

17th New Forest South (Hordle) Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Monday 13th May 2019

Held at the Scout Hut, Hordle

1. Introduction

In the absence of Chairperson, Gary Parsons, Sharon Sheard introduced the meeting and welcomed all of the attendees.

2. Apologies

Gary Parsons (Snr), Steve Storey

3. Approval of minutes from last year's AGM

Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

It has been a good year for the group with a turnover of £12k.

Slight drop in subs due to decreased numbers and there has been less fundraising but donations have helped to fund the minibus.

Costs were £10k and balance has increased by £1.7K.

Funds are being used to improve facilities in the hut.

5. Section Reports

GSL – Sharon Sheard

It has been a busy year with all sections trying new and exciting activities. There have been lots of badges earned including some Chief Scout awards.

We have supported most of the district events including the chess tournament and St George's Day.

Numbers are down slightly but are gradually starting to increase again.

A partnership with the Explorers has been agreed.

Marc McGovern finished as a leader with the cubs but Hannah Izod has taken on the role.

James Gray is helping with camps and other activities.

Helpers are always needed whether as leaders, on the committee or with fundraising. It should be noted that the recent Jumble Sale relied heavily on the support of parents whose children have since moved on from the group.

Without continued fundraising, subs will have to increase. In September, subs will increase by £3 per term and it is anticipated that there will be a similar increase in September 2020.

Over the next 12 months we hope to:

- Recruit more members and leaders
- Improve facilities in the hut
- Use Scout Manager, an online system to help communications and payment of subs
- Reinstate the website – help is needed with this
- Mega Camp in September
- Group Camp in June
- Sports Day in June

Hordle Beavers – Sharon Sheard for Steve Storey

It has been another fun packed year with new Beavers filling the spaces left by these that have moved on to cubs. Most Beavers that moved on, did so with their Bronze Award.

A sleepover was held in preparation for Group Camp.

At Group Camp the Beavers enjoyed great food, building lollipop bridges, fire lighting amongst other things and were thoroughly worn out.

They also participated in a District Sleepover and the St George's Day walk to Hurst Castle.

There has been plenty of badge work including Space and Disability Awareness.

This year we plan many more exciting activities.

Thank you to all who have helped with the section in particular to Young Leaders George and Tilly.

Hordle Cubs – Jonathan David

Cubs spent some time looking at our environment which included recycling and litter picking. They recycled some items with an evening of junk modelling.

Badge work has included Science, for which we made balloon powered cars. Catapults and square lashings were made as part of the Pioneering badge. We are now working on the Astronomer Badge.

Throughout the year we have also made pancakes, made papier mache Christmas decorations, Mother's Day gifts and had lots of fun at the Christmas Party and trips to go crabbing.

Three cubs achieved their Silver Award.

Thank you to Hannah Izod for joining as an Assistant Leader and Young leaders, Billy and Mika.

Hordle Scouts – Colin Bix

The Scouts have had a varied programme of activities this year, some of which were organised by the Scouts themselves.

George Weller organised an expedition to Fernycrofts.,

Summer Camp in Somerset was a great success.

Sadly, some of the older Scouts have had to move on as they are now too old but some have joined the Explorers and others are Young Leaders.

Thanks to Sandy and Mike Davies whose generous donation of a water heater has made camp a bit more luxurious!

Explorers

The Explorers have had a good year with membership growing which peaked at 18 but is now steady at 14.

We have enjoyed lots of activities including cycling, sleeping in hammocks, completing the 3 peaks challenge and cooking Christmas Dinner.

Some members are working towards DofE Bronze and Silver awards and 1 Explorer will be attending a Jamboree in the USA.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us.

6. Video of Sections over the last year.

7. Election of the Committee

Debbie Clarke resigned as Treasurer. Maria Duebel was proposed and seconded by Gaye Padley.

The remaining committee was re-elected. This was proposed by Adrian Barker and seconded by Gaye Padley.

Jo Evans joined the committee as a parent representative. She was nominated by James Gray and seconded by Trevor Lansbury.

7. Presentation of Awards

Beavers Awards

Beaver Endeavour	- Megan Clarke and Alex Hurl
Caring and Enthusiasm	- Toby Davies
Beaver of the Year	- Rowan Clark

Cubs Awards

Cub of the Year	- Sam Parrish
Cub Endeavour	- Louis Lyons
Commitment to Scouting	- Tom Harker

Scouts Awards

Scout of the Year	- Tom Baker
Scout Endeavour	- Ellie Gray
Commitment to Scouting	- Bethany Barker

Explorers

Explorer of the Year	- Vicky Arnold
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Leader Awards

Wood badge and 5 Year Service	- Gary Parsons
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8. Any other business

Thank you to everyone for coming. Please continue to support us!

End of minutes.