

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

Monday 13th July 2020, 8.00pm,
Held online due to Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions



Present: 37 computers joined the meeting. Estimate of total numbers attending, virtually was 50+.

Apologies: were received from: Adrian Barker, Melanie Clack, Lesley Creasey, Judith Francis, Tony Smith

- Chairman's Welcome:** – Carl Gloess opened the meeting. He said that he normally starts by welcoming Mr. President but sadly this was not possible as Ivan Dadswell had died unexpectedly earlier this year.
- Minutes of the previous AGM:** The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. An online poll was made available to those present. The minutes were approved by 91% of the computers connected (31 yes, 3 abstentions) and will be signed at an appropriate point in the future.
- Group Scout Leader & Section Leaders' Reports:** See Appendix 1. GC also echoed CG's thanks to all volunteers. Hoping that next year we will be able to hold AGM at Family Camp which has been rescheduled from this July to July 2021. GC explained difficulties in restarting face to face scouting and assured parents that information would be sent out as soon as more is known. Section Reports were in the annual report which was shared on the website.
- Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts:** Slides detailing the accounts were shared on the screen which CC explained in more detail. Voluntary income is going down year by year and county fees increasing whilst the group has kept fees at the same level. Some thought will need to be given to that going forward as no fees collected this term and potentially none in the next term. Costs of hall (investment management costs) covered by hire income. Refunds have been given to anyone who paid for a camp that has not been able to be held. Full details of report are published on the group's website. A poll was held to approve the accounts. This was approved by 97% of attendees (33 yes and 1 abstention)
- Group Scout Leader's nomination for Chairman:** Gareth Cox nominated Carl Gloess, Poll – 97% in favour (1 abstention)
- Election of Secretary:** Gareth Cox proposed Karen Pringle, Poll – 97% in favour (1 abstention)
- Election of Treasurer:** Gareth Cox proposed Celia Comber, Poll – 97% in favour (1 abstention)
- Election of representatives of the eleven sections:**

Gareth Cox proposed the following representatives who were all elected via a poll.

Fynn Beavers	Vacant
Gipping Beavers	Kirsty Spurgeon
Lark Beavers	Vacant
Stour Beavers	Alison Myers
Bader Cubs	Jon Ashley
Constable Cubs	Gareth Brown
Ransome Cubs	Denise Tsangaris
Wolsey Cubs	Vacant
Tuesday Scouts	Mel Meekings
Thursday Scouts	Sarah Linsell
Explorers	Vacant

- Nomination of other members of the Executive Committee:** Gareth Cox proposed the following representatives who were all nominated unanimously by a show of hands.

Group Vice Chairman
Hall Bookings Secretary

Nick Heppleston
Judith Francis

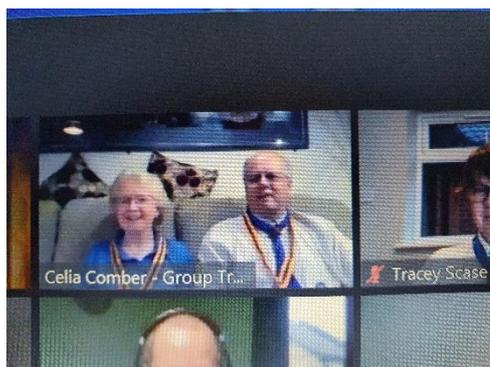
<i>Health and Safety Advisor</i>	Alan Brown
<i>Outdoor Activities Advisor</i>	Jo Saagi
<i>Fund Raising</i>	Carol Ball
<i>Fund Raising</i>	Jean Bridle
<i>General Purposes</i>	Tony Smith
<i>General Purposes</i>	Tracey Vobe
<i>Rupert Fison Centre Director</i>	Alan Comber

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

<i>Beaver Leader Representative</i>	Carole Brown
<i>Cub Leader Representative</i>	Tracey Scase
<i>Scout Leader Representative</i>	Michelle Higgins
<i>Raedwald Unit</i>	Sam Slater-Smith

11. Any other business:

a. **Presentations by Mark Pearson, County Commissioner:** CG welcomed MP to the meeting and invited him to say a few words. He was impressed by success and continued sustainability of 1st Kesgrave, which is the largest group in Suffolk. Thanks for all the hard work of leaders and executive leading group through challenging times. None of what has happened in Kesgrave without Celia and Alan Comber. Has read citations both very involved in other activities outside the group. Really happy to award them both with the bar to the silver acorn.



Appendix 1

1st Kesgrave Scout Group Scout Council Group Scout Leader's Report to the Annual General Meeting

The 2019/20 scouting year started with a wide range of activities being undertaken by our young people in all sections. Our volunteer leaders have ensured that a high-quality balanced programme has been in place across all sections. We have had a wide range of activities both inside and outside the scout hall, including camps, hikes, sleepovers, visits and many more. Many of our young people are demonstrating their commitment and achievements through completing the requirements of different badges, the number of these being issued is forever increasing, well done!

Our volunteer leaders and section assistants have worked tirelessly to ensure that we have an interesting and engaging programme. I cannot say thank you enough! As part of their responsibilities for ensuring that all scouting activities take place in a safe manner all have completed their ongoing training on safeguarding and safety. As well as this we have had a number of adults complete their initial training, the woodbadge. As ever, we are always looking for extra volunteers to join our team. Although all sections have existing leaders, many are juggling multiple roles and would really appreciate some extra support - drop me an email if you would like to help!

Our scouting couldn't go ahead without the support of our "behind the scenes" volunteers. Whether they be executive committee members, jumble assistants, or assisting with maintenance or other fundraising events. A big thank you to them all!

The latter part of the year hasn't quite gone to plan! Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic all face-to-face scouting activities have been suspended. Although we have spent time arranging the cancellation of events, the team have been able to organise challenges for our young people, and even run meetings via video conferencing! The pandemic has provided opportunities for our young people to shine, to show how they think of others and do their best. Well done to everyone who has tried something new, and for all everyone is doing to help each other.

At the time of writing, we are still unaware of when we may be able to resume scouting activities, we will be ready and waiting when we can!

Gareth Cox
Group Scout Leader
June 2020