

17th Hordle Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

18th October 2022

Held at the Scout Hut, Vaggs Lane, Hordle

1. Introduction

2. Apologies

3. Approval of minutes from last AGM (2021)

Proposed by: Gaye Padley

Seconded by: Steve Storey

4. Treasurers Report – Maria Duebel

Attention was drawn to the recent sale of the minibus which will help to reduce the expenditure of the Group in the future.

2021 Accounts were approved - Proposed by: Gaye Padley

Seconded by: Ben Sandford

5. GSL Report – Sharon Sheard

The Group has survived another year! We are now known as 17th Hordle Scout Group, part of the New Forest Solent District.

Numbers of young people were up by the end of 2021 and in to 2022. However, for no clear reason, we appear to be going through a dip once again so we need to make a concerted effort to raise the profile of the Group once more. Increased numbers will make meetings more interesting, especially in the Scout section, and will provide a much needed increase in income.

As far as leaders are concerned, we have welcomed a Section Assistant at Scouts, Oliver Padley, who has gone through all sections at Hordle from the age of 6. Unfortunately, Charlie Copeman, our Beaver leader, has commitments which mean that she is no longer available for evening meetings so the search for a Beaver leader will have to be resumed.

Despite the difficulties we are experiencing in finding volunteers, I know that our leaders provide interesting programmes and activities which our young people enjoy every week. In addition, we supported the district St George's Day event at Hurst Castle and hope to take part in other district events. We have not been able to offer any nights away activities since resuming meetings after lockdown, but parents and young people alike will be delighted to hear that that is about to change.

Thanks to those who have helped out when needed to comply with adult ratios on trips and the Cub parents who have helped with meetings on a rota system, also to those who have helped with the fundraising.

6. Section Reports

Beavers – Sharon Sheard

During the last year, the numbers at Beavers rose peaked at 20 but they are now back to around 12. The emphasis as ever has been on having fun and making friends.

Beavers worked towards many badges for which it has been great to have some new ideas from Charlie. In the summer term, they went on trips out, favourites being the den building at Wilverley and the crabbing at Keyhaven. They also had a visit from the community police officers who even allowed them to sit in their vehicles and then decided that our YL, Joe, was the perfect candidate for trying out the handcuffs! Beavers took part in the Group activities such as the Remembrance Day Parade in Hordle, the district St George's Day event at Hurst Castle and had a joint Halloween party with the Cubs.

Thanks to Joe Peters, Ellie Gray and Phoebe Storey for their contribution as YLs. Their ability to organise games, their patience and their enthusiasm has been of great help during the year and we couldn't run the programme without them.

Cubs – Gaye Padley

Cubs have had a busy year. Amongst the activities were a successful evening of den building, a hike across to Setthorns and a nature walk through Wilverley.

At the hut, the Cubs completed a Science badge with electrical circuits, magnetic compass corks and a marble run amongst the activities. They also made articulated hand models.

Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a Halloween party, with lots of fab costumes.

Cubs tried out their cooking skills with an attempt at microwave mug cakes, cooked smores and decorated biscuits, and made an Easter treat to take home, with rabbit included.

They spent an evening experiencing what it was like to be a refugee, with imaginary backpacks. They also had a mental health session understanding that its ok not to be ok, and how to say so.

The year ended with a focus on nature with Cubs designing and building a bug hotel.

Thank you to all the parent helpers without whom Cubs sessions would not have been possible to run.

Scouts – Steve Storey

Scouts at Hordle continues to be a very small section but they have followed an interesting programme with activities at the hut such as learning knife skills, pioneering and fire lighting and outdoor activities at Wilverley including one evening of laying a trail for Beavers to follow.

Blue Wolves Explorer Unit – Joe Peters

Joe spoke about his experience as a relatively new Explorer and the activities he has enjoyed so far such as camps, the Three Peaks trip and cooking for the other Explorers which have all contributed to the great memories he has so far of being a member of the unit. He talked about looking forward to the return of the Unit Leader, Bruce MacFarlane, who has been taking some time out, so that they can plan some more exciting activities for the coming year.

Group Video Presentation – presented by Steve Storey - Scout leader

7. Election of the Committee

Maria Duebel resigned as Treasurer.

Zuzanna Bain resigned as a member of the Committee.

The remaining committee was re-elected en bloc.

Proposed by: Ben Sandford

Seconded by: Judith Bean

Ben Sandford was elected as Chairperson.

Proposed by: Sharon Sheard

Seconded by: Gaye Padley

Lee Griffiths was elected as Treasurer.

Proposed by: Sharon Sheard

Seconded by: Judith Bean

8. Presentation of Awards

Beaver of the Year 2021:

Laurel Sandford

Beaver Endeavour 2021:

Finley Lismore

Charlie Wheeler

Cub of the Year 2021:

Oliver Finch

Commitment to Scouting 2021:

Ted Storey

Xander Bean

Joe Peters

9. A.O.B

Kerie Wallace – District Commissioner

Keri spoke about the challenges of finding volunteers. He thanked the leaders for all their work with the Group.

Meeting closed

