

13th Maidenhead (Methodist) Scout Group
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Saturday 15th June 2019
at Wokingham Waterside Centre, Reading

Welcome

Ian Davies, as Chairman, welcomed all those present and described the outline of the meeting and the participation required by the parents in attending. Ian stressed the important contribution of the leaders and assistant leaders and asked all the parents to recognise their efforts with a vote of thanks. Ian went onto provide an update on the fundraising efforts of the group and urged parents to get in contact with him or the other members of the Executive Committee with their suggestions on the type of events they would like to see following the disappointment of having to cancel the Quirky Quiz. The Chairman also passed on his thanks to Lesley Haldane, who stood down during the year as membership secretary and to David Kinna who had decided to step down after several years of serving on the Executive Committee.

Present

Ian Davies, Chairman
Charles Berger, Group Scout Leader,
Matthew Edwards, Beaver Section Leader
Raymond Lee, Beaver Parent Representative
Charlotte Watson, Scout Parent Representative

Together with approx. 27 Parents with children as members of the Group, who were in attendance at the Family Fun Day. Ian confirmed that the date of the BBQ and Rounders Game would be Sept 13th and asked parents to save the date.

1. **Apologies** were received from John Simpson, Don Stimson, Dave Kinna, Dan Spiers, Ian Stimson and Becky Shaw
2. **Agenda** A booklet had been circulated immediately prior to the Meeting setting out the Agenda together the Treasurer's Report, reports of the Group Scout Leader and Chairman, as well as those of the Individual Group Sections and also the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
3. **Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 10th June 2018** as printed were approved with one minor change being required to a name which had been incorrectly recorded. The Chairman signed a revised copy of the minutes after the meeting took place.

4. The Group Scout Leader's Review

Charles Berger started his review by thanking all of the parents and volunteers for giving up their time to help run the Group, whether as leaders, members of the Executive Committee or in some other capacity. Charles paid tribute to the late Michael (Mick) Fursedon who sadly passed away earlier in the year. Mick had been a long term supporter of the group, most recently as a member of the Executive Committee and before that as a Leader. Charles reported that Mick's funeral had been a celebration of his life and had been attended by several members of the committee to show their respects.

Charles directed everyone to his written report for more information on the activities of the group over the course of the year.

Finally, Charles spoke about the rewarding nature of volunteering and encouraged all parents to consider helping out at four meetings as a trial, which would give them a great insight into how they could support the group.

5. The Group Treasurer's Overview of the Accounts for the Financial year ending 31st March 2019 - covered by Raymond Lee

Ray Lee presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of John Simpson, who was unable to attend.

Ray highlighted the following points:

- a) As a Charity the Accounts had been prepared and duly audited professionally by Barry Hill.

The report stated that a Balance of £5,086 would be carried forward for the current year (more than the previous year's figure of £4,058). Ray explained that this was a result of increased expenditure being more than offset by increased income with much of the variation to be explained by differences in timing for certain events and the pre-payment of more subs this year.

Ray took the opportunity to highlight the important contribution of Gift Aid as a form of income for the group (at nearly £1000 in 2018-19) and asked all parents to help the Group claim Gift Aid by completing the appropriate paperwork.

There was a question about the success of the Jamboree fund and whether there was an intention to continue to operate the Jamboree fund on an

ongoing basis. The Chairman explained that the overall the fundraising for the Jamboree fund had fallen a little short of plan, mainly as a result of the cancellation of the Quiz evening planned for April. However, the shortfall in funding had been quite small as a result of fundraising by the District, which had exceeded expectations and the Committee had agreed to bridge the remaining gap by diverting a small amount from the Group account. On an ongoing basis the committee had agreed that it would be sensible to maintain the Jamboree fund and to dedicate a certain proportion of the group's fundraising efforts to the fund so that it would not start from zero for any future efforts.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Approved by Edward Wynne-Evans, seconded by Ger Taylor.

b) Approval of Donation to the Church.

Ray and the Chairman recommended that the annual donation to the Church remain unchanged at £500 following the increase to that amount approved at the AGM in 2018.

Approved by Stuart MacDowell, seconded by Mai Elam.

c) Approval of Annual Subscription for 2020/21

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ray proposed that, following the increase agreed last year to annual subs, the amount for 2020/21 should remain unchanged at £105/£100/£90 for 1st/2nd/subsequent children. Edward Wynne-Evans asked if the committee felt that the Group's obligations could continue to be funded without an increase. The Chairman replied that the committee believed that no increase was required.

Approved by Gianna Monastero, seconded by Edward Wynne-Evans

d) Appoint the Auditor/Independent Examiner

The Accounts had been audited since 2001 by Barry R.T. Hill F.C.C.A and the Treasurer wished this arrangement to continue. On a show of hands the Members agreed.

6. Appointments

a) The G.S.L. nominated **Ian Davies** as **Chairman** of the Group

- b) Election of Group **Secretary: Don Stimson**
Proposed by Gwynneth Edwards, seconded by Doris Johnston
- c) Election of Group **Treasurer: John Simpson**
Proposed by Stuart MacDowell, seconded by Andreas Knight

7. Group Scout Council

Noted that ALL parents are members of Group Scout Council. 20% of those possibly attending the General Meeting be deemed to be a sufficient quorum by which the Council could conduct appropriate business.

It was noted that there were no nominations made by the G.S.L of persons wishing to join the Group Executive Committee.

8. Elections to the Executive Committee

a) Ordinary Executive Members

Including the present Officers as elected together with Ian Stimson as Quartermaster the Meeting accepted that and be appointed.

On a show of hands the Meeting agreed.

Power to Co-opt for further members

b) Section Specific Representatives: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Parents Representatives

The Chairman confirmed that Charlotte Watson was prepared to continue to act as Scouts parent representative and Raymond Lee as Beaver parent representative, which were confirmed by a show of hands.

There was no nomination for Cubs parent representative

c) To confirm if the Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders wished to act as Members of the Group Scout Executive

Beavers: Matthew Edwards declined to act as a member of the Executive Committee

Cub-Scouts: Dan Spiers

Scouts: Ian Stimson

9. Presentation of Awards

The Stevens' Trophy

On the recommendation of the Beaver Section Leader and the Group Scout Leader, the Executive Committee agree that the Stevens Trophy should be

awarded to Leo Lee. The trophy was presented by the Group Scout Leader who commended Leo on an excellent year in Beavers.

10. Close of Meeting:

No other business was raised.

The Chairman encouraged everyone to take part in the tombola and silent auction that was taking place and then formally closed the meeting at approximately 1.30pm .