

12th Eastleigh Scout Group

Minutes of AGM

Saturday 14th June 2014

Agenda

Invited Guests

- Emma Watts, District Commissioner
- Malcolm Young, Deputy District Commissioner
- Jim Vaughn, District Chairman
- Vicky Painter, Assistant District Commissioner Scouts
- John & Benita Whatley

Apologies:

Emma Watts

John & Benita Whatley

Welcome to all parents, guests and young people from Lol Chiari, Chair

Minutes of 2013 AGM proposed by David McGregor and adopted.

Chair Report – Lol Chiari

Lol welcomed all the parents and children and talked about the great year the 12th have had in 2014 leading to the opening of a new Beaver Colony. He also talked about the training course he had attended and how much he had learned which will help the running of the executive group.

Group Scout Leaders Report – David McGregor

David McGregor our GSL talked to the parents about how much we have grown in the past year with a potential of 2,000 children to call upon for Scouting. He talked in length about our new leaders and the change in sections. The new Beaver colony now has 17 children and we will be looking forward to possibly opening a 2nd Cub Group and will need new leaders to come on board.

Nomination of Chair

David McGregor (GSL) nominated Lol Chiari to stand as chair for a further year. This was passed.

Treasurer

The Financial Report for 2013/2014 was proposed by Lol Chiari and seconded by Paula Bird and adopted.

Laura discussed the current state of our budget including the fact we received £4,060 in subs this year of which £2,500 went to District in capitation to help pay for training, staff wages etc. Laura also encouraged the parents to hire our hall to help increase our income. Laura explained Gift Aid to everyone and encouraged them to take it up when paying subs. Easyfundraising was also mentioned as a way to shop online to help boost our fundraising.

Election of Officers/Volunteers for Posts:

Nomination of Secretary

Name: Gillian Faux

Proposed by: David McGregor

Seconded by: Jacky Fulton

Nomination of Treasurer

Name: Laura Robertson

Proposed by: Lol Chiari

Seconded by: David McGregor

Volunteer Parent Representatives

Beaver parent rep: David Light

Cub parent rep: Vacant

Scout parent rep: Vacant

Other Elected Officers:

Andy Sheppard (buildings and maintenance)

Donna Smart (hall hire)

Janet Ball (local resident).

Proposed by: Gillian Faux

Seconded: David McGregor

Awards

Beavers

- Toby Harding, Max Bevan, Oscar Barrett, Jayden Gallagher and Toby Doust were all awarded their Fitness Challenge Badge.

Cubs

- Silver Chief Scout Award went to Kieran Ward

Scouts

- Gold Chief Scout Awards went to Matthew Townsend and Tina Bird

GSL Award

- Our GSL, David McGregor, was presented with his Silver Acorn Award.
- Janet Ball was presented with her 50 years' Service Award.

Group Scout Leader Report – Lyn Jack

Another year, another set of badges!!!!

Does that seem to be the thought of many people? But what do our members get out of Scouting? I have become aware in the last year that our Leaders are doing a great job and the members are experiencing a great deal of activities, but do you know why we have a set programme (did you know that we had one at all???)

In 2013 we have seen some small leader changes and welcomed in new leaders but that always changes the “Pattern” that both the parents and members are used to but it has meant that we have renewed our enthusiasm for the badge work which is designed through all sections to allow your son or daughter to find their full potential – this may mean that they complete a “challenge” badge or sleep away from home for the 1st time or develop a new skill.

Scouting is changing and I will be championing that change to ensure that the Group is Youth focused, it will mean that we need to listen to the youth members about what they want to achieve within Scouting and ensure that if possible we provide them with the skills and challenges to develop as part of Scouting and the local community.

Congratulations to all the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers who have achieved their Chief Scout Award for their section but also congratulations to all the other members for participating and achieving the individual badges for the activities.

Some people tell me that Scouting isn't relevant today but nothing could be further from the truth, this was demonstrated when we opened a 2nd Beaver colony earlier this year, now with 17 young members boosting our numbers to an all-time high. This will allow us to develop Scouting locally and help many more to join Scouting in the following years.

As always, none of this could be achieved without the dedication of the voluntary section leaders and the Executive Committee – Thank you

If you have any queries, problems or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me, I am always happy to hear from parents

Chairs Report – Lol Chiari

Welcome to the 12th Eastleigh Scout Group Annual General Meeting, on behalf of all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and the Executive can I thank you all for taking the time to come and be with us this afternoon. We will aim to conduct the necessary business of the day as quickly and efficiently as possible so that we can get on with the fun stuff!

I attended some leadership training this year (free of charge!); it was run by the Hampshire Scouts. I learned what the purpose of Scouting is: ‘The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. I was inspired by that statement. It helped me to realise that the time that I spend on the 12th Eastleigh Scout Group is invaluable, if we can make a positive difference for just one young person.... At the census, we had 58 young people.

So we need to make sure that as a group we have the Leaders and resources necessary to deliver an engaging and exciting programme to our young people. Through the delivery of that programme we will contribute to the development of our children, success will breed success and we will continue to grow.

Eastleigh District Scouts have seen a 32% growth over the last 5 years, which is an amazing figure, this year we have opened a second Beaver colony to cope with the demand for places. Someone asked at the last Exec meeting how we planned to cope with the increased numbers as those Beavers become Cubs? We have an amazing team of Uniformed Leaders and young Leaders, we have managed to recruit some new leaders, but we have also had other leaders step down, therefore in order to cope with the continued demand for places, we need more adult and young adult helpers and leaders.

So how about it, will you rise to the challenge and help us to make the 12th Eastleigh the best Scout Group, giving our children and young people amazing opportunities and helping each one of them to realise their potential and more.

Treasurers Report

12th Eastleigh (1st Bishopstoke) Scout Group: Charity No. 1053750 Receipts and Payments Account for 1/4/2013 to 31/3/2014

Statement of Receipts and Payments (Summary)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year's Total
	£	£	£	£
Total Gross Income	9,050	-	9,050	7,635
Assets and Investment Sales, etc.	-	-	-	7
Total Receipts	9,050	-	9,050	7,642
Total Gross Expenditure	8,211	-	8,211	14,887
Assets and Investment Purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	8,211	-	8,211	14,887
Net of Receipts-Payments	838	-	838	7,245
Transfers between Funds	4,000	4,000	-	-
Cash Funds Brought Forward from Last Year	7,384	-	7,384	14,529
Balance of Cash Funds at 31/3/2014	4,222	4,000	8,222	7,384

Statement of Assets and Current Liabilities at 31/3/2014

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year's Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Lloyds Current Account	2,645	-	2,645	1,903
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	1,001	4,000	5,001	4,367
Cash: Treasurer's float	179	-	179	625
Scout Section's float	194	-	194	156
Cub Section's float	74	-	74	257
Beaver Section's float	129	-	129	75
Total Cash Funds	4,223	4,000	8,223	7,384
Other Monetary Assets				
Hall Hire & Overdue Subs Due	-	-	-	-
Total Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets				
Total Investment Assets	-	-	-	-
Liabilities				
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Provision for Scout Membership Subs	250	-	250	-
Scout canoeing receipts - Summer 2014	140	-	140	-
Scout caving receipts - Summer 2014	240	-	240	-
Provision for Expenses Accrued	-	-	-	1,910
Total Liabilities	630	-	630	1,910
Net Monetary Assets	3,593	4,000	7,593	9,294
Less Reserves	3,000	4,000	7,000	3,000
Balance of Funds	593	-	593	6,294

Insurance

Land & Buildings (The Scout Hut, West Drive), Fixtures & Fittings (rebuilding costs) for £112,758
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, Stock, trailer etc insured for £17,815

Liabilities

The Provision for Expenses Accrued in the prior year accounts has been removed in the current year as the activities to which that provision related have now been completed.

Scout Membership Subs are payable on an annual basis. The Group Executive Committee estimates that the amount payable in February 2015 will be in the region of £3,000 and therefore is providing £250 per month.

Receipts of £140 in respect of Scout canoeing and £240 in respect of Scout Caving have been recorded as liabilities since the associated cost will be incurred in the year to 31 March 2015.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the above on


Lawrence Chiari (Chairman)


Laura Robertson (Treasurer)


David McGregor (Group Scout Leader)

Scout Section Report

In conjunction with the programme designed to offer varied and exciting activities that work towards the Chief Scouts Gold Award (see programme on <http://www.12theastleighscouts.org/>) some noteworthy achievements have been:

Since last AGM the Scout section has continued to deliver a fun and varied programme leading to well over 100 badges including 2 further Activity Plus badges (with silver border) to Callum Ward in Angling and Tina Bird in Entertainer. Also 4 Gold Chief Scout Wards have gone to Jackie Bird, Callum Ward, Lucas Bright and Rachel Waghorn.

In the summer Scouts helped at the Dylan's Day event held on the Hub recreation ground and took part in a kayak course. In the autumn term the 2nd again claimed 1st in Bishopstoke Carnival and went to group camp at Cranbury Park.

Tina Bird carried the flag at the Remembrance Day Parade with both Chloe Munns and Matt Jones doing a reading in Church. This year's District Swimming Team of 11 Scouts defended last year's trophies with an outstanding victory in both gala and relay events. Envious groups within District earned the 12th the brilliant compliment of "their mutants with webbed feet"! Unfortunately we were unable to defend last year's cooking competition victory as District cancelled the event.

Rusty (Lyn Jack) has kindly run a 'Paddle Power' course at Lakeside aimed towards a qualification and a badge and last Bank Holiday 5 Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge to Fernycrofts Camp earning 3 Scouts their Gold Chief Scout Award.

As of June 2014 we have 25 Scouts on our books including 3 Cubs on Link, 1/3 of which are girls, and the leadership team remains unchanged.

Jan Dunford

Scout Leader

Stuart Shepherd

Scout Leader

Cub Section Report

It seems hardly believable that the leadership team has been together for more than one year now (with the notable and very welcome exception of Andrew Smart who joined us at the beginning of 2014). So, in all we are Jon Robertson (Baloo), Lyn Jack (Rusty), Anita Jerram (Kaa), Andrew Smart (Shere Khan) and Andrew Waghorn (Cinders). The first task of the leaders has been to update all badge records and pull together a functional list of e-mail addresses to facilitate communication with parents. This has made the management of the pack much more efficient, and allowed presentation of a large number of badges that had been overlooked.

We began the year with 27 cubs on our books including 4 girls, and we end with 25 including 6 girls, so I think we can say that membership numbers are stable and healthy.

Our first major achievement was attendance of 10 cubs on our 'Under the Sea' float at Bishopstoke carnival, which contributes towards the community challenge badge for those who participated.

Over the last year cubs have achieved many activity badges through their own independent efforts, and also several as group work, including fourteen Water Activities badges and Paddlesport Start certificates, home safety and personal safety badges, and several hikes away badges. Hiking has been a project for the pack, and cubs completed a 3.5 mile hike via West Horton Farm, and Stoke Park woods ending with ice creams on return to the Scout Hut, and also run an overnight sleepover followed by a hike to the White Swan at Mansbridge, Swaythling along the Navigation tow path. A cycling evening was organised, following which most cubs were awarded the cyclist badge, followed by a music evening supported by four members of the Southampton University Graduate Band (who use the hut for rehearsing on Sunday afternoons), wherein most cubs received their Musician stage one badge.

Best of all Jamie Turner and Patrick Robertson have achieved their Chief Scouts Silver Awards.

Fifteen cubs attended group camp at Cranbury Park in September.

Finally, a huge well done to the 18 cubs that joined us for Remembrance Parade on Sunday. It makes me proud to belong to this organisation, and to 12th Eastleigh.

Our early plans for 2014 included lots of activities aimed at achieving the challenge badges required for the Chief Scouts Silver Award. We had a visit from Itchen South District Scout Canoe Centre who ran an indoor regatta intended as a fitness exercise and to tempt cubs to join the canoe club at Eastleigh Lakeside on Saturdays throughout the year.

On 6 February our evening was themed around the Winter Olympics, and directed at the Global Challenge. We talked about the event, where it is taking place and what sports are involved before having an indoor curling competition (Thank you Andrew Smart). Finished off with a taste of traditional Russian Sichi (cabbage soup, surprisingly tasty and most cubs enjoyed it!).

On Thursday 6 March we took 15 cubs to Fleming Park to practise for the upcoming swimming gala. With support from Digger we were able to test the 13 swimmers for stage 1 and 2 swimmer's badges, while one parent kept a close eye on the two non-swimmers who really enjoyed the meeting nonetheless. This enabled us to win the relay trophy and come third in the main swimming competition in the District Swimming gala on Saturday 8th March.

We had a brilliant visit to the Church, and climbed the bell tower. Many cubs got to chime one of the bells, and swing from the bell rope. Others played the organ!! We looked at the Easter Story and did some colouring. This activity counts towards the Promise Challenge.

After the Easter Break we have worked on a project commemorating WW1. We had a visit from Chris Humby of Bishopstoke History Society. He showed us slides of the Scouts before the Great War, and of House that stood where the Baptist Church is now. West Drive was then the drive to the house, and there was a gate house approximately where the Scout Hut now stands. Cubs were really interested, well behaved and asked some amazing questions. We are hoping to use the information to get a badge

We did an evening on trees, and managed to find and identify some 20 different types of trees, many growing in our own HQ garden, or overhanging the fences. This work will be developed during our upcoming camp so many will be able to achieve their naturalist badge.

Thirteen cubs have signed up for our weekend camp at Wilverley in June, which we will be joining with the Beavers.

On a personal note I (Rusty) have been able to complete my First Aid refresher training in time to attend the Water Safety Management Program delivered over two days at Lyons Copse, and allowing me to act as lifeguard in certain water activities, as well as the BCU Level 1 coach qualification which was supported by the group.

Rusty (Lyn Jack)

Tuesday Beaver Colony Section Report

Beavers have gone from strength to strength not least with the opening of a second colony on a Wednesday Evening.

Our Tuesday Beaver Colony currently has 3 Leaders and 1 young leader, We have also had the help of a young man doing voluntary work with us as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award (I remember him as a Beaver in our colony!)

Last summer's activities included shelter-building, a beach scavenger hunt, cold cooking and our usual end of term sports day and picnic.

Autumn activities included Beavers taking part in our winning carnival entry Under The Sea, beavers dressed as some very colourful fish; this was followed by yet again another successful Group Camp this time held at Cranbury Park. This continued with our nautical theme Beavers made fish puppets shell dream catchers and took part in a crossing the line ceremony which involved squirty cream great fun! Beavers also learnt about braille and had a visit from Hearing Dogs For The Deaf as part of their badge-work.

Beavers attended Remembrance Day parade, and gifts were made at Christmas and of course the winter term was rounded off with the obligatory Christmas Party.

In the new year 6 Beavers were awarded their bronze awards by the new ADC Beavers Graham Parsons.

Beavers made Kites and as part of their badge work learnt about other countries Nepal with a visit from HSX. Following the disaster in the Philippines they also learnt about this country broadening their global knowledge still further,

February saw Beavers hosting a bring-a-friend evening as part of our recruitment drive for our new second Wednesday Colony. This was followed by a successful Activity Afternoon during half term where several new Beavers signed up!

Other activities have included a star gazing night, various craft activities, healthy eating, first aid and a litter pick as well as mini hikes.

As always I would like to say **A BIG THANK-YOU** to all leaders, young leaders, parent helpers, and Group Exec who make all this possible.

Squirrel (Sandy McGregor)

Wednesday Beaver Colony Section Report

Having served our apprenticeships with Tuesday evening Beavers, Ben and I were encouraged to set up a new colony on a Wednesday night. We were grateful for the invaluable support from Sandy and the other Beaver Leaders in promoting our new colony. In particular, we thank them for standing outside Stoke Park School in the pouring rain giving out soggy leaflets – and smiling too! The activity afternoon with crafts, games and African drumming was a more enjoyable affair and established an initial core of interested families.

Our efforts resulted in a core of nine Beavers and we started meeting regularly in March 2014. Our numbers have grown steadily and we now have 15 invested Beavers and 3 more boys eagerly awaiting their turn to be invested.

Most of our Beavers are 6 years old and many of them come from families new to Scouting. We enjoy being able to introduce them to traditional Scouting games and activities. They are keen and enthusiastic about everything we offer. We have had successful outings to Stoke Park Woods and Eastleigh Fire Station. Parents have been very willing to assist us and we plan to formalise this by establishing a parents' rota.

Now that most of our Beavers have been invested, we are starting some serious badge work. We expect that each of our Beavers will have gained at least one badge before the end of term. This does not mean we will be reducing the level of fun or adventure we offer because Beavers, Leaders (and now some parents) know that is what makes Wednesday evenings special.

Otter (Jacky Fulton)