



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 16 July 2020, 7.30 pm

AGENDA

Present:

Committee: Jill Fairchild, Robin Gildersleeve, Tim Barker, Debbie Kerridge, Sandy Young, Erika Wedgwood, Richard Wedgwood, Vicki Price, Chris Birkenshaw.

Graham Smith (District) and Ailsa Titmus (Parent)

1. Welcome: Chair

Welcome from Jill Fairchild (Chair).

2. Apologies for Absence

Dee King

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The 2020 AGM minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

5. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Reports for year 2020/21

a. Beavers:

Face-to-face meetings have recently resumed and so far the Beavers have participated in paper aeroplanes, a hike and cricket. There is a great program of activities planned for the summer term. There are approximately 15 Beavers at present with five being invested tonight.

b. Cubs:

The Cubs annual report runs from Jan-Dec 2020. In the months before the pandemic, the Cubs had been working on their Scientist and Collectors badges as well as visiting a care home in Girton and sharing their collections with the residents. They had also been learning about Emergency first aid and helped out at the Jumble Sale.

After the initial lockdown, Cubs were able to resume face-to-face meetings in October where they met for activities in the Orchard before having to stop again for the November lockdown. They also managed a Christmas Craft session in December before further restrictions in January again halted meetings.

Face-to-face meetings are back up and running again now with a great program of activities planned.

c. Scout Group:

Update from Robin that the current position is largely similar to last year as so much has had to be put on hold. He recognised the trials and challenges of the last few months both generally and in relation to the processes around resuming face-to-face meetings, stating that. The opportunity to attend Cubs and Beavers was noted as being really missed by the members and local community.

The ambitions of the group remain the same as those captured in the Action Plan but with the addition of achieving recovery after a long period of inactivity. It was noted that nationally, approximately 20% of groups have had to close over the last year so 1st Haddenham is lucky to still have so much enthusiastic support that has enabled it to keep going and Robin has worked hard to maintain visibility of the group in the community.

The group remains determined to establish a Scout Troop and would love to have more young leaders involved. The group is looking forward to getting back on track with the usual fund-raising activities and the implementation of the 4-week challenge to Cubs parents has been received positively.

Plans around increasing the provision of football pitches and associated buildings with rooms that can be rented for community use are moving along and could provide a potential location to house the Cubs and Beavers.

Robin thanked all the leaders, volunteers, parents, Beavers, Cubs and District for keeping everything going and keeping the spirit of scouting alive.

d. District:

Graham expressed a huge thank you to the Haddenham group for carrying on as they have and to everyone involved. It was one of the first groups to reinstate face-to-face meetings and the activities that have been planned have been noticed throughout the District.

It has been a hard year for the District but it is now trying to get things back on line and organise activities and events which is proving challenging due to the restrictions around large-scale events. This includes involvement in a Nations Thank You Day on the 4th July, the #GoodForYou campaign and organising a District International trip to Denmark next year for local scouts.

In relation to the future of scouting, the opportunity for groups of people to share the running and responsibility of groups was seen as a positive move forward and may help attract more volunteers. They are also looking to introduce "Squirrels" for 4-5 year olds which has been successfully established in the USA and Ireland for some time but will initially be targeted towards engaging with children from areas of deprivation and BAME communities.

Graham also wanted to promote the use of good service awards to recognise and thank leaders.

Robin expressed concern about a recent article he had seen by Bear Grylls which didn't refer to scouting being for both boys and girls, or that there are the younger Cubs and Beavers groups that feed through to scouts.

Graham agreed that it was good to provide this feedback in support of raising awareness about scouting in general.

6. Presentation and Adoption of the Scout Group Accounts

Jan – March provided a positive start to the annual accounts as the group was able to hold the Jumble Sale just before lockdown, which is the main fundraiser. Due to the pandemic and the fact that the group do not own any buildings, there were few outgoings last year but the biggest one was the capitation fees to District.

During the last 12 months Vicki has managed to successfully consolidate the separate Beavers and Cubs accounts into one Group Scout account and one Reserves account.

Figures for the consolidated Group Scout account in 2020 stood at a Total Gross Income of £1737.36 which was noted to be significantly down compared to the previous year. Total Gross Expenditure was £1846.92 resulting in an overall loss of

£109 for the year but compared to other groups this was acknowledged to be a good position.

Cash funds for 2020 stand at £7876.40, Reserves at £2510.30 and Total Assets (stock, furniture and equipment) at £15,385.65.

Robin and Jill thanked Vicki for everything she has done this year.

Accounts still need to be formally signed off by Vicki and Jill.

7. Questions and Answers

No questions.

8. Election of Group Officers (Ex-officio)

- a. **Chairperson:** Jill Fairchild re-elected.
- b. **Group Secretary:** Debbie Kerridge re-elected.
- c. **Group Treasurer:** Vicki Price re-elected.

9. Approval of Lay Members of Scout Group Executive Committee

Dee, Sandy and Chris happy to carry on in their current roles. Richard happy to carry on as Quartermaster.

10. Ex-officio Members of the Group Executive Committee under Scouting Rules

- a. **Group Scout Leader:** Robin now staying in the village and happy to continue as GSL.
- b. **Beaver Leaders: (one vacant co-leader post):** Tim happy to continue and may have people interested in taking over later in the year. Thank you to Graham for finding Izzy to help out at Beavers.
- c. **Cub Leader:** Erika Wedgwood remained happy to continue with the Cub Pack Leader role.

11. Election of Parent Reps

- a. **Beavers:**
Alli happy to remain in this role.
- b. **Cubs: (two vacant posts)**
Ailsa Titmus happy to take on this role.

12. Appointment of Independent Scrutineer: Sarah Roper happy to continue.

13. A.O.B.

Nothing raised.

14. Date of next AGM meeting

2022 – Date to be confirmed but likely to be in May.

15. Closing Remarks: Thanks to all for attending

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