

12th Eastleigh Scout Group

Minutes of AGM

Saturday 15th June 2013

Agenda

Invited Guests

- Ian Patrick, Acting District Commissioner
- Malcolm Young, Deputy District Commissioner
- Jim Vaughn, District Chairman
- Vicky Painter, Assistant District Commissioner Scouts

Apologies:

None

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

Minutes of 2012 AGM proposed by Dottie Goble and adopted.

Chair Report – Lol Chiari

Lol welcomed all the parents and children and talked about the great year the 12th have had in 2013 leading to a waiting list for each section. The Hut has been redecorated and a new trailer has been donated to the Group. He put a plea out for new leaders for all sections and parents to come and help our group.

Group Scout Leaders Report – Lyn Jack

Lyn mentioned the Peter Diben memorial plaque in the foyer which tells of the history of the group Hut. She also highlighted the building of the new Explorers Hut in the garden and the completion of the new driveway. Lyn talked about the recent Scout camp to Buddens and how much fun everyone had doing activities such as coasteering, steam train journeys, kayaking, tunnelling and bivvi making. Lyn also welcomed aboard our new leaders Andy Patterson, Jacky Fulton and Ben Knowles.

Treasurer

Dottie set up an interactive “Play Your Cards Right “game which the adults and children all joined in. She highlighted figures such as £3200 in subs, £3800 in Hall Hire revenue and our overall Hut costs of £9000 including maintenance, utilities etc. Dottie also mentioned the Standing Orders as the way forward to help bring the subs in on a regular basis and help us to plan ahead.

Election of Officers/Volunteers for Posts:

Nomination of Secretary

Name: Gillian Faux

Proposed by: Lol Chiari

Seconded by: David McGregor

Nomination of Treasurer

Name: Dottie Goble

Proposed by: Lol Chiari

Seconded by: Lyn Jack

Volunteer Parent Representatives

Beaver parent rep: Donna Smart

Cub parent rep: Vacant

Scout parent rep: Wayne Vincent

Proposed by: Lyn Jack

Seconded by: Dottie Goble

Other Elected Officers:

Andy Sheppard (buildings and maintenance)

Laura Robertson (hall hire)

Janet Ball (local resident).

Proposed by: Gillian Faux

Seconded: David McGregor

AOB

- a. Investiture of GSL by Beaver and Cub. David McGregor was invested as our new GSL by a Beaver and Cub. He then talked about what was coming up in the future including a Group Camp in September at Cranbury Park and the World Scout Jamboree in 2015 in Japan. The Jamboree will cost in the region of £3000 and any Scouts who are going on it will be helped to fundraise to finance the trip. David also mentioned that we will be starting a second Beaver colony in September to help cope with the numbers on our waiting list.

David also discussed the raising of the subs as of September to help plan our finances which include a long term plan to replace the hut. Subs will be increased to £28 per term and £20 for second siblings. David also reiterated that Standing Orders would become mandatory from September unless there were exceptional circumstances.

- b. David nominated Lol Chiari as our Chair
- c. Lol Chiari talked about the future of the 12th including planning to raise funds towards a building fund with the idea of replacing the Hut when it has outlived its usefulness. To that end we will be having a building survey done to help us plan ahead.

Awards

Beavers

- Ewan Styles received his Bronze Chief Scout Award from Ian Patrick (ADC)
- The Beavers then did their Beaver chant to entertain the adults.
- Ewan Styles, Jack Styles and Thomas Osmond went through the moving on ceremony to join cubs.

Cubs

- Akela welcomed the new Beavers and they were invested into Cubs
- The Cubs performed the Haka
- Akela said goodbye to Jamie Faux and Ben Jarvis as they moved on to Scouts

Scouts

- Scouts welcomed the Cubs and they were invested.
- The Chief Scout Gold Award was presented to Euiwan Lynch from Vicky Painter, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts

GSL Award

Our new GSL, David McGregor, presented awards as follows:

- Beaver of the Year - Leah Turner
- Cub of the Year - Ben Jarvis
- Scout of the Year - Matthew Jones

Group Scout Leader Report – Lyn Jack

The last year has seen the completion of several ongoing projects in and around the Peter Dibben Memorial Scout Hut:

- Over the summer holidays of 2012 the hall and foyer received a well needed coat of paint. We decided to keep the existing colour scheme as it reflects our scarf and the history of the group in association with Eastleigh Railway, but brightened the look with clean fresh paint. Thanks to Gavin Bancroft for completing this project.
- Once the decor was renewed, we have been able to hang the plaque in the foyer explaining the history of the hut and its provenance from the family of Peter Dibben RE, who gave his life in WWII. I do recommend you to read the plaque as it is an interesting story and one we should all keep in mind.
- Outside the building, our biggest project has been completion of the driveway and building of an additional storage facility for the use of Eastleigh Explorer Scouts. The Explorer store was kindly donated by Richard Morris and erected by a gallant team of Explorer parents and leaders. Plans for this building included the works on the driveway and adjustments to the gates which make entry and exit to the buildings with heavy vehicles and equipment much, much easier, and we are grateful to Wayne Vincent, Andy Sheppard and Digger for planning and execution of these works.
- Just last month the Scout Section leaders took delivery of a donated trailer (given by 14th Eastleigh Scout Group and the District Band). The previous owners felt the trailer was terminally damaged, but a short inspection revealed that new brake shoes and other minor repairs fixed it up, and it was put to good use for Scout Camp over the half term holiday. We will complete the renovation with some signage on the side and plan to make it available to the entire district for use for a nominal fee (two bookings are already in hand so we anticipate the trailer will pay for the cost of renovation quite easily).

Sadly, no Summer Scout Camp occurred in 2012, but we did complete a Group Camp at Lyons Copse. You will recall that this event had to be delayed due to the unexpectedly extreme wet weather conditions of last summer, but the eventual event was a success. We also took part in the District Diamond Jubilee Camp at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest, with our leaders supporting many of the activities laid on for the District.

The leader team at 12th has been boosted by Ben Knowles and Jacky Fulton joining our Beaver Section, but unfortunately we have lost Louise Unsworth from the Cub section (at least temporarily) due to personal and family priorities. Jacky and Ben are currently working through the basic leader training requirements with the District training team, and Andy and Jon from the Cub section continue to work through theirs also. Andy particularly is undertaking lots of activity training as well as the basic leader training which will give the group lots of additional skills available to the young people. I personally have achieved a leadership permit in canoeing, and am now able to lead and instruct small groups on easy inland waters like Lakeside. This has been used during the recent Scout Camp and will continue with cub canoeing activities coming up shortly.

I can only apologise to cub parents who have been asked to replace unbanked cheques for subs and other activities, and assure everyone that this situation is now in hand and will not recur.

Many of you will know that I took over as GSL at 12th when my predecessor David McGregor moved on to be District Commissioner, and many will also know that when David's tenure as DC expired after 5 years, he declined to take a further term, preferring to rejoin the 12th, so I am now handing the reins back to David and have agreed to support him as Assistant GSL. In that capacity I will continue to support Cub and Scout Sections, and endeavor to arrange group and section activities in support of all sections and their leaders. In line with that, I have booked the campsite at Cranbury Park, Chandlers Ford for the weekend of 27-29 September for a Group Camp to include Scouts, Cubs, and for the first time at 12th, Beavers under canvas. I invite everyone to put that date in your diaries and will provide more details nearer the time.

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 to hear about the great things that have been going on in our Group.

Our numbers have increased year on year and we are in the enviable position of being full to capacity with a small waiting list for each section. We have welcomed new leaders into our sections over the course of the year, but in order to cope with the continued demand for places, we need more adult and young adult helpers and leaders.

When I was approached about becoming Chair 12 months ago, I wasn't sure what to expect, but what I can tell you is that it has been an enjoyable year, everyone is friendly and supportive, there is a tremendous determination to make our Group the best, and above all a strong desire to give the children and young people the best experiences that we can. I had no experience of Scouting before undertaking this role, but there is plenty of training available and you will be supported every step of the way. If you feel that you want to get involved, please take the opportunity today to speak to any of the Leaders or Exec. Members today.

You are going to hear from our GSL in far more detail about what has been happening across the group, there has been so much positive stuff going in: the Hut has been re-decorated and the driveway has been completed. This was a major undertaking for the Group as a whole and once again it would never have happened without the support of our great team of volunteers.

All the Sections have been busy as you know, I know that my Son comes back from Cubs every week buzzing with what they've got up to, and I am sure that you all share that experience. The Beavers have been building shelters in the woods, attended camp at Lyons Copse and had a musical extravaganza. Cubs have been out and about in the woods and at camp, Akela and the team have been following the Scout Association programme mixing in some home grown activities including hiking, pioneering and kayaking. The scouts too have been very busy attending the County survival weekend at Pinsent, Group Camps, swimming, cooking, cycling, and hiking. So much variety and so many opportunities for our young people to grow and flourish.

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 1/4/2012 to 31/3/2013

Statement of Receipts and Payments (Summary)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year's Total
Total Gross Income	£ 6,607	£ -	£ 6,607	£ 10,999
Assets and Investment Sales, etc.	£ 7	£ -	£ 7	£ 11
Total Receipts	£ 6,614	£ -	£ 6,614	£ 11,010
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 15,621	£ -	£ 15,621	£ 11,769
Assets and Investment Purchases, etc.	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 7
Total Payments	£ 15,621	£ -	£ 15,621	£ 11,776
Net of Receipts-Payments	-£ 9,007	£ -	-£ 9,007	-£ 767
Transfers between Funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Cash Funds Brought Forward from Last Year	£ 16,265	£ -	£ 16,265	£ 15,396
Balance of Cash Funds at 31/3/2011	£ 7,258	£ -	£ 7,258	£ 14,629

Statement of Assets and Current Liabilities at 31/3/2011

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year's Total
Cash Funds				
Lloyds Current Account	£ 142	£ -	£ 142	£ 3,509
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 4,367	£ -	£ 4,367	£ 10,337
Cash: Treasurer's float	£ 625	£ -	£ 625	£ 266
Scout Section's float	£ 156	£ -	£ 156	£ 213
Cub Section's float	£ 279	£ -	£ 279	£ 311
Beaver Section's float	£ 75	£ -	£ 75	-£ 5
Total Cash Funds	£ 5,644	£ -	£ 5,644	£ 14,631
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Due on Subs	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Hall Hire & Overdue Subs Due	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Provision for Interest accrued	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Rebates Due	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Other Monetary Assets	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Investment Assets				
Total Investment Assets	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Liabilities				
Provisions for Expenses Accrued (ECS & Cleaning)	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Provisions for Expenses Accrued (Utilities)	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Provision for insurance due	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 720
Provision for Scout Membership Subs	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Trust Funds for Designated Project	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Provision for building works	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Provision for Expenses Accrued (Section Activities)	-£ 1,760	£ -	-£ 1,760	-£ 1,076
Total Liabilities	-£ 1,760	£ -	-£ 1,760	-£ 356
Net Monetary Assets	£ 7,405	£ -	£ 7,405	£ 14,987
Less Reserves	£ 3,000	£ -	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Balance of Funds	£ 4,405	£ -	£ 4,405	£ 11,987

Land & Buildings (The Scout Hut, West Drive), Fixtures & Fittings [insured (rebuilding costs) for £93,285]
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, Stock, etc [contents insured for £12,000]

Lawrence Chiari (Chairman)

Dorota Goble (Treasurer)

David McGregor (Group Scout Leader)

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

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:

- 1st in class at Bishopstoke Carnival
- Scouts attending the County survival weekend at Pinsent
- Group Camp at Lyons Copse
- Bag packing to raise money for the Basics Bank and St Mary's Church
- 1st in District Swimming Gala and joint 1st in relay
- Joint 1st in District Cooking Competition
- 20 mile bike ride from Wickham
- Clay pigeon shooting at Wallers Ash Gun Club
- 8 Scouts walked the District Night Hike to Compton. Euiwan Lynch completing his Chief Scout Gold on the Expedition Challenge walking with Andy Waghorn, Sam Butler and Ben Vincent (who had already gained their Gold).
- Scout Camp at Buddens site in Dorset. Events included kayaking, tunnelling, steam train trip, hiking, Coasteering, open fire cooking and sleeping in a bivvi of their own construction.

Numbers have risen slightly despite the odd loss through Scouts moving to Explorers. We have 2 Cubs on link and some completely new faces to Scouting joining us. Badge awards in Stage, Activity and Challenge have remained strong, with the notable **section first Activity Plus** for Physical Recreation, (has a silver edge) given to Rachel Waghorn. Since receiving this Rachel is now working hard towards the Instructor (has a gold edge) and this is likely to be the **first ever awarded in the District.**

A final mention must be made of Paula Bird who came as a parent helper but has now been invested as a full-time Leader. Welcome aboard Paula.

Jan Dunford

Scout Leader

Stuart Shepherd

Scout Leader

Cub Section Report

After a period of low membership, Cub numbers have increased towards the middle of 2013 and we now regularly have more than 20 Cubs at each meeting.

The leadership team remains stable, with Andy Patterson as Akela, Jon Robinson as Baloo, Lyn Jack as Rusty, Kate Dunford (Bubbles), Kes Gillespie and Andy Waghorn as Young Leaders. Unfortunately Louise Unsworth (Kaa) has decided to step down for the time being due to personal reasons and we miss her sorely.

However, Akela has embarked on a program of activities set out by the Scout Association, which covers around 18 months' worth of evening meetings addressing all aspects of the Cub Scout balanced programme. We are supplementing these activities with our own including the Bishopstoke Carnival, some hiking and pioneering activities to fit in with the joint activities planned within the group.

Over the last year we have attended the District Diamond Jubilee Camp at Ferny Crofts, and our own Group Camp at Lyons Copse. We have undertaken a kayaking taster session at Lakeside, taken part in Bishopstoke Carnival, attended St George's Day and Remembrance Day parades. During our evening meetings we have baked Christmas Cakes, decorated biscuits, made posters and tile paintings as well as playing lots of fun games, a new one every week!

The new leadership team is working on upgrading and updating our badge record systems and cash accounting to ensure proper recording and require less effort on the part of the leaders.

As always it is a pleasure and a privilege to work with so many fantastic young people, and while we leaders may struggle at times to balance Scouting with other commitments, I don't think we would miss it for the world.

Akela (Andy Patterson)

Beaver Section Report

Our Beaver Colony continues to be one of the best in the district; we have a thriving Colony and 5 Beaver Leaders and 2 young leaders who continue to provide an exciting and varied programme for our young people to enjoy, and to add to their ever growing selection of badges.

Last summer's activities included shelter-building and of course our own mini Olympics where beavers proudly displayed their own Olympic flag and torches.

Autumn activities included a very successful group camp at Lyons Copse where Beavers made African masks, drums and necklaces and jungle drums. Beavers were exceptionally well behaved actually sleeping following the day's activities!

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 beavers worked towards their computer badge showing off their skills using a computer and designing a poster using computer software. They also celebrated Chinese New Year making Chinese dragons and learning about Chinese culture.

Beavers also enjoyed visits to Swanwick wildlife centre and pets at home which enabled most of the colony to obtain their animal friend badge on completion of the booklet given to them. Gifts and cards were made for Mother's day and Easter.

Beavers were well represented at this year's St George's day Parade and enjoyed the open air service at Eastleigh Recreation ground. (thankfully the weather was kind to us.) Beavers also made some very creative junk model dragons and dragon and knight bookmarks.

This term Beavers have enjoyed a magical mystery tour (Ben's Hike.) a fantastic musical evening attempting to play several musical instruments, (some more successfully than others) pizza making and visit to Royal Victoria Country Park.

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

Squirrel (Sandy McGregor)