

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Scout Ridge
Sunday 29th September 2019 at 11.30

Present: Adam Buckell - Group Scout Leader
Richard Aram - Group Chairman
Nick Lee - Group Treasurer
Kelvin Freeman - District Commissioner

Guests: Ken Gulati – Surrey County Councillor
Mark Wingett - Assistant District Commissioner
Colin Griffiths – District Chair

Also present were members of the leadership team, friends and family of the group.

- 1. Welcome Guests** -The Chairman and GSL welcomed those present to the Annual General Meeting.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Steve Godwin, Frank Jones, David Shepherd, Vernon Tucker, Colin and Jean Sutherland and Caroline Pepper gave apologies for absence.
- 3. Last Annual General Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the last AGM on 16th June 2018 having been circulated and displayed taken as read and accepted. Proposed Kelvin Freeman. Seconded James Crouch.
- 4. Receive and adopt Annual report from Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader for 2018/2019** - From the Chairman and Group Scout Leader for 2017/2018 having been circulated and displayed taken as read and accepted. Proposed Richard Aram. Seconded Valerie Griffiths. And IT WAS RESOLVED THAT this report be, and hereby is, adopted.

Details of the Annual report 2018/2019 are attached and Adam Buckell thanked those who had already offered their help to the Group and reiterated that any amount of help is welcome.

Adam Buckell announced that the group would be losing 4 leaders in the coming year, with David Phillips and Paul Bailey stepping down from the Cubs and Valerie Griffiths and Carol Anthony stepping down from Beavers. The GSL would be putting out an appeal to any parent who would be happy to step into a leadership role.

Receive and adopt Accounts and Treasurer's report for year ended 31 March 2019 - Nick Lee gave an overview of the accounts for the year ending March 2019. The Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended March 2019 having been circulated and displayed taken as read and accepted. Proposed Michael Charman, Seconded Colin Griffiths. And IT WAS RESOLVED THAT these accounts be, and hereby are, adopted.

Details of the treasurer's report and End of year accounts are attached. Nick Lee highlighted that the Group are reliant on grants, donations and fundraising to continue to provide the facilities for the Group.

- 5. Appoint the GSL's nomination for Group Chairman** - Richard Aram stepped down as Group Chairman. The GSL nominated Richard Aram and IT WAS RESOLVED THAT he be, and hereby is, appointed.
 - 6. Elect the Group Secretary** - The Chairman proposed the election of Tina Crouch, seconded by Michael Charman and IT WAS RESOLVED THAT she be, and hereby is, elected as group secretary for the coming year.
 - 7. Elect the Group Treasurer** - The Chairman proposed the election of Nick Lee, seconded by Michael Charman and IT WAS RESOLVED THAT he be, and hereby is, elected as Group treasurer for the coming year.
 - 8. Elect members of the Group to the Board of Trustees** -the GSL put forward the current members of the Board of Trustees – David Phillips (Cubs), Valerie Griffiths (Beavers), James Crouch (Parent representative), Anthony Fernihough (Quartermaster), Phil Sproston (Fundraising) and Steve Connolly. Seconded by Michael Charman IT WAS RESOLVED THAT they be, and hereby are, elected.
The Chairman and GSL announced the stepping down of Steve Godwin from the Board of Trustees as a parent representative and it was highlighted that new Board of Trustees members would be welcome.
- Kelvin Freeman asked about progress into co-opting youth representatives to the Board of Trustees, the GSL stated that he would be approaching the Young Leaders for this role as the Group members are not of an age for it to be appropriate for them to
- 9. Appointment of the Independent examiner** - Nick Lee confirmed Neil Bridges will continue for another year and IT WAS RESOLVED THAT he be, and hereby is, appointed.
 - 10. Presentations** – Kelvin Freeman presented the Chief Scout's 5 year Service Award to Stuart Newcombe and Alison Hammond.

The District Commissioner's gave a regarding the future of scouting within the district and UK. The movement is in the second year of a 5-year programme called Skills for Life designed to promote Scouting within the UK.

The movement requires more adult support and there is a movement towards encouraging people to volunteer some time to help with their group, and then maybe take a more formal role once experience has been gained. Kelvin went on to say that the Scout movement has rebranded and no longer uses the 'Swish' and there is a deadline of May 2020 for removing this from any posters, printed material and uniform. However the World Scout Fleur de Lys will continue to be used, Kelvin asked that the Board of Trustees ensure that this change over occurs.

Kelvin highlighted the concept of Youth Shaped Scouting where the members are involved in shaping how their Group/Section is run. This is tailored to each section accordingly – with Beavers being asked to make decisions and give feedback on activities, Cubs taking responsibility for their 6, Scouts to undertake activities away from their leaders to start to encourage independence and Explorers running their section and activities independent of the leadership.

The District is involved in this project and the Youth Commissioners Callum Hawker and Melissa Vagg will be visiting each Group.

Kelvin thanked the leaders, parents and Board of Trustees for their hard work over past year.

11. Any other Business – Richard Aram reminded those present that the next fundraising event would be the Christmas collections in collaboration with the Rotary Club and help at the static collections at ASDA, Burgh Heath and Waitrose, Banstead would be appreciated.

Adam Buckell stated that these collections should be the last funds required for the purchase of the minibus.

The Chairman Richard Aram closed the meeting.