1st Kirkby Scout Group

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date:Monday 27th June 2011Time:Start 7pmVenue:Kirkby Scout Centre, Parish Hall, Old Rough Lane, Kirkby, L33 0YL

No.	Item
1	Welcome: Matt Donnelly, the GSL, welcomed those in attendance, and then gave a particular thank you to Mark Bennett, the outgoing Group Chairman, who could not be present. Matt thought that without Mark's support over the last three years, the Group would have been in a far less favourable state. The colours were then paraded and the Union Flag was raised.
2	Attendees and Apologies: There were fifteen parents; four members of the District Executive, various Leaders and a good number of the youth members of the Group present, in total some 40-50 supporters of the Group. Apologies were received from Michelle Ingoglia, Kirsty Smith, Nick Rogan, Nikki Doran and Mark Bennett.
3	Summary of the Annual Report: The Trustees Annual Report had been circulated and ample copies were available. Matt reviewed the main points on what had been a very successful year. The move from Knowsley District (which has now closed) to Altside had worked well and had given scouting in Kirkby greater opportunities to share in a greater variety of activities than previously.
4	Summary of the Statement of Accounts: The Groups finances were in a good shape, particularly following a large sum of money received from grant making bodies. This would allow essential works to be undertaken to improve the Headquarters and the surrounding land and ensure plenty of excellent activities in the coming year.
5	 Approval of the nomination for Honorary President GSL nominated Honorary President as Reg Gourley, who had started the Group in 1948. Matt requested a show of hands in favour and against nomination. This nomination was carried unanimously (except for a vote against from Reg, which was declared invalid!). Reg was pleased to accept the role and agreed to make a short 'speech' of acceptance though claimed he had been known to rival Ken Dodd for over-running!
6	President's address: Reg looked around the headquarters and said he could still recognise items from his past. The Lifebuoy was from a Gang Show and the flagpole had not changed. He reviewed the history of the Group from starting at St Chad's in 1948, through a hut that burnt down on the Glebe Field, through the Gun site, to the present building which we moved into in 1959. Reg, who has been in scouting since 1936, commented on difference and similarities over the years. Some activities such as cooking and camping are the same as 60 years ago and the need for constant parental support remains the same, then and now. He had spoken with some of the young Group members, particularly about the Altside Gathering the previous weekend. All had said they had really enjoyed the weekend. Reg ended his address with a hope for a doubling of support for the Group in the next twelve months.
7	 GSL's nomination for Chairman Matt Donnelly thanked the outgoing Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who had all served the Group faithfully over the past year. GSL nominated the incoming Chairman as Lee Darbyshire, the father of a Cub. This appointment was accepted unanimously.



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8	Election of the Group Secretary
	 One nomination of John Wotherspoon had been received, which was seconded by Paula Dickinson. As no other nomination was received, John was elected unopposed.
9	Election of the Group Treasurer
	 One nomination of Nick Rogan had been received, which was seconded by Jess Hargett. As no other nomination was received, Nick was elected unopposed.
10	Confirmation of leaders on the Executive Committee
	Ricky Brennan, Alison Mansfield (Beavers), Clare Forshaw (Cubs), and Ray McLellan (Scouts) are happy to be committee members.
11	Election of Executive Committee members
	 Beaver parent nomination: Brad den Ridder, seconded by Ricky Brennan
	 Cub parent nomination: Jackie Weller, seconded by Matt Donnelly
	 Scout parent nomination: Mark Bennett (past Chairman), seconded by Matt Donnelly
	 As there were only three nominations for three available positions all were elected unopposed.
12	GSL's nominations for Executive Committee members
	• The GSL nominated George Murphy as the Building Manager and Michelle Tootle as Chair of
	the Fundraising Sub-Committee.
	 Both post were accepted unanimously by a show of hands.
13	Call for supporters for fundraising:
	The GSL asked for additional members for the Fundraising Sub-Committee. In addition to Julie
	Rutherford who is already on the sub-Committee, Maria Farr offered her help.
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14	Call for supporters for building management:
	The Building Manager, George Murphy, asked for additional members for the Building Management
	Sub-Committee. In addition to Bill Fowler, Gary Armitage and Terry Smith who are already involved, Maria Farr suggested her husband Chris Farr would be happy to do so.
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15	Quartermaster's request:
	Ricky Brennan, the AGSL and Quartermaster, requested that parents help after events to put away
	(or to dry!) equipment at the HQ after picking up their Beavers, Cubs or Scouts as a small number of
	leaders often were left to do so unsupported after tiring weekend camps.
16	Appointment of the Independent Examiner
	• The GSL proposed Mrs Nicola Doran - an experienced accountant, Matt's cousin and Tony
	Dickinson's (ASL) niece; an acceptably distant relation for purposes of independence. This
	nomination was accepted unanimously.
17	Youth Awards (of the year, CSA, Scout 1 st Aid)
	• Beaver of the Year - Matt Donnelly and Rebecca Weller (last year's BotY) presented this to
	Nathan Michaels.
	• Cub of the Year – Joint winners were declared again this year. Clare Forshaw and Chris
	Brennan presented this to Ryan Darbyshire & Thomas Armitage.
	 Scout of the Year – Ray McLellan presented this to Callum Dickinson. Biglay Branner reported that he had assisted at an Altride system bald at Bightern Comparison.
	• Ricky Brennan reported that he had assisted at an Altside event held at Bispham Campsite
	three months ago, when teams of Scouts were tested on their knowledge of CPR, burns & hypothermia and the like. First prize was awarded to Kirkby Scouts, so Ricky and the DC re-
	presented the Altside Scout Emergency Aid Trophy to the team.
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	• Presentation of Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award available in the Beaver Scout
	section was made by Jess Hargett and Lee Cook to Rebecca Wellar, Millie Bowden and Ryan
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	 Rutherford. The DC congratulated the three recipients for their hard work and wished them well now that they are all Cubs. The GSL also presented flowers to Jess Hargett for all the help she had given to Matt over the past 3 years. Note: Matt didn't explain at the AGM, but this was because Jess is standing down as ABSL after standing in for 3 years as a 'temporary measure'!
18	DC's address: Lee commented that he had seen big changes at 1 st Kirkby over the last 12 months. Matt has been an active part of both Altside and the District Team. Other Groups with far more experience have not done half as much as the Kirkby Group. The leaders and helpers are setting a fabulous example to the kids. Lee commended the support for the District Gathering, which at £40 had been good value with lots of excellent activities. Lunch on Saturday had been served to 650 people. 1 st Kirkby had been an active part of both the leadership and the catering teams. Matt is producing the District Volunteer Directory. Lee thanked all the leaders for their hard work and presented Matt with the Certificate of Registration of the newly renamed 1 st Kirkby Scout Group, recording the first official name change within the new District.
19	Thank you and close of the formal part of the AGM The Chairman thanked all those attending and invited everyone to remain for refreshments, a quiz and photographs of scouting activities over the last year. The flag was lowered, the colours retired and the formal business of the AGM was concluded.

Attendees:

Antonia O'Brian
Brad Den Ridder
Clair Coombs
Elaine Hinks (District Secretary)
Gary Armitage
George Murphy
Jacky Weller
John Lowry (District Treasurer)
John Wotherspoon (District Executive member)
Julie Rutherford
L Clarke
Lee Cook (District Commissioner)
Michelle Tootle
Millie Bowden
Paula Dickinson
Rebecca Wellar
Reg Gourley
Steve Bowden
Vicky Cobbin

⁺ Group Leaders



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