

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Kesgrave Group Scout Council

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 6.00pm,  
Kesgrave Scout Hall



**Present:** J Ashley, J Ashley, L Baker, M Baker, A Barker, J Blackford, J Bridle, A Brown, C Brown, L Brown, M Brown, S Brown, M Button, S Cage, M Clack, P Clack, A Comber, C Comber, G Cox, L Crawford, J Creasey, L Creasey, R Culham, S Culham, I Dadswell, N Dadswell, D Dagg, S Dagg, C Elliott, P Elliott, A Gaeta, D Gedny, S Gedny, F Gerrie, C Gloess, N Gonen, L Greenfield, K Hall, N Hall, A Hardcastle, H Hardcastle, C Harold, M Higgins, O Hodge, C Holden, S Holden, L Holland, M Holland, L Klotz, N Klotz, M Lavery, K Linsell, L Martin, C Morris, D Murray, F Murray, A Oliver, D Pomphrey, P Pomphrey, H Richie, M Richie, J Saagi, K Saagi, G Sanderson, N Sanderson, N Sanderson, E Seggar, I Seggar, S Skippings, W Skippings, A Smith, L Smith, K Trickey, K Turner, G Vincent, M Wade, G Woods (and lots of young people!)

**Chairman's Welcome:** – Mr President, Honoured Guests, Leaders, Supporters, parents and young people, welcome to the Annual Group Meeting for 2015 where we'll get to hear about the Group's activities since our last group meeting. I will of course leave all of the Scouting activities to those who are involved in the sections but I would like to say a really special THANK YOU to our volunteers who make this group achieve as much as it does for the young people in helping to build their confidence and life-skills required in this day and age. Many of you will know that last month we sadly lost one of our long serving leaders, Irene Dadswell, and I am certain there are quite a few who would have benefitted from Irene's leadership over the years. So, all leaders and assistants, please accept my sincere thanks to you all for supporting the group and leading in the areas and sections that you do. To those of you who are not associated directly with a section, your volunteering time is also very gratefully accepted to ensure the group can provide the resources it needs to meet the scouting activities planned whether a role on the committee or as a supporter helping with fund-raising activities. Thank you all very much for what you do. You'll notice that there are some posters asking for volunteers to help with activities to keep the group running whether it's giving some help to set out the monthly jumble sale or assisting or leading a section or giving a presentation about a subject of interest related to our badges that you may have some knowledge or experience of, it would be very welcome. Please contact Gareth or a section leader if you are able to offer some help. We'll be enjoying a BBQ provided by group after the main meeting. Without further delay, we'll get on with the rest of today's business.

- 1. Apologies:** – were received from: Julia Cooper, Diane Cordell & Family, Mark Davey, Laura Driver, Suzanne Gledhill & Family, Jayne Howlett & Family, Adam Malkin, Marie Malkin, Andie Morris, Chris Ormston, Pet Ormston, Tracey Scase & Family, Andy Vobe, Tracey Vobe, Jane Wynn & Family
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM:** – The minutes of the 2014 AGM had been made available to attendees. Carl Gloess asked if these represented a true record. Proposed by Ivan Dadswell, seconded by Tony Smith. Carl signed the official copy.
- 3. Group Scout Leader's Report:** – It is always a pleasure to introduce the exciting reports of the section activities over the last scouting year. Before we do that it is important to reflect on the people who make these events possible, our volunteer leaders and assistants. During the last year approximately 3000 hours have been generously given to run our weekly meetings, that excludes any preparation, weekend events or leaders' meetings. If we were to pay minimum wage we would have a wage bill of £20,000 and that excludes other on costs like national insurance and pensions! We also have a hidden team of fundraisers including our amazing jumble and 'Fayre' teams sorting, organising and selling - many for 20-30 years.

We always see changes in the leadership and support team in the group, Carl has mentioned a very key figure who sadly is no longer with us. Others move on for other reasons, a key member of our fundraising and section assistant Joan Culham is unable to be with us - we wish her well. We are fortunate that we have two new leaders in the beaver section who have joined this year. We still have room for more! Our sections operate together and share out the work, and the fun! It is always a hard decision to consider closing a section, if I can't provide enough leaders unfortunately it has to close.

In the next year, I would like to set the challenge to see if every family can contribute at least one hour to help at jumble, a section meeting, transporting kit to camp, just ask and we can find something! You don't need to

be a section leader to help our group! There is more information and a place to sign up near the food - it would be great to have someone new setting up each jumble - even if you only do it once a year!

That's my bit, now over to see the fun our young people, and adults! have been up to this year.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** – Celia reported that the group had had another good year financially. She talked through the sections of the accounts. Highlights: The income is down over the previous year. Membership fees brought in £16K and of this almost £8K was paid out to the Scout Association. No gift aid was claimed in this year. This year's amount will be included in next year's figures. On the fundraising side the biggest earner continues to be the monthly jumble sales followed by the Christmas Craft Fayre. Investment income has fallen due to poor interest rates. Hall hire income is down due to Rhymes not using the hall for their afterschool club any longer. The hall costs £6K more per annum to run than we receive in income. The executive committee took the decision that Family Camp 2014 could run at a loss. This enabled the group to provide the climbing use the excellent facilities at Vauxhall Farm. The depreciation in the accounts of £12K is to provide for future replacement of the hall should it ever become necessary. In summary the accounts showed a "profit" of £2K overall and the healthy fund carried forward is mainly the value of the building. Celia proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was approved unanimously by a show of hands.
5. Address from guests: – Steve Cage (Buster), Acting District Commissioner was introduced to the meeting and would assist with the presentation of awards later.
6. **Reports from the sections:** – Paul Clack reported on behalf of the Beaver Colonies. He offered congratulations to all the Beavers for their achievements during the year. His presentation highlighted the badge work and activities undertaken by all colonies. He stated that the emphasis is on Fun, Friends and learning new skills. Karen Trickey reported on behalf of the Cub Packs. She outlined the activities that had taken place which included a trip to the fire station, BT and a campfire performance. Also mentioned was the District shooting competition where Kesgrave came 5<sup>th</sup>. The scouts had prepared a PowerPoint presentation accompanied by music which was shown to those present.

#### 7. Nominations and Elections

- a. **Group Scout Leader's nomination for Chairman** –Gareth Cox nominated Carl Gloess, which was seconded by a show of hands. Carl accepted the nomination.
- b. **Election of Secretary** – Carl Gloess proposed Karen Turner, which was approved by show of hands.
- c. **Election of Treasurer** – Carl Gloess proposed Celia Comber, which was approved by show of hands.
- d. **Election of representatives of the eight sections** – Gareth Cox proposed the following representatives who were all elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Fynn Beavers	Vacant
Gipping Beavers	Vacant
Stour Beavers	Jamie Hammond
Bader Cubs	Suzanne Gledhill
Bader Cubs	Jonathan Ashley
Constable Cubs	Carole Brown
Wolsey Cubs	Vacant
Tuesday Scouts	Nick Heppleston
Thursday Scouts	Alan Oliver
Explorers	Tracey Vobe

- e. **Nomination of other members of the Executive Committee** – The following people were nominated by Gareth Cox and were unanimously approved with a show of hands.

Judith Francis	<i>Hall Bookings Secretary</i>
Karl Saagi	<i>Health and Safety Advisor</i>
Jo Saagi	<i>Outdoor Activities Advisor</i>
Carol Ball	<i>Fund Raising</i>
Jean Bridle	<i>Fund Raising</i>
Tony Smith	<i>District Representative</i>
Sarah Elmer	

The following section leaders declared that they would be taking up their ex-officio positions on the executive committee.

Mark Davey *Beaver Leader Representative*  
Tracey Scase *Cub Leader Representative*  
Adrian Barker *Scout Leader Representative*  
Jono Ogden *Explorer Leader Representative*

## 8. Presentation of Awards

- **Beaver Scout of the Year**
  - Fynn Finlay Snowdon
  - Gipping Oliver Baker
  - Stour Charlie Markham (not present)
  
- **Cub Scout of the Year**
  - Bader Oliver Harold
  - Constable Fergus Murray
  - Wolsey Nathan Sanderson
  
- **Scout of the Year**
  - Tuesday Harvey Hall
  - Thursday William Skipplings

A Thank You badge was awarded to Roy Culham

Gareth Cox presented flowers to Carol Ball, Jean Bridle, Celia Comber & Karen Turner

## 9. Any other business –

- Today is President of the Group Ivan Dadswell's birthday and he was presented with a cake and "Happy Birthday" was sung.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm and was followed by a barbecue.