

Minutes of the Annual General Assembly held on the 27 August 2020

The meeting was held online using TEAMS.

The Assembly started at 18:30hrs after a quorum was reached with the presence of at least one member from 20 Groups. The CS informed the assembly that the AGM is being recorded and asked if there were any objections from the members attending. There were none.

At the AGM a new system to record attendance and voting was used. The attendance and voting system are part of the new version of ScoutKeeper. Only those people who are eligible to attend the AGM were able to access the system.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chief Scout Captain Reuben Lanfranco asked for the approval of the Agenda. This was approved without objection.

Approval of 2019 AGA minutes

CS asked for the approval of the Minutes of the previous AGA, that were published on Scoutkeeper. These were approved with no objections.

Introduction by Chief Scout

Captain Reuben Lanfranco gave a short introduction

Chief Commissioner's Annual Report for approval

The Chief Commissioner gave a short photo presentation of the activities carried at national level.

Annual Audited Financial Accounts for approval

The Commissioner for Finance presented the accounts. It was noted that a number of Groups had not submitted the accounts. Two interventions from the floor highlighted the need for all GSLs to present accounts and another 2 interventions asked for training on compiling the accounts. Both Annual Report and accounts were approved nem con.

Budget Proposal and Approval

The budget as presented in Schedule 4 of the Accounts was approved.

Appointment of DeGiorgio, Brincat and Associates as the Association’s auditor for financial year 2020 for approval

The appointment was approved.

Amendments to the Constitution for approval in order for TSAM to be eligible for registration as a legal person

There was a presentation by Dr Calleja on the changes required. These changes had been discussed and approved by the Council and Executive and discussed at the GSLs forum. The following amendments were approved by the Assembly:

1) The addition of this new article at the very end of the Constitution:

Article 43 – Registration as a Legal Person

In adherence with the requirements set out in Article 49(4) of the Second Schedule of the Civil Code, Chapter 16 of the Laws of Malta, the current Chief Scout, Chief Commissioner and Honorary Secretary shall sign this constitution in their name and on behalf of all the present members of The Scout Association of Malta, as a demonstration of their consent to the provisions of this Constitution and all its Bye-Laws. A list of the said members of The Scout Association of Malta is being annexed and marked as ‘Schedule A’;

In the said schedule the members of the National Scout Council shall be identified separately and a note should be added that the Council equates to the ‘Board of Administration’ in terms of Article 49(2)(h) of the Second Schedule of the Civil Code, Chapter 16 of the Laws of Malta. For each NSC member the following details are to be written down in this Schedule.

2.) Article 1.1 amended by replacing the word ‘Movement in’ with ‘Association of’ for the sake of consistency and by adding the words: ‘for a public benefit’. Hence it should read:

The Scout Association of Malta is a voluntary, independent, non-profit organisation for a public benefit; non-political, non-governmental, educational and philanthropic movement for young people, open to all without distinction of gender, origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell and as further stated below.

3.) Article 12.4 replaced by the following:

12.4 - ‘Legal and Judicial Representation’



The legal and judicial representation of The Scout Association of Malta shall vest jointly in the Chief Commissioner and the Honorary Secretary or in any other person appointed by the National Scout Council. The Chief Commissioner and the Honorary Secretary shall act on the instructions of the National Scout Council.

4.) Article 38 replaced to read as follows:

38 – ‘Immovable Property’

38.1 Any Immovable property of the Scout Association shall be controlled by the National Scout Council.

38.2 Any public deed and/or private agreement involving immovable property to which the Association wishes to become party to must be approved by the National Scout Council.

5.) Article 42 replaced by the following:

42.1 Should the necessity arise to dissolve and terminate the Scout Association of Malta, the decision to liquidate shall be taken by the General Assembly, requiring the support of at least three fourths of the votes cast. The National Scout Council shall be then tasked with the liquidation process of the association. Any assets on termination shall be donated or distributed by the National Scout Council to another public benefit organisation with the same or similar purposes and features, or in default to any other organisation with a social or public purpose.

6.) Addition of new article in the constitution:

13.3 – Register of Members

There shall be kept a register containing the following details on each member: name, surname and identity card or passport number. Such register shall be kept regularly updated.

Presentation by TSAM Ltd

There was a short presentation by the Chairman of TSAM Ltd.

Chief Scout
Captain Reuben Lanfranco

George Cassar
Honorary Secretary