

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Orpington Scout Group

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### In attendance:

Ian Stringer – Chairman  
Karen Smurthwaite GSL  
Jackie Stracey – Secretary

Duncan Hellicar - DGSL  
Graham Mackenzie – ASL  
Tim Birse – ESL  
Mark Hudson – CSL  
Jason Price SL  
James Polson – ACSL  
Tara Mendez - CSL  
Alex Walton - SL

Kath Misslebrook  
Barry Lewis  
Lyssette Young  
Mark Gorringe  
Lena Gorringe  
Liz Walton  
Mark Paraman  
Catherine Dare  
Fiona Wilson  
Steve Skitini

### Apologies:

Tim Burse and Steve Goswell

Minutes from last AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Approved and seconded by Duncan Hellicar and Alex Walton.

### Section Reports:

Brief reports were provided by:

#### Disney - Beavers

JP advised that he started off with 25 beavers but has lost 14 to Cubs recently. Over the year team work has been the focus of the group and activities such as wide games have been completed. Forthcoming activities will include camp and sleepover. 17 Bronze Awards has been issued.

#### Kiwi - Beavers

TM confirmed that there are now 22 beavers with only 2 girl members. The group has been running for 19 months and 4/5 have moved up to Cubs. Over 300 badges have been awarded. Activities undertaken include a sponsored skip in which Kiwi's raised over £300 as part of a Million Hands Campaign. A trip to Costa to learn about fair trade coffee was completed with a walk around Tesco's to find fair trade items. Other activities included a trip to Orpington Fire Station, two Beavers attending the district sleepover and a visit from Paulette and her guide dog.



Kiwi Beavers have now received their first parcel from Kea Group in New Zealand which is the equivalent of Beavers. The parcel included badges, scarves, postcards and letters. Both sides hope to build on this relationship between them for many years.

Finally, looking forward to Winter Term the Kiwi's activities will include Cooking, Road Safety, Water Safety, Emergency Aid and working towards the new Fitness and Healthy Eating badge.

Beavers were asked what they enjoyed the most and replies were:-

I like getting badges and love sleepovers.

I really like doing activities with my friends and earn badges and had lots of fun at the fire station.

I like playing games. My favourite thing has been sleepovers and visiting the fire station.

I like the games we play and when I get badges. I also like our days out and when we visited the fire station.

#### **Wolves - Cubs**

Jason Price advised that the flow of Beavers coming up to Cubs had been good and whilst starting at 22 have finished on 27 members and are now full. Activities have included Personal Safety, backwards cooking and camp. The Section also won the Scarecrow award for making the best Scarecrow at Church.

Activities to come include rifle shooting, night hike and sleepover and joint camp with Panther's at Thriftwood in September. Joint activities with Panthers continues to work well and is enjoyed by all.

Overall a good term and JS would like to thank the Abigail Morton, George Hudson and James Seppings who have recently completed their Young Leaders badges and whose support he could not do without.

#### **Panthers - Cubs**

MH advised that there were currently 26 in his section comprising of 17 boys and 9 girls.

Organised events undertaken included Bovington Tank Museum as well as joint activities with Wolves such as a Night Hike and sleepover, Cub Camp held at Thriftwood, Escorting Santa during the Christmas Lights being turned on in Orpington and finally singing the hymn Mary's Boy Child during the Christmas Toy Service at church which was extremely successful.

Other activities include learning some sign language, Mrs Obee visiting with her Guide Dog, Visiting Orpington Fire Station and making fantastic bath salts for Mother's day.

Events to come include a visit to Dover Castle, joint Cub Camp in September with Wolves and making home-made lemonade to sell on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to raise awareness of 2<sup>nd</sup> Orpington Scouts.

#### **Ransom's – Scouts**

GM advised that there are 15 Scouts currently in the unit with one moving on in November. Good intake coming up from Cubs. Activities undertaken include scuba diving, Easter Camp which was very successful and included Scarefest. Currently working on Mechanics badge.

#### **Bears - Scouts**

AW confirmed that when new section opened in September 2015 they had one member. Since then the group has gone from strength to strength and now have 19 members with 1 moving on to explorers of which AW said he would be very sorry to lose Bradley.



The Quarter Masters badge is currently being undertaken by 2 members of the group. Other activities completed have been the Easter Sponsored Egg Throw – one of which accidentally hit the GSL's car! Other badges completed include Media and PR Badge. Visit to Bodmin Moor Eden Project and fishing time on beach enjoyed by 7 adults and 16 children

AW confirmed that he has now completed Module 38 Nights Away Permit. Scout Camp still to come with Scarefest being held in Autumn and again in Spring. New Assistance Scout Leader's Matt and Vince to join the team as Liz is on maternity leave.

The forthcoming activities program is being designed by the children as well as leaders and will include items such as archery and high wiring.

#### **Explorers**

DH advised visit to Shetland Isles completed and enjoyed by all. Young leader's involvement welcomed but are losing some because of age.

#### **Report from KS - Group Section Leader**

127 young members on roll and 7 on waiting list to join Beavers. 1100 badges were handed out and KS wished to thank all Leaders for the hard work and effort undertaken to achieve the results that have been seen. New Leaders have joined including a parent leader. New Assistant Section Leaders have been appointed in Scouts. Tara and Mick close to finishing Wood Badges.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

IS thanked everyone for coming and re-iterated the hard work undertaken by Leaders and members of the Scout Executive Committee.

#### **Treasurers Report**

SG advised that £14,329.27 was held in the Gold Account and £8,012.47 in current account.

Social Fund raising has been a success. Funds raised were £416 at quiz night, Tuck shop raised £48 and hall hires totalling £215.

#### **Election of Officers**

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

#### **Any other business**

MH advised that on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the Scouts would be in Orpington making home-made lemonade between 10.30 and 4pm. All help welcomed

No other business reported.

IS Thanked everyone for coming and meeting was duly concluded at 7.35pm.

