

1st Coddington Scout Group
Minutes of the AGM
Held at Coddington Scout Hall on 30th June 2010 at 7pm

Present: Ian Fox (Chairman)
Malcolm Baker (Group Scout Leader)
Rachel Barkham (Secretary)
Richard Moyses – District Commissioner
Alan Gosling – Assistant Leader, Scouts
David Barkham – Parent Helper
Four parents and members from the Cub Group and Scout Group

Apologies: Jill Skelley (Treasurer), Mark Burrell (Cub Leader), Stuart Buchan (Scout Leader) and Sue Stott (Assistant Leader, Scouts)

1. WELCOME

Malcolm Baker opened the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Fox began his report by explaining the various changes in leadership of the different sections of the Group. He said that there was much positivity within the Group. He discussed the ongoing renovations at the Hall and thanked David Barkham for all of his hard work in sorting out the second room at the Hall.

3. GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

Malcolm Baker handed out his annual report (attached). Malcolm began by running through all of the changes that had happened within the Group over the last eighteen months. He reported that from September the way subs were paid would change. Parents would be asked to set up a standing order to pay the subs on a monthly or half-term basis. This would enable the Group to be able to claim Gift Aid back on subs collected and also ensure that our annual membership fee that the Group had to pay out would be covered each year. Malcolm covered donations given to the Group for renovation works needed at the Hall. He introduced the members of the Committee and informed the meeting that he was hoping to create four new roles for volunteers to help out with the running of the Group. These were for the following: -

- Equipment Manager
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Publicity Coordinator
- Events Coordinator.

He stressed that we were not just looking for leaders, but for parents to volunteer for occasional jobs such as cleaning the kitchen once a month, occasional gardening at the hall etc.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Jill's absence Malcolm reported that the final accounts hadn't been completed as Jill was waiting for some figures. He ran through account balances for the Group and covered what the monies would be spent on, i.e. the new disabled access, bills etc.

Accounts to follow.

5. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Malcolm introduced Richard Moyses.

Richard began by explaining that two years ago the Group had hit rock bottom and it was expected to close following the departure of the previous Group Scout Leader. Malcolm had then got involved and had managed to get the group back on its feet. He said that the Group and Committee had gone from strength to strength. He spoke about the need for volunteers to keep the Group running smoothly and stressed that volunteers didn't have to give up too much time and that sometimes maybe an hour a month would be plenty of help. He thanked the members of the Group who had been involved for a length of time and particularly wanted to express thanks to David Hedge for all of the time and support he had given to the Group over the years.

Richard thanked Malcolm for his hard work and commitment and presented him with his Five Year Service Award.

He concluded by thanking everybody for attending.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN

Malcolm informed the meeting that Ian would be standing down as Chairman and proposed the appointment of Ray Purvis as Chairman and the Committee supported the proposal.

7. SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Malcolm asked the attendees if anyone had any suggestions for the Group.

It was suggested that we had made requests for volunteers but it was felt that more specific requests might be more helpful. If we were to list jobs that needed doing for that month, then people might be more willing to put their name down if they were able to commit to a specific job and were given an agreed date and time to start. David Barkham said he would organise a notice board to go in the Hall where parents could look at jobs that needed doing or volunteers for helpers etc, and parents could put their details next to specific jobs with their contact details.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Richard Moyses presented the Scouts in attendance with the following badges: -

- Camp Cook
- Chefs Badge
- Orienteering Badge
- Outdoor Challenge Badge

The Cubs in attendance were presented with the Local Knowledge Badge.

Malcolm presented Ian with a bottle of wine and thanked him for his help over the past eighteen months.

7.45pm - The meeting was brought to a close.