

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 1st Kesgrave Group Scout Council

Saturday 16th July 2016, 6.00pm,
Vauxhall Farm, Great Wenham, Colchester



Present: Attendees at the Family Camp and BBQ

Chairman's Welcome: – Mr President, Honoured Guests, Leaders, Supporters, parents and young people, welcome to the Annual Group Meeting for 2016 being held today as part of our Family Camp at Vauxhall Farm.

Over the weekend, you will hear, or already have heard about the Group's activities since our last group meeting as the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts presentations prepared by the leaders have been available for all to see. The previous minutes and financial reporting in summary and detail forms have also been available to peruse at your leisure.

I would like to say a really special THANK YOU to our volunteers who make this group achieve what it does for the young people in helping to build their confidence and life-skills required in this day and age. Some of the videos playing alongside the reports show how these are used in various situations – so have a look if you haven't already.

So, to all the scouting 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.

If you 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.. and indeed running an event like this Family Camp.

Thank you ALL very much for what you do.

We can always do with volunteers to help with activities to keep the group running and this help can take many different forms, 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, the GSL or a section leader if you would like to offer some help.

In April 1927, the Kesgrave Scout Troop was officially formed with the first investitures being made close to St George's day that year, so that makes us 90 years old next year – what an achievement and testament to the dedicated volunteers with the Kesgrave Group.

On with the rest of today's official business before some more activities!.

- 1. Apologies:** – were received from: Julie Lovett
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM:** – The minutes of the 2015 AGM had been made available to attendees. Carl Gloess asked if these represented a true record. Agreed by all present. Carl Gloess signed a copy.
- 3. Group Scout Leader's Report:** – It has been another year of growth at 1st Kesgrave with a further rise in the number of young people joining our group. January saw exciting times as we opened our fourth Beaver Colony, Lark, under the leadership of Paul Clack. The month continued with our annual census of members in the group topping 300 (to 301 to be exact), an increase on the 238 last year. We had so many members and beaver colonies it caused an error message in the system! We are by far the largest Scout Group in Suffolk and one of the largest in the UK.

This year has seen our young people travel further, higher and wetter than ever before. Our skilled leadership team has ensured our programmes are full of exciting and challenging activities. What is significant is that our

young people are getting more and more opportunities to feed their ideas into the programme of activities and shape their scouting. Creating our leaders of the future both within and outside of scouting is one of our big aims and we continue to build independence and resilience in our young people.

Our group could not function without our expert volunteer support team behind the scenes. Many of these people are 'below the radar', helping out at jumble sales, taking bookings for the scout hall, preparing and organising the Christmas Fayre, completing maintenance jobs at the hall, paying bills and organising our finances. There are too many of them to name but it is important to acknowledge the important part they play in our Scout Group, thank you!

Our scouting activities would not exist without the commitment and dedication of our team of volunteer section leaders and assistants. Over the year we have said goodbye to some familiar faces but also welcomed some more! They give hours of their time to ensure our young people get the best experiences possible - thank you! As we look towards the next year, my focus is to ensure we maintain our high quality scouting and ensure we recruit new leaders to allow that to happen - could that be you?

4. **Treasurer's Report:** – Details of the accounts had been on display at the camp for people to peruse at their leisure. Carl Gloess asked if there were any questions. There were none. He proposed the accounts be adopted. Seconded by Jean Bridle. Agreed by all present.
5. **Group Scout Leader's nomination for Chairman** –Gareth Cox nominated Carl Gloess, which was seconded by a show of hands. Carl accepted the nomination.
6. **Election of Secretary** – Carl Gloess proposed Karen Turner, which was approved by show of hands.
7. **Election of Treasurer** – Carl Gloess proposed Celia Comber, which was approved by show of hands.
8. **Election of representatives of the ten sections** –

Gareth Cox proposed the following representatives who were all elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Fynn Beavers	Tim Asti
Gipping Beavers	Tina Schute
Stour Beavers	Jamie Hammond
Bader Cubs	Jonathan Ashley
Constable Cubs	Elaine Armstrong
Wolsey Cubs	Vacant
Tuesday Scouts	Nick Heppleston, Carole Brown
Thursday Scouts	Alan Oliver
Explorers	Tracey Vobe

9. **Nomination of other members of the Executive Committee** –

Andie Morris	<i>Group Vice Chairman</i>
Judith Francis	<i>Hall Bookings Secretary</i>
Alan Brown	<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>

10. **Section leaders choosing to sit on the Group Executive Committee**

Marie Malkin	<i>Beaver Leader Representative</i>
Tracey Scase	<i>Cub Leader Representative</i>
Adrian Barker	<i>Scout Leader Representative</i>
Jono Ogden	<i>Explorer Leader Representative</i>

11. **Any other business**

There was no other business discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm and was followed by a barbecue.