

Minutes of AGM

Held at Scout Hall on 8th July 2015



Present: Malcolm Baker (GSL), Mark Burrell (Chairman), Jill Skelley (Treasurer), Bob Skelley, Amanda Baker (Group Administrator), Kerry Watson (Beaver Leader), Robin Clee (Assistant Beaver Leader), Adrian Leggett (Cub Leader), Alan Gosling (Scout Leader), Maureen Dobson (NCC), Linda Cox (Parish Council Chairman), Johnathan Lee (NSDC), Val Spyve (Scout District Training Manager), Ian Todd (District Nights Away adviser), Wendy Parrett (Group Trustee), Jane Hedge, Caroline Ward, Vicky Crisp, Elizabeth Lewis, Richard Huthwaite, Graham Welsh.

Apologies: Frances Kelly (Group Trustee), Richard Moyses (Scout District Commissioner), Sue Hall (Scout District Executive Chairman), Dawn Thorne (Group Secretary).

1. Introduction from Chairman / GSL

Mark opened the meeting and explained how satisfied he was to have seen the Cubs develop and try new things during his 5 years as Cub Leader

Malcolm introduced the committee and other guests. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

2. Scouts Badge Presentation

A number of Activity and Challenge Badges were presented to the Scouts by Maureen Dobson. Also presented were 5 Chief Scout Gold Awards

3. Annual Report from GSL

See Attached Report.

Malcolm also discussed that there will be a new focus on standardising the uniform and dress code as we are seeing numbers of young people in brightly coloured clothes when uniform is required.

Malcolm thanked the partners of his leaders and assistants who are left at home while their partners are off Scouting.

4. Financial Report

The group financial statement for the last year was presented, see attached.

For the financial year to 31st March 2015 the main source of income has been the Hall Hire £3,611, Quiz Nights £1,149, Gift Aid £951 and Rag Bag £109. Special thanks should go to Amanda who looks after the hire of the Scout Hall and organises the Quiz Nights, amongst other things.

In the last financial year £4173 was spent on the maintenance of the hall, which included a new path. The Gas and Electricity was £1589 and insurances £792. These are obviously unavoidable and the group requires a minimum of £3000 per annum to cover essential costs.

On a personal note I would like to thank everybody who is saving the plastic milk bottle caps. Previously this was to raise funds for Prosthetics for ex-military personnel and is now going to be for the Air Ambulance. Arla and Dairy Crest are helping too. I have received an email from Ameeta Shah thanking everybody in the group and asking us to "please keep collecting".

Linda Cox asked if we had thought about shopping around as the village hall makes savings by changing supplier each year.

Jill Skelley replied that we had looked into it but the savings were negligible as we had both Gas and Electric with the same supplier.

Maureen Dobson asked how much the rewiring of the hall would cost as there were some unallocated funds at County Hall. Maureen would send Amanda some forms.

5. Appoint Committee

Mark Burrell will continue to stand as Group Executive Chairman.

Dawn Thorne will continue to stand as Group Secretary.

Jill Skelley will continue to stand as Group Treasurer.

Amanda Baker will continue to stand as Group Administrator.

The appointments were unopposed.

In addition Mr Martin Appleby has accepted the nomination as Trustee of the Group in place of David Hedge who unfortunately passed away in April.

6. Comments from the Guest Visitors and Leaders

Val Spyve - Speaking on behalf of the district Val said that they would lend their support where required. They were pleased with our development and it was good to see so many Beavers. Val thought we were getting more funds from RagBag. Malcolm explained that recently the Cubs and Scouts had been using this to raise funds for the sections.

Johnanan Lee - Johnathan said that he would lend us support wherever possible.

Maureen Dobson - Maureen asked if our Explorers were doing Duke of Edinburgh awards as there were some young people at Winthorpe youth Club who wanted to do it. Malcolm explained that to do Duke of Edinburgh with the Scout Assn they had to be members of an Explorer unit for insurance purposes. Maureen would get Gary Thompson to get in touch with a view to possibly amalgamate the youth section into the Explorer section.

Alan Gosling - Alan mentioned the Family Fun day on the 15th August involving a treasure hunt amongst other things. Alan asked who the small piece of land beside the church belonged to with a view to using it. Linda Cox advised that the land belonged to the Coddington Charity and that Pat Bastly was the contact.

Linda Cox - Linda said that a letter to the Parish Council asking for a donation towards the rewiring of the building would be considered.

7. The floor

There were no comments from the floor.

The meeting was brought to a close.