

2nd Orpington Scout Group

Annual General Meeting Minutes

15th July 2015

In attendance:

**Ian Stringer – Chairman
Steve Goswell – Treasurer
Jackie Stracey – Secretary
Duncan Hellicar - DGSL**

**Graham Mackenzie – ASL
Tim Birse – ESL
Mark Hudson – CSL
James Polson – ACSL
Tara Mendez - CSL
Martin Howell – ESL
Alex Walton - SL
Karen Smurthwaite - GSL**

**Simon Pink
Amanda Cant
Kirsty Pink
Kath Misslebrook
Charlie Brown
Liz Walton
Alex Walton
Marcus Walton**

Apologies:

Jason Price

Minutes from last AGM on 24th September 2014:

Approved and seconded by Mark Hudson and Duncan Hellicar.

Section Reports:

Brief reports were provided by:

Disney - Beavers

JP advised that he started off with 16 beavers which has now risen to 25 in the section with no planned losses until next term.

Activities have been undertaken such as horse riding, crazy golf and swimming. This section also intends to have more involvement with other sections within the District next term.

Kiwi - Beavers

TM confirmed that there are now 20 beavers with 3 to start in January. They have completed a sleepover and visits to the Tank Museum and Library. Visits planned include the new Orpington Fire Station and Hobbycraft.



Wolves - Cubs

MH on behalf of Jason Price advised that the flow of Beavers coming up to Cubs has been good and most of the Cubs have been moving up to Scouts.

This term the section has worked on First Aid stage 1, Personal Safety, Fire Safety and backwards cooking badges.

Activities completed were a Night Hike and sleepover, Tobogganing, Arsenal, The Sealife Centre and Bovington Tank Museum.

Overall a good term and JS would like to thank the Scout helpers Abigail Morton, Alex Price and James Seppings whose support he could not do without.

Panthers - Cubs

MH advised that there were currently 23 in his section. 364 badges have been awarded including 20 challenge badges and 1 silver award.

Organised events such as Arsenal and The Sealife Centre, Bovington Tank Museum as well as joint activities with Wolves such as a Night Hike and sleepover and Tobogganing. Cub Camp planned for September 2015. Additionally, a Christmas carol will be sung by the Cubs in church at this year's Toy Service. This was also undertaken last year very successfully.

Ransom's - Scouts

GM confirmed there were 34 members, however, 3 would be going up to Explorer's. Various activities completed and planned.

Scorpions - Explorers

MH advised that following the successful trip to Tanzania last year they completed a camping weekend which was enjoyed by the Section. MH said it was nice to see young leaders from Explorers move on to complete their Young Leaders Award. Trip to Orkney Islands planned for later this year.

Bears – New Scout Group

Alex Walton will be Section Leader for Bears which will be organised on a Friday evening beginning in September 2015. New Section expected to start with 3 members from Ransoms and 7 youngsters moving up from Cubs.

DH - Acting Group Section Leader

DH confirmed that it had been a fantastic year. A definite drive for more Leaders is required, however, we were getting by.

Chairman's Report:
IS thanks everyone for coming.

Treasurers Report

SG advised that £14286.98 was held in the Gold Account and £9672.34 in current account.

Capitation is required but he has not yet heard from Treasury District.

Social Fund raising has been a huge success with a Race Night held on Saturday 7th March 2015. Funds raised for that evening were £912.83. Tuck shop raised £40.00.

Annual subscriptions for each Cub and Scout will increase to £10.00 a month which will provide for expected increases in running costs, and also a small contingency fund for essential maintenance.



Andy Ballantyne Award

JS explained that following the death of Andy Ballantyne an ex-scout at 2nd Orpington his family had made a donation to the Group for an award to be made available in his memory. After much discussion within the Executive Committee it was agreed that each leader would nominate a Scout within their section as having followed the Scouting Laws to the best of their ability. The overall winner would be presented the Andy Ballantyne Friendship Award Cup and each runner up would receive a trophy.

The Scouting values and beliefs are:-

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The nominations received for 2015 were Melanie Hatton from Ransoms, Charlotte Green from Wolves, Holly Gray from Scorpions, Ella Golding from Disney, Jodie Shiltoe from Panthers and Kelsey Pink from Kiwi's.

The overall winner of the Andy Ballantyne Award went to Melanie Hatton from Ransom's.

Kelsey Pink was presented with her runner up trophy as she was the only Scout having attended the meeting with her parents. It was suggested that the awards would again be presented at the next social event which will be the planned Quiz Night on 25th October 2015.

Election of Officers

DH confirmed the election and re-election of Officer's roles. No new nominations received and no objections to current team made. Existing Officer's of the Executive Committee to remain.

Any other business

No other business reported.

DH thanked all the Leaders for all their hard work and effort without which the Group would not work. The meeting was duly concluded at 7.25pm.

