



# Baden-Powell Scouts' Association Headquarters

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## Baden Powell Scout Association AGM Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 - Linnet Clough

Opened at 11:15am with an opening prayer by Sheena

Apologies: Robert Plant, Alan Wilson, Jennifer Griffiths, Sylvia Rutherford,  
43 warranted leaders attending.

Minutes reviewed from last year's AGM

Proposed as a true record by Martyn Dodson and seconded by Norman Boxall

### Annual Report

Treasurers Report delivered by Jay Dodson, as he has conducted the reviews following David Head's resignation as Association Treasurer.

There are still issues in accessing some accounts following Jane Hunt-Bryden's passing.

Therefore, with regards to the Uniform Account, there is only a Half-Year figure available.

Jay reported that the Cash in hand at the bank was £143,473 at end of 2016, and the position at the end of March was £139,135 this was due to pre-payment on the Association Insurance for the year.

Badges and Uniform Stock was reported at £14,663

Income for 6 months was £14,000

Note that expenses on uniform are being paid out of badges bank account currently. Whole year income was £9970. Badges Expenditure was £5359.

Auditor names were suggested and Jenny Wallbank to follow up on.

There was a Vote in Confidence in the NC to sort out the accounts for the next Annual General Meeting.

John Rowe proposed – Martyn Dodson seconded

The Voting from the Warranted Leaders was

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39	0	1	39,0,1

Abstain 1 – Against 0 – For 39

### Voting on Officers for the National Committee

Association Honourary Secretary – Sue Beadle

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
38+14 Postal	1	1	52,1,1

Association Honourary Treasurer – Jenny Wallbank

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
38+14 Postal	0	1	52,0,1

Publications – Graham Sparey

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39+14 Postal	0	0	53,0,0

Uniform Supplies – Sarah Sparey

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39+14 Postal	0	0	53,0,0

Badge Supplies – Sarah

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
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39+13 Postal	0	0	52,0,0
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Safety Advisor – Alan Wilson

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39+13 Postal	1	0	52,0,1

Insurance Advisor is Vacant– Job description to be put online.

Development Officer is Vacant – Job description to be put online.

## AGM Proposals

1 – The NC propose that the Baden-Powell Scouts' Association be changed to a Charity Incorporated. Details regarding the changes are to be found on <https://www.resourcecentre.org.uk/information/legal-structures-for-community-and-voluntary-groups/>

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39+18 (Postal)	2	0	57,2,0

2 – Northumbria Area Propose that the following be added to PAR under Decorations and Adult Award section D1 “Decorations Authorised”: “Any Badge Awarded or presented by a government office for service to their country within the Armed Forces and Emergency services.

This vote can only be considered as an Informal one, as changes to PAR from an AREA have to go to the NC, and then if supported, become a proposal for an AGM.

Veterans Badge – Issued by the Ministry of Defence (INFORMAL)

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
18	28	1	18,28,1

BPSA Badge – Awarded for Veterans (INFORMAL)

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
27	13	3	27,13,3

Special Occasions – ST George's / Remembrance (INFORMAL)

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
42	1	0	42,1,0

3 – Northumbria Area propose that an amendment to PAR in respect of Beaver, Wolf Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover Scout sections that “any amendments to this section of the PAR, and any books, resources and badges are only to be made after full consultation with AC's, AAC's (where appointed) and leaders of the respective sections”

This proposal was not voted upon, as Section A35 in PAR already covers the same intent.

4 –Northumbria Area proposed some Badge amendments to the Beaver Program, and specifically a Safety Badge.

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Beaver Safety - INFORMAL

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
16	24	1	16,24,1

It was suggested that AGM Communications in future could be sent out via email to save money and time. Not all the paperwork arrived in the post for some groups.

Proposal by Colin Stevens, Seconded by Martyn Dodson.

Against – 0 Abstain – 0 FOR 39



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## Chief Commissioners address

Following appointment as Chief Commissioner Jay wanted to see as many people as possible, and so far three quarters of the groups he has been able to visit. His aim is to see somebody from every group every year. 2018 dates are going fast, so Jay is welcome to receive invitations to visit groups and attend any of their activities.

Groups within the BPSA should be recognisably the same, we all follow the badge scheme, and you add your personal talents to how the programme is delivered. So recognisably the same but uniquely different.

The National Committee approved making Sylvia Rutherford an Honorary Vice President. Jay Congratulated Sylvia, and thanked her for her work over the many years she has been part of this Association.

Jay also presented a BAR to the Medal of Merit for Bev Elliott.

In 3 years, we will be 50 years old. Agenda for this afternoon was going to be a discussion, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Eurocamp 2018 – Next year it is happening. We are confident that there are over 1800 people from 20+ different countries and 5 continents represented.

Jay said anything you can do to help would be much appreciated. He also thanked everyone who had assisted with the planning and efforts so far.

Martyn Dodson has presented 7 or 8 woodbeads this year. Some of you still owe written elements, so a friendly reminder for those who have outstanding work to complete it.

Jay presented to Amanda Johnson from Mortimer her woodbeads.

Jay reminded everyone, that when new groups join us, we need them to come on our training. We want BPSA groups who want to do things our way.

The Date of next AGM - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 – Expect it to be at Linnet Clough again. Cost to the Association is £750.

Proposed by Sarah Sparey and Gill Stevens seconded.

For	Against	Abstain	Summary
39	0	1	39,0,1

Note :

Data Protection – Changes in coming in May 2018.

Martyn has an ongoing project working with Margaret Lenahan and happy to work with anyone who has some expertise and interest.



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## Chief Commissioner's Report to January 2019 AGM

Thinking back over the time since my last report in October 2017, obviously one big event fills my memory – the biggest and in my unashamed biased opinion the best ever Eurocamp.

When I accepted the B-PSA's invitation to chair the UK organising committee, and WFIS invitation to be Camp Chief, I hadn't been offered the role as your Chief Commissioner.

How much time could it possibly take up to organise a Scout Camp? The answer is more than you would ever imagine and by the time the camp arrived it was all consuming.

I was supported by an amazing team from B-PSA, and I would like to thank them publicly for everything that they did to make a camp for 2050 people from 22 countries an experience that changed lives. We got so many messages from all over the world about how great the camp had been, but the one that sticks in my mind was from a 15 year old UK Scout who simply said "Jay, that was the best experience I have ever had".

If that means that at times I have only managed to be reactive in my role as Chief Commissioner in the last year, I apologise – but now I have recovered, I'm looking forward to getting out and meeting more of you and sharing great Traditional Scouting with you.

I'll be the first to admit that not everything about Eurocamp18 was perfect, after all none of us had organised a camp that big before, and you don't get a chance for a dress rehearsal!

But I was delighted with the Scouting spirit of the vast majority of attendees, who looked to their Scout laws and smiled and whistled, were courteous, friendly, helpful, loyal, trustworthy and ensured that they did everything they could to make this a positive memorable experience. Thanks to all those B-PSA Groups who stepped up and took on crowd control, made packed lunches, cleaned toilets, served food, cleared rubbish away, helped run activities, took on leadership roles, hoisted flags for other nations..... you showed what makes B-PSA great, and I am proud of you.

Unfortunately there were times when the behaviours and attitudes of some people who I had previously respected, made me question whether I wanted to remain a member of WFIS. But they were very much in the minority, and I'm not going to let them erode my belief in the good that can come from International Scouting.

One day as I walked round the Eurocamp18 site, a young Italian Scout asked me how I would define Scouting – what an amazingly difficult question? After some thought I realised that for me Scouting is all about our values, beliefs and behaviours – our great outdoor skills are just the vehicle through which we demonstrate these.

Those thoughts have been upmost in my mind, as I have worked with members of our National Committee this autumn and winter to prepare B-PSA to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in line with the vote of the General Scout Council in October 2017.

Our specialist charity solicitors have advised us that the best way to get Charity Commission approval is to take a model constitution and make minimal changes to it. The constitution we are recommending today keeps the core B-PSA values and beliefs, but in writing it we realised that it destroyed our governing document – PAR. So at this AGM we will be asking you to consider very carefully a new Constitution, a streamlined and hopefully more readily understandable PAR, and a suite of policies that will guide how we do our brand of Scouting.

Please use your vote to express your will, but remember that PAR and our policies can be readily changed if we have slipped up somewhere, and we will be having another AGM in October 2019 when we can ratify any required changes.

I would like to thank the NC for all the hard work they have put in to get us to a place where we have the documents for you to vote on.

Sadly during 2018 we said goodbye to Derek Addison, and with his family and friends we celebrated and remembered his life in his community, in Castleside Scout Group, and as the person who introduced Beavers to the B-PSA.

Looking to the future, there are two things that I think we need to focus on as an Association.

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Firstly in September 2020 we will be 50 years old. We have come a long way and we still have a huge role to play in providing what I like to call "the antidote to the 21<sup>st</sup> century". We should be proudly celebrating what we have achieved – lets spend some time at our AGM deciding the best way to do that.

Secondly, we now have a comfortable amount of financial reserves. I would like us to discuss a strategy to ensure that we use these for the benefit of our membership.

If you read this report before the AGM, please come prepared to contribute to discussions on these topics.

I would like to close by thanking everyone in the B-PSA for their continued enthusiasm and passion to keep the vision of B-P alive.

We do enhance and change the lives of young people and adults – not just our members, but everyone we meet.

Let's continue to let our little lights shine!

Jay Dodson

**Chief Commissioner**

## **HQ Commissioner's Report - Scouts for January 2019 AGM**

It has been a busy year for me with lots of Scouting, I managed to meet Scouts from all areas during my fleeting visit to Eurocamp, and was impressed with their enthusiasm, it was great to see them working closely with Scouts from other countries on the many activities I observed. I would like to thank the organisers for creating such a successful camp.

The Proficiency badge review is complete and published, all that remains to be done is the approval from the General Scout Council at the AGM. I wish to thank everyone who took part passing on their comments and ideas, the majority of which were incorporated into the updated badges. I aim to undertake an annual review to keep the contents current.

I intend to review the Scout Handbook over the coming year and make some minor changes to both part 1 and 2, again I will be seeking the help of Scout leaders in completing this task.

Mark Napier

**HQ Commissioner - Scouts**

## **HQ Chief Commissioner's Report – Rovers for January 2019 AGM**

In August a Rover Moot was held at Silverwood Camp Site in Barnsley to celebrate 100 years of Roving and although a smaller than anticipated number attended it was well received.

As we are celebrating this until June 2019, I am looking to try and get another weekend in, further info to follow.

There is an abridged version of the Rover Investiture (which has been used in the past) but I have a full version of the Rover Investiture and am looking to put this back into the Handbook.

I am aware of the contradictions on the website regarding the Rover Badges. I thought I had amended it all correctly, obviously not, this will be done and brought up to date as soon as possible.

Frankie

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## International Commissioner report for BPSA AGM 2018

2018 was a great year for International Scouting, with 2000 people from 22 countries attending a very successful Eurocamp hosted and led by members of this Association. My thanks to you for all your hard work to make all the visitors have a great Scouting experience.

The feedback we have received after camp highlighted what our friends overseas felt was a fantastic week, and there were many messages of thanks. I hope every group managed to forge new friendships and re-affirm any existing International friendships. We value our membership of WFIS, and continue to advocate for rule changes that will help the organisation manage its growth and addition of smaller Independent Scouting associations. The next WFIS General Assembly will be taking place in Malta at the end of January 2019.

At this meeting, we will also be voting for 2 positions that form key parts of the WFIS steering committee; these are positions with a 4 year appointment. The 2 positions coming up for re-election are Secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman. At this moment I do not know who is standing for these positions.

The BPSA representatives will learn who is standing at the GA, and we will vote on your behalf.

If you are interested in potentially standing for any WFIS role in the future, please contact Jay Dodson or myself to talk it through further.

If you are planning some International Adventures with your Scouts in 2019 or 2020, then please let me know if you need any help with any introductions to WFIS Scouts overseas, and I will continue to share the Invitations to exciting camps and expeditions that our WFIS friends are organising.

I wish you all a fun and adventurous 2019.

Yours in Traditional Scouting

Mark Hayden

**International Commissioner**