award Presentation when the fantastic work was given recognition. My congratulations to all recipients and my thanks to Linda and Joy for managing the process.

Finally, my thanks for the support of Scott and the other hard working members Trustee Board and for their dedication and commitment to sound governance of the Districts affairs and my thanks also to members of the District Team, Josh, Wendy, Rory for keeping me on the 'straight and narrow.'

Enjoy the rest of the evening, the summer break and let's go again in 2025.

Thank you.

Alan Hayward  
Lead Volunteer-Adult Support  
Humberside Scouts

**SM** thanks District Lead Volunteer for his review.

#### **4b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts**

**SM** asked the District Scout Council to approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts (received from the **independent auditor Peter Sargeson.**)

**SM** asked the District Treasurer to give their explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

**CN** explains the Statement of Accounts.

**SM** invited questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts. No questions raised.

**SM** thanked the Treasurer's **JJ (to Dec 23) and Claire (from Jan 24)**

Seconder, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

#### **5. Making appointments**

**SM** advised the meeting that this part of the meeting would be used to organise the set-up of the District Trustees until the next AGM and that a Trustee Board would be appointed to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year.

#### **5a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**

**SM** hands the chairmanship of this meeting over to the District Lead Volunteer.

**AH** The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that **Scott Millard** should be appointed as District Chair.

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

**AH** hands the chairmanship of this meeting back to District **SM**.

**5b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**

**SM** The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that **Claire Norman** should be appointed as District Treasurer.

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

**5c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board for a 3-year term.**

**SM.** The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that the 17 names below should be appointed as members of the District Trustee Board.

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| 1. District Lead volunteer | <b>Alan Hayward</b>                           |
| 2. District Youth Lead     | <b>Rory Kershaw</b>                           |
| 3. DTBM + Chair            | <b>Scott Millard</b>                          |
| 4. DTBM + Treasurer        | <b>Claire Norman</b>                          |
| 5. DTBM                    | <b>Amelia Bateman- Young (NEW + under 25)</b> |
| 6. DTBM                    | <b>Josh Morablanco</b>                        |
| 7. DTBM                    | <b>John Jobling</b>                           |
| 8. DTBM                    | <b>Linda Thelwell</b>                         |
| 9. DTBM                    | <b>Paul Daniel</b>                            |
| 10. DTBM                   | <b>Liz Fraser</b>                             |
| 11. DTBM                   | <b>Joy Milestone</b>                          |
| 12. DTBM                   | <b>Andy Wales</b>                             |
| 13. DTBM                   | <b>Jo Cook</b>                                |
| 14. DTBM                   | <b>Frank Cook</b>                             |
| 15. DTBM                   | <b>Wendy Macadam</b>                          |
| 16. DTBM                   | <b>Shaun Wilson</b>                           |
| 17. DTBM                   | <b>Carl Cooper</b>                            |

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

***(5ci The new Administrator role, which will go live during TSA transformation, to be added to the following trustee board members)***

*Josh Morablanco – (Explorer records)*

*Joy Milestone – (welcome conversations and training)*

*Linda Thelwell – (minute taker for meetings including Trustee Board meetings.)*

**SM** thanked the Trustees for their work during the past year.

#### **5d. Re-appoint District Vice Presidents**

**SM** asked the District Scout Council to re-appoint the District Vice Presidents.

**SM** advises that **Andy Eavis & Christian Carver** be re-appointed as Vice Presidents.

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

#### **5e. Appoint the Independent Auditor**

**CN** proposes **Peter Sargeson**.

**SM** confirmed that **Peter Sargeson** has been proposed and is qualified for the role.

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

#### **5f. Trustee Board member to represent the District on the County Scout Council**

**SM** Nominated **Amelia Bateman-Young** as District representative to the County Scout Council.

Seconded, the meeting showed their hands and approved.

### **6. Closing remarks**

**The County Lead volunteer GM** asked that his thanks be recorded to all volunteers in Blacktoft Beacon for their support and dedication to local Scouting. He congratulated the District for the amazing total number of nights away recorded by the groups in the last year. Gary went on to highlight the focus being placed on Safety and Assurance within The Scout Association. He stressed that we all need to 'sharpen our pencil' to make sure we are conducting all activities with thorough Risk Assessments in place. We need to consider and check every time we deliver an activity as to, (1) how do I know it is safe, (2) show me it is safe, (3) tell me why it is safe, before moving on to deliver.

**LT** presented **Joy Milestone** with her 30 Year service award. The Scout Council showed their appreciation for the hard work and dedication Joy has given.

**SM** closed the AGM, thanking everyone for attending and added his thanks to **Frank and Jo Cook** for providing the refreshments.

### **Dates for the coming year Trustee Board meetings 2024 to 2025.**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (AGM)