



1st Burgess Hill Scout Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting,

Held On 11th June 2008 7.30pm

At the Scout Centre, Station Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

Opening Remarks from the Group Trustees:

Graham opened the meeting and thanked all those present for attending. He mentioned that he was handing over to Margaret as acting Chairman to continue the meeting. Margaret thanked Graham and then went on to introduce Dave Spring County Representative, Vernon Cowdell from District and Janet Slaughter District Appointments Chairman.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Karen George.

Those Present:

Graham Frost (GSL), Mike & Margaret Larcombe, Lynn Cheal, Tracy Brown, Paula Slater, Jenny Cleary, Jenny Theabold, Piers Bonnett, David Moore, Vernon Cowdell, Dave Spring plus Debbie Luccioni, Tracy Moore and Tim Worsfold.

Approval of Minutes of 2007 AGM and Trustees Report

Margaret asked all present if they had read the minutes and report. She then went on to say that once again the balance is healthy, this is due to gift aid and an increase in party bookings. She went on to say that the balance will decrease over the next year as we have to have all the garage roofs, looked at and repaired along with a new door on one. We also need to have the perimeter fence replaced along with the day to day refurbishment costs.

Margaret asked that those present adopted and approved the minutes and the Trustees Report. These were proposed by Jenney Cleary and seconded by Jenny Theabold.

GSL Report

Graham thanked Jenney Cleary, Piers Bonnett and Dave Moore for agreeing to taking out warrants for the Scout Section. Mentioned that we need another leader for the Thursday troop then he can get back to running the Group as GSL. The programme for the Scouts has improved

over the last year. He also mentioned that Debbie Major had taken over the Monday night Beaver Colony after the resignation of James Sayer at the beginning of the year, he went on to mention that both Debbie and Lynn (Willow Beavers Thursday) needed another leader and also parental help. He thanked Darren and Catherine Wells and James Sayer for their support over the last years and wished them well in the future.

The Beaver and Cub sections were congratulated on the awards and badges they had obtained over the last year, including the Bronze and Silver awards but mentioned that he was disappointed that no Scouts had achieved the Gold award. Hopefully this will be achieved this year.

He thanked Tract for all her fundraising activities along with her weekly meeting commitments.

He finally thanked Margaret for all her help and mentioned that she is not always Mrs popular when she is pressing the leaders for information or money, but she was invaluable to the group.

Margaret asked that those present adopted and approved the minutes and the Trustees Report. These were proposed by Jenney Theabold and seconded by Jenny Cleary.

GSL Nomination of Chairman

Margaret then handed over to Graham who informed those present that they would be having a meeting in the near future with the person who had agreed to take over as Chairman at the end of last year. Unfortunately due to ill health he has not taken an active roll this year. Graham said he would keep all informed as to the position in the future.

Nomination of Group Secretary

Margaret then continued as acting chairman. She asked Jenny Theabold if she was still willing to act as Secretary and she agreed. This was proposed by Jenny Cleary and seconded by Tracy Brown.

Nomination of Group Treasure

Margaret said she was willing to stand again. This was Proposed by Graham Frost and seconded by Dave Moore.

Nomination & Election of Executive Committee Members

Margaret then went on to state that apart from the two volunteers from Brownsea we had not other committee members. Margaret then asked for the approval of the meeting to co-opt members onto the committee during the coming year. This was approved by all present.

Appointment of Group Examiner

Margaret said that the Auditor had agreed to audit the books once again next year.

County Representative

Dave Spring mentioned that he was a County assistant for Scouts and was also acting District Commissioner for Southdown District of which 1st Burgess Hill is part. He said that the Group were very successful with two Beaver Colonies, two Cub packs and two Scout Troops. Like all Groups in the County there is a need for Leaders and getting parents to participate was a problem. He said that we do need a strong committee and also a Group of this size needed a fundraising committee. The subs are not there to pay the day to day bills but for the benefit of the youngsters.

Any other Business

Graham mentioned that there would be a Race Night on 21st June to raise funds for those going to WS2008 during the summer break, all were welcome. He also mentioned that next year the Group would be celebrating its 100th Birthday. Various things were planned and Margaret said that she would be sending out lists to all sections as to who had been cleared in the next few days.

Paula said would it be possible for the Group to take part in the Town day procession next year as it is our 100th birthday. Graham pointed out that we have done it every year for the past four years but as the same people help and we needed the youngsters this was the reason for no attendance this year. He went on to say that in previous years the Group had been very much involved and had run a stool.

He said that we would defiantly make sure we would attend next year, but that we need support to do these events and not leave it to the same people all the time. We have 140 youngsters in the Group and we need to get more parents involved. We do have a list of parents offering help and the survey that went out this time last year will go out to all those parents who did not reply.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.10