

Woodcraft Folk Annual General Meeting

(and Annual Policy Meeting)

Sunday 24 June 2018, 9am to 1pm

at Biblins Youth Campsite, as part of Woodcraft Folk Annual Gathering

Preliminary Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction of Candidates for Election
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017 and Matters Arising
3. Election of Scrutineers and Tellers
4. Consideration of the Annual Report & Accounts and the motion:
"That the annual report and financial statements of Woodcraft Folk for the year ended 31 December 2017 be received and accepted."
5. Re-appointment of Auditors
"That Buzzacott LLP be re-appointed auditors and that they be paid for their services a sum to be determined by General Council."
6. Report of Standing Orders Committee
[Company AGM to be adjourned for the consideration of non-company business]
 - A. Consideration of Motions 1-4 and Amendments
 - B. Consideration of Emergency Motions
 - C. Other Non-Company Business*[Company AGM to be reconvened]*
7. Declaration of Election Results and Appointment of General Council members
8. Other Business
9. Close of Meeting

Notes from Standing Orders Committee:

- Motions which alter the Governing Documents require two thirds of the votes held at the Conference in order to be carried
- General Motions (those which do not alter the Governing Documents) require a simple majority of votes cast in order to be carried
- Supporting Statements have been provided by movers of some motions for information, and to aid understanding and debate. For the sake of clarity they have been printed with the respective motions in this agenda, but do not form part of the motion to be amended or voted upon.
- The Company AGM shall comprise items 1-6 and 7-9. After the conclusion of item 6 (Report of the SOC), the AGM shall be adjourned to for items A-C (non-company business, to be conducted under Woodcraft Folk standing orders). After the conclusion of non-company business, the AGM will be re-convened for items 7-9.

A. Motions

Motion 1: Supporting participation by menstruating people

This Annual General Meeting recognises that menstruation is a normal part of life and that adequate arrangements should be made for this at Woodcraft Folk events to enable full participation for people menstruating.

We therefore ask General Council to ensure that guidelines are prepared for groups to:

1. make provision for this, which would include sanitary bins and menstrual products available for anyone in need;
2. guidance on how to facilitate open conversations about menstruation;
3. facilitate space and time for menstruating people to rest away from activities.

Proposed by: Tao Venturers, Lewisham & Greenwich District

Motion 2: Integration of isolated groups

This Annual General Meeting calls on General Council to develop and execute a specific strategy to encourage more isolated districts to become integrated with wider Woodcraft.

Proposed by: Venturer Committee

Motion 3: Diversity in decision-making process

This Annual General Meeting demands greater social, racial and gender diversity at all levels of the Woodcraft decision-making process. We call on General Council to develop and execute a specific strategy to increase the diversity of members engaging with the Woodcraft Folk decision-making process.

Proposed by: Venturer Committee

Motion 4: Establish a fund to support young people's attendance at AGM

This Annual General Meeting notes the barrier of cost to attendance at Annual Gathering.

This Annual General Meeting also notes that for the organisation to fulfil its objective of being youth-led, young people should be able to attend the AGM. To reduce this barrier General Council will set up a fund that any member of the movement aged 0 to 21 may apply to, funding their space at that year's Annual Gathering. The money within this fund shall be given by groups and districts who feel they are financially able to 'sponsor' a young person's attendance at AGM.

Rationale:

Woodcraft Folk events are often expensive, and particularly business events such as Annual Gathering, and reducing the cost would have a direct impact on the productivity of the event. However, many young people, particularly Venturers and DFs will be in the unfortunate overlap of needing to pay for events without help from parents but also not having the disposable income that full time employment can provide. This motion allows the AGM to welcome young people who have not been previously able to attend, especially from districts who are not themselves in a position to support the funding of young members' attendance at AGM.

Proposed by: DF Committee