

## 5<sup>th</sup> Knowsley (1<sup>st</sup> Kirkby) Scout Group

Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council – Financial Year 09-10

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at the Kirkby Scout Centre

### 1. Welcome and introduction from Chairman

Mark Bennett the chair thanked the leaders for giving up their evening and a World Cup football match and everyone else who came along to this AGM.

Flag break was taken.

### 2. Attendees and apologies

Attendees: Executive Committee, District Commissioner Lee Cook, District Secretary Elaine Hinks and many parents with their Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Apologies: Angela and Joe Godfrey.

### 3. Report on the activities of the Scout Group in the past year

Matt gave a brief overview of the passing year. He is delighted that he had managed to recruit such a high number of leaders and to be able to split from a joint section to separate Beavers, Cub and Scout meetings so they could follow their own specialist programmes. Participation was taken at camps for Cubs and Scouts from the group. Many activities have been undertaken: Race for Life, Kirkby Festival, Group summer camp, St Georges Day and the Beavers winning the district Beaver quiz to name but a few. A total of 16 additional activities were undertaken and a total of 10 nights were spent away.

### 4. Statement of Accounts

Matt presented the accounts to the Group Scout Council. The accounts basically showed last year's balance of £1000.00 brought forward and £3000.00 to be carried forward this year. But after payments of outstanding accounts the balance remains at about £1000.00. The Annual Statement of Accounts is attached to these minutes. The accounts were voted upon and accepted unanimously.

### 5. Formation of the Group Executive Committee

Mark explained that the Scout Group needs to have parents on the Executive Committee to manage finances and administration in the year ahead:

#### a. Approval of Group Chairman and other nominated members

- Matt nominated Mark Bennett as the Group Chairman. This was unanimously approved.

b. Election of Group Secretary

- Helene Wareing was the sole candidate to be the Group Secretary. Helene was unanimously elected.

c. Election of Group Treasurer

- Joanne Armitage was the sole candidate to be Group Treasurer. Joanne was unanimously elected.

d. Election of other members to the Executive

- Gary Armitage was re-nominated as Building Manager. This was unanimously approved.
- Tony Dickinson was re-nominated as Quartermaster. This was unanimously approved.
- Lee Derbyshire, William Fowler and Jackie Weller were elected as Executive Committee Members.
- Michelle Tootle and George Murphy volunteered to serve on sub-Committees.

6. Additional volunteers to the sub-committees.

- Fundraising – Ricky asked for parent volunteers to assist him with the organisation of activities and fundraising so that the leaders could concentrate on the programme of activities, as part of the Fundraising sub-Committee. Michelle Tootle and Julie Rutherford volunteered.
- Building Management – Gary requested assistance from parents who are hands on with Carpentry, Structural Engineering and Electrical to join the Building Management sub-Committee. George Murphy volunteered.
- Quartermaster – Tony needs assistance with the organisation and general repairs to do with the camping equipment. No volunteers were forthcoming.

7. Presentation of Awards.

Jess Hargett presented her Beavers with many activity badges, including our first Chief Scout Bronze Award for Adam Crane.

Steven Bowden presented his Cubs with activity and nights away badges.

Ricky Brennan presented the Scouts with their nights away badges.

Volunteer newcomer of the year: presented by Ricky Brennan to Gary Armitage for his enthusiasm and total commitment at camp for fun. He gratefully accepted the walking stick that was presented.

Certificate of Excellence: presented by Jack and Stephen Bowden to Callum Dickinson for his quick action in alerting leaders to Jack's Diabetic attack.

Muddiest youth member award: presented by Sharron Fiddler to Caitlin Irvine, for her escapades at camp when she ended up in the swamp at the back of the Cub Field at Tawd Vale.

Beaver of the Year Award was presented by Jess Hargett to Rebecca Weller.

Cub of the Year Award was presented by Christine Brennan to Jack Bowden and Callum Dickinson.

Scout of the Year Award was presented by Ricky Brennan to Leanne Coulter.

Certificates of appointments were made by the District Commissioner Lee Cook to Ricky Brennan as Assistant Group Scout Leader and to Helene Wareing as Group Secretary. A further certificate of 10 years service was presented to Helene Wareing.

8. Address by Lee Cook District Commissioner.

Lee was pleased to be able to attend and was impressed by the turn out and the commitment of the group. He explained that the new Altside District was formed from three amalgamation of Bootle and Sefton East Districts and our Scout Group from Knowsley District. He found it inspiring that the group had quadrupled the numbers in such a short space of time and looked forward to seeing more added. He remarked that this was the best programme he had seen to date within the district and our commitment to nights away. He ensured that all scout within the district would have access to the Explorer Scouts Unit. He urged the parents to think carefully to commit to helping out with the group as an excellent job was being done with and for their children. Volunteering could be done at any time and not just at this AGM.

9. AGM closure.

Flag break was taken and then Mark brought this year's AGM to a close at 8.30pm.

Group photographs were taken and then Cheese, biscuits, wine and juice followed.