

1st Sunningdale Scout Group
Annual General Meeting & Badge Ceremony

Sunday 4th July 13.30 pm

Hall Grove School

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AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th September 2021
4. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting and Exec Committee Update
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
7. Election of the defined roles (Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Members of the EC)
8. To appoint the Independent Examiner
9. Badge Presentation
10. Comments by District Commissioner
11. Close

1st Sunningdale Scout Group – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Introduction & welcome

Opening remarks.

- First face to face for several years, which is great to get back to connecting in person
- Thank you to Hall Grove School for use of facilities
- Hardcopies of the 2021 AGM minutes and statement of accounts available for review
- Welcome to members and guests especially to Steve Richards (District Commissioner)

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from David Brittan, Doug Home, Seb Jans, Wendy Morton, Matt Newall, Andrea Williamson, their names will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th JULY 2020

The minutes have been previously reviewed by the Group Executive Committee and it was proposed and seconded (Hilary Crofton) that the minutes are a true record of that meeting.

4. Group Scout Leader's Review of Scouting in the Group & Executive Committee Update

Hilary Crofton and James Wood provided an overview on behalf of all the sections (refer to notes at the end of the minutes)

The GSL and Leaders were thanked and applauded for all their efforts.

The Group Chair presented an update on the two priority areas during the last year: New Hut project, Recruitment of Committee Members. Thanked the Group Executive Committee for their work during the year and in particular those members who are standing down Seb Jans, Matt Newall also to recognise the work of one of our Leaders who is standing down Charlie Brewer

Special thanks to went to Linda Wood after 11 years as our Badge Co-ordinator; Alan & Margaret for their great support of 1st Sunningdale who received a token of thanks and short speak of thanks from Hilary Crofton. Geoff Streeter also received thanks for continued technical support of the bike sale fund raising and this karting event.

5. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee including the annual Statement of Accounts

The Group Executive Committee, as Trustees, confirmed their approval of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

The Group Treasurer provided an explanation of the Statement of Accounts. The Group continue to maintain a cash balance of ~£76k. Income highlights from the last 12 months include £10k grant from the RBWM Council, £5k raised from bike sales, £6K raised from quiz night, £12k of donations.

No questions were raised from the floor, but follow up with the Treasurer was offered.

6. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair

The GSL nominated Micky King as Group Chair – this nomination was approved and seconded (James Wood)

7. **To elect the defined roles and executive committee**

The 'Group Secretary' is an elected appointment and, as required, Andrea Williamson was formally proposed and seconded (Hilary Crofton) for this role

The 'Group Treasurer' is an elected appointment and, as required, Grant Wyatt was formally proposed and seconded (Hilary Crofton) for this role.

The membership of the executive committee was formally proposed and seconded (Hilary Crofton), including David Brittain; Wendy Wilson; Doug Home. Welcoming our new members Victoria Doherty, Jo Hermon, Gaynor Virr.

Members of the Group Executive Committee who are standing down – Seb Jans and Matt Newall – were thanked for all their efforts over the last few years

8. **To appoint the Independent Examiner**

Alan Everett was proposed (Grant Wyatt) and seconded (Micky King) to the independent Examiner role

9. **Badge Presentations**

A number of Chief Scout Award badges were presented across the different sections, by Steve Richards.

10. **Comments by District Commissioner or their representative**

The District Commissioner shared his thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Scout Group over the last 12 months. He indicated this would be one of his last formal engagements given he is standing down from the role in August.

11. **Closing Remarks**

Reminders of forthcoming events:

- Golf Day on 30th September
- Quiz night on 14th October
- Join the 300 Club, request your place via the website

Group Scout Leader's Review of Scouting in the Group - Notes

Beavers Section

As always the Beavers have been super busy & extremely enthusiastic over the past 12 months - keeping fit, orienteering and following stick trails, plus the ever popular making jam sandwiches with their feet as part of the Disability Awareness badge. They've learned about global climate issues and the importance of recycling and what we need to do to protect our environment. They've done their Gardening badge and entered the Royal Windsor Flower Show with a very spectacular wheelbarrow on a "Green & Gold" theme. The competition was hot & won by one of the local schools which had turned their barrow into coach brawn by 6 horses...AMAZING, but we did win 3rd prize for our potatoes!! Of course the Beavers have also played plenty of games - both in the hut and in the dark as well as showing their creative side with various artistic projects. They've been to the Panto (oh yes they have) and had a fantastic climbing session at the Clip and Climb in Camberley, as well as making paper planes and completing their book badge. The Beavers had a great time at Group Camp too and it was fantastic seeing all the sections joining together for the wide games and foraging as well as all the pre-booked activities of bell boating, laser tag and aero ball.

Elaine says it's been another tremendous year for Beavers and she would like to thank Andrew Hill, Chan Patel and Jenny Lynch who have joined as Beaver Leaders in the last 12 months. She would also especially like to say a huge thank you to Charlie Brewer who has decided to hang up his woggle after 5 years of being a Beaver Leader. Charlie joined Beavers shortly after Elaine took over and between them they have put together countless hours of great Beaver activities and meeting sessions. Thank you very much Charlie - it is really appreciated from everyone here at 1st Sunningdale and most especially all the Beavers.

Cubs Section

In the past 12 months the Cubs have tried Judo, been snow tubing, done dragon boating and canoeing and of course, we've done plenty of dark games too. Ellen and Ollie our 2 YL/Explorers talked to the Cubs about "wild camping" and showed them how to put up a hammock, boil water in a Gillie kettle and dig a toilet (needless to say that was the most popular part of the evening!) We had a first aid session with fake blood & gruesome tattoos, ahead of an evening of DIY with plenty of sawing, hammering & drilling (- luckily no 1st aid was required.) We've done Xmas crafts, made Indian diwahli sweets, hiked over Wentworth GC and done problem solving activities. This term we've been doing our Berkshire Cubs Waterways Challenge - a badge created by Berkshire for Berkshire Scouts with 3 elements - 1 hour of water safety, 2 hours on the water & 3 hours of observation & conservation on our waterways. We've cleared ditches & picked up litter at EW, done some pond dipping at Englemere Pond, made boats out cork and leaves and been on a photo hike around VW to capture the "best water wildlife" photo and looked for signs of conservation in action and all the initiatives Windsor Great Park has introduced.

As always Cubs would not be possible without the leaders and I'd like to thank Sarah Targett for another great Cub year. We've also had 2 new leaders join us - Emma Simpson-Goodall & Isabel Sotomayor Rogers - and they've brought some new ideas and plenty of enthusiasm, so thank you both. Plus, we

have Oliver Ireland and Ellen Holden - 2 of our Explorer Scouts...Oli is doing his Gold D of E and Ellen is training to be a Young Leader...a huge thank you to both of them too. Plus of course the various parents who have helped out at the weekly sessions, the very successful Group Camp we had back in May at Longridge & of course today. We couldn't do it without you!

Scouts Section

TBC

Explorers Section

Explorers have welcomed lots of new members this year who have come up from Scouts, and we've had another action-filled year. In the Autumn we had a weekend abseiling and caving trip to the Mendips. We stayed at the Mendip Nature Research Centre's hut, and had a day abseiling down the cliffs of the gorges. Then, in our descent to the deep wet caves of Priddy, we climbed waterfalls and went down plunge holes, and were even involved in rescuing a lost caver.

We've had outdoor action in our sessions, with human pacman, tracking games, lighting fires and hikes. We've also had outings to an Escape Room and gone karting. In the Hut we've joined in with the UK Parliament Week, run our own Taskmaster challenges, cooked, played games, and made Finnish log candles.

In the summer months we've been on a trip to the Camberley Fire and Rescue Centre, where our new driving Explorers could see the scary outcome of car crashes - and saw the Jaws of Life at work with a rescue from a car. Then in June the Explorers had a weekend of sailing off the South Coast - taking out two yachts for a sea voyage in high winds, from Southampton to Poole. The Explorers got to helm and work the sails on the yachts, one of which was a clipper that had circumnavigated the world four times.

Some of our Explorers managed to get their Chief Scout Platinum Awards, with others working towards their Diamond Award and Queens Scout Award. And we also had an Explorer go to Buckingham Palace to accept their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We're looking forward to our summer trip to Exmoor, where we have a week's camping and plenty of activities on land and sea.