

Singapore Scout Guild

Annual Report of the Management Committee for the year 2020/2021

Dear Members

The Management Committee of the Singapore Scout Guild (SSG) takes pleasure in presenting its annual report for the year 2020/2021.

Membership

As at 31 December 2020, the membership of SSG stood as follows:

- (a) Life Members: 475
- (b) Ordinary Members: 275

SSG 25th Annual General Meeting (28 August 2020)

On 28 August 2020, SSG convened its 25th Annual General Meeting. Because of the restrictions on in-person gatherings, the meeting was held by electronic means. However, arrangements were made for some members (who found it difficult to attend virtually) to attend in-person at SSA HQ. They were assisted by staff of SSA HQ to join the meeting virtually. Despite the new format of the meeting, most members were able to adapt readily and participated enthusiastically in the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were able to engage in some fellowship virtually. It was a new experience for many members which is contemplated to be a common format for some time.

Impact of Covid-19 pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic struck a major blow to our activities in the year under review. The various restrictions imposed by the authorities essentially meant that we could not hold our usual activities, especially our annual signature events such as World Scout Scarf Day, Scout Charity Golf Tournament and the annual Christmas Party with the Trefoil Guild.

Nevertheless, in order to continue connection amongst members and to provide members with a platform to share knowledge and experience, SSG embarked on virtual webinars. The first webinar was held on 23 July 2020. The speakers were Mr Ranvir Kumar Singh and Mr Malcolm Tan who shared their knowledge and experience on the importance of writing Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney and on matters connected to Advanced Medical Directive and Organ Donation.

That webinar was followed by several other webinars on a variety of topics. Members are encouraged to speak at such webinars and to share their knowledge and experience.

Joint meeting to usher in New Year 2021 with Trefoild Guild at Girl Guides HQ (9 January 2021)

On Saturday, 9 January 2021, the SSG and Trefoild Guild had a joint meeting to usher in New Year 2021. The event was held at Girl Guides HQ. It was graciously hosted by the Trefoild Guild, who catered lunch for the participants. A total of 37 people attended the event. Participants were welcomed by VP Malcolm Tan and Ms Yvette Cheak (President, Trefoil Guild). Dr Seetha Subbiah, President of Girl Guides Singapore also gave a short address where she shared her appreciation for the two Guilds in conducting events to encourage Scouts and Guides to work together. Participants were also treated to presentations of past events and to songs, all held with appropriate social distancing and in compliance with the relevant safety management measures.

Conclusion

Notwithstanding the challenging times, we hope to connect with our members and to continue providing meaningful and enjoyable activities, albeit in a new format in a new normal. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to all members, donors, sponsors and staff of SSA HQ. We look forward to your continuous support for betterment of the Scouting Movement.

By the Management Committee 2019/2021
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