

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

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**In attendance:**

**Fiona Wilson – Chair**  
**Karen Smurthwaite - Group Scout Leader**  
**Steve Goswell - Treasurer**  
**Jackie Stracey - Secretary**

**Gary Peppiatt - District Commissioner**  
**Duncan Hellicar - ESL**  
**Graham Mackenzie – SL**  
**Mark Hudson – CSL**  
**Jason Price - CSL**  
**Tara Mendez - BSL**  
**Alex Walton - SL**  
**Mick Strange - ABL**  
**Alex Price - Young Leader**  
**Kath Misselbrook ASL**

**Maria Stringer**  
**Amber Golding**  
**Kathryn Bell**  
**Sarah Delaney**  
**Shelley Johnston**  
**Michelle Sales**  
**Martin Scales**  
**Lesley Ward**  
**Andrea McLean**  
**Alison Kavangh**  
**Caroline Okengwu**  
**Liz Walton**  
**Matt Smith**  
**John Taylor**  
**Lyssette Young**

**Apologies:**

**None**

**Minutes from last AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Approved and seconded by Jason Price and Alex Walton.**



## Section Reports:

Brief reports were provided by:

### Disney - Beavers

MS advised that there are 24 Beavers in the section made up of 20 boys and 4 girls. A total of 418 badges had been awarded including 5 bronze awards. The section has been able to expand it's leaders and now include Daisy and Sam. With increased leadership it has been possible to undertake more activities such as trips to Kidzania which was a great success, peddle carts, a sleepover with Bears and 27<sup>th</sup> Bromley, Sea Cadets and boating.

The section has introduced a points system based upon Toy Story. The beavers can earn 100 points for their 'lodge' as well as have points deducted if necessary.

### Kiwi - Beavers

TM confirmed that there are now 27 Beavers made up of 24 boys and 3 girls. 2 Beavers will be moving up to Cubs in September. 277 badges have been awarded of which 6 have been bronze awards. Activities undertaken have included life skills, road safety and working towards the International Badge.

### Wolves - Cubs

JP advised that the section consists of approximately 26 members consisting of 21 boys and 5 girls. Over the last year 4 have moved up to Scouts and more are due to move up from Beavers.

Activities undertaken have included Hikes away, Communicator, Emergency Aid, Navigator and Astronomer, Fire safety and backwards cooking, grass sledging, orienteering and a visit to the synagogue visit are just some listed.

The Wolves Section were very proud to see Alex awarded with his Young Leader Belt and badges after he completed his Young Leader Training.

On a personal note Jason thanked the parents for getting their Cubs to wherever they were meeting and are always ready to offer help when needed. A special thanks to James, George and Alex for all of their help and support over the last year. Thanks Guys!

### Panthers - Cubs

MH advised that there were currently 24 in his section.

Organised events undertaken included first 'winter' camp held jointly with Wolves in January 2017 at Bears Wood which whilst a tad cold was a big success. Other activities undertaken included indoor bowls, a visit to Metro Bank and various activities undertaken at Downe Activity Centre. A night hike and sleepover is planned for end of term and forthcoming camp held with Wolves has been booked for September 2017 at Thriftwood.

### Ransom's – Scouts

KM said that the section membership had now risen to 14 due to some of the Cubs now moving up. Previously numbers were held at 5. Activities undertaken have including fund raising for Alzheimer's, a trip to a care home and outdoor survival skills.

Contrary to any reports the section is definitely not closing down to to the growing demand for the section and increased membership numbers.



## **Bears - Scouts**

**AW confirmed that there were now 24 members in the section and a waiting list for brownies waiting to come in.**

**Activities planned include Horseriding, Shooting, Air Jump and a party at Frylands, Charity work and working towards the Challenge Badge.**

## **Explorers**

**DH advised that membership numbers are very low. The section are trying to arrange a joint summer camp with other explorer's groups. Activities undertaken included the distribution of water at the London Marathon which was very successful last year, a trip to Latvia and a joint camp with Scouts. The section are looking to take on another leader in order to enhance a full program.**

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

**KS advised that the group now had 140 young members on roll with 7 sections including Explorers which made 2<sup>nd</sup> Orpington one of the biggest groups in the district.**

**Some fantastic activities have been undertaken within the Group this year which saw the Scouts travelling to Cornwall for a week which also included a trip to the Eden Project.**

**Online Scout Management (OSM) continues to be successfully used by all leaders. The system enables the group to manage subscriptions from members as well as organising events which parents are able to interact with. A Facebook page is now also up and running.**

**In memory of Andrew Ballantyne, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Orpington Scout who sadly passed away at a young age, money donated by his family to the Group in remembrance of him has been used to present a Friendship Award. This award is given to the Scout within each section who has followed the rules of Scouting and gone above and beyond what is been expected and showing kindness to others.**

**This year the awards were presented to:-**

**Bethan Bowen of Disney Section**

**Ethan Overton Braesyde of Kiwi Section**

**Mathew Bartlett of Ransoms Section**

**Kelsey King of Panthers Section**

**Cidney Haison of Wolves Section**

**Alex Dance of Bears Section**

**Overall winner was awarded to Ethan Overton Braesyde**

**District Commissioner Gary Peppiatt thanked all the award winners and thanked everyone for coming. He was very pleased with what the Group had achieved and said that every single member and Leader deserved applause. This was given. He emphasised that the group would not be as successful as it was without the Leaders and the time and effort they provide.**

**GP thanked KS for all of her hard work over the last 2 years as Group Scout Leader. Additionally, the work and dedication of the Young Leaders named as Alex Price, George Hudson and Jane??????? was recognised and huge thanks given to them also. Congratulations especially to Alex Price for achieving the Young Leaders training and showing the attributes and skills that warrant becoming a good Scout Leader.**



## **Chairs Report**

**FW Thanked all Leaders for their support and thanked Ian Stringer the previous Chair for the time and support he had given. FW is pleased to be able to support the Group since being elected as Chair and recognises the support she also receives from JS as current Secretary and SG as Treasurer who undertakes a great amount of work behind the scenes which ,like all Leaders, is entirely voluntary.**

**FW asked for much needed support from parents to help run the Group which enables Leaders to undertake the activities that parents want for their children. If anyone is interested in helping then to contact KS or speak to any of the Group Leaders.**

**It was announced that JS is now looking to step down after 3 years as Secretary to continue as a parent/helper. It was with great delight that Alison Kavangh offered to take up the position and has been nominated as Secretary with effect from September 2017.**

## **Treasurers Report**

**The Group Current account holds £23531.92 as at time of reporting. The years turnover was £28K and approximately £9500 was spent throughout this year on trips, camps and various activities. The Groups assets were up by £1180 on the previous year following £1700 received from fund raising and hall hire.**

## **Any Other Business**

**No other matters raised**

**FW thanked everyone for coming and meeting duly concluded at 7.35pm**

